



Country Card
Afghanistan





General data of the country

a. General data

Country ¹	Afghanistan	Neighbouring country, Pakistan	France
Population	38 Millions	216.5 Millions	67.05M
HDI (2020)	0.496	0.560	0.891
IHDI	N/A	0.809	0.386
Maternal mortality	1291	250	10
Gender Development Index	0.72	0.75	0.98
Population under HCR mandate	72231	1.404.019	368.352
INFORM index	80.1	6.1	2.2
Fragile State Index	102.9	92.1	30.5
GINI Index	N/A	33.5	31.6
Development AID (in million USD, 2020) ²	338	2,469	

b. Humanitarian Law Instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian Law Instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified 11/09/2002
International Labour Organization (ILO) C159 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention	2010
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 08/09/2011
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 18/09/2012

¹ https://hinside.hi.org/intranet/jcms/pl1_2540344/fr/2020-update-country-indicators-2ndary-data/-/donnees-secondaires-mises-a-jour

² <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/afghanistan/overview>



c. Geopolitical analysis

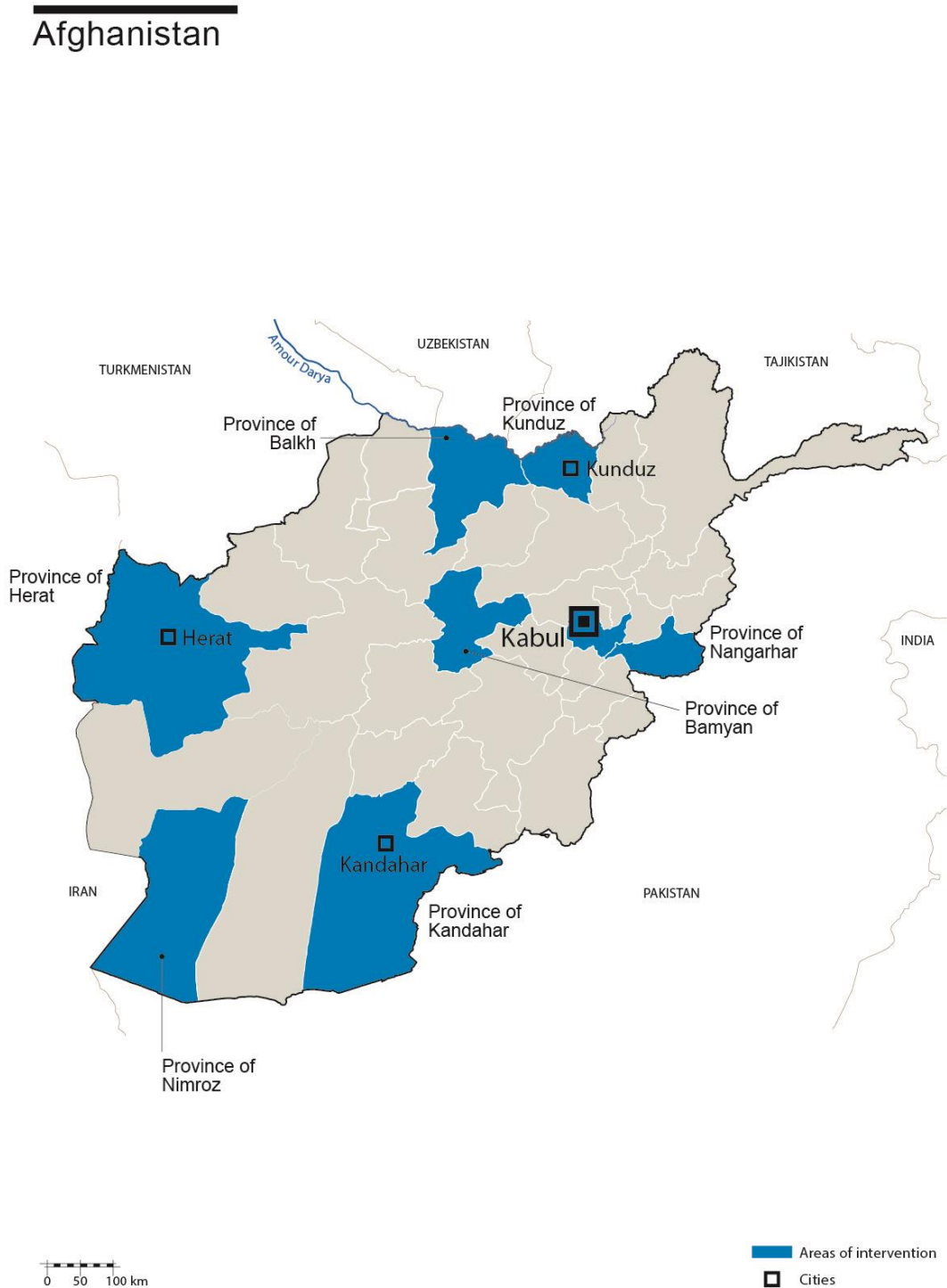
Afghanistan's strategic position at the crossroads of many trade routes has for centuries made it vulnerable to invasion by distant as well as neighboring powers, and this situation persists even today. Afghanistan has borders with six different countries: China, Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The current population of Afghanistan is 38 million, about 30% of the population is urban; the rest is living in rural areas.

Afghanistan faces numerous political challenges as it fights an insurgency. In 2018, President Trump ordered the withdrawal of 7,000 American troops from the country. After 18 months talks, finally on February 29, 2020, the United States and the Taliban signed a peace agreement in Doha, Qatar. In September 2019, the presidential election took place which was earlier planned to be taken place in April 2019.



HI Team and intervention areas

HI Afghanistan program has 253 staff members.





Summary of HI presence in the country

HI started its operations in support of the Afghan population with a focus on persons with disabilities in the refugee camps in Pakistan in the mid-1980s. HI is present in Afghanistan without interruption since 1996. HI's work initially centered on mine action, particularly in the South and West regions, and physical rehabilitation via an orthopedic-fitting and rehabilitation center (PRC) in Kandahar. During these 20+ years of work in Kandahar, HI, through its community based risk education (CBRE) interventions, has established a network of more than 400 active community volunteers which have been engaged on CBRE activities and identifying/referring community members to PRC for rehabilitation.

It has since expanded the scope of its work to include support to disabled people's organizations and victim organizations as well as the economic and social inclusion of people with disabilities. HI is a strong actor promoting and advocating for the rights of survivors and other people with disabilities as a whole and provides technical support to Afghan authorities and other key stakeholders. These activities further engage with a better acceptance and integration of survivors and other persons with disabilities within the society and enhance their access to medical and other basic services, further improving the resilience of the region's population. HI has also provided support to the Ministry of Public Health's (MoPH) health facilities linked with the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) in rural communities in Herat – where HI is present since 2002, firstly to develop activities on Mine Risk Education (MRE) and providing rehabilitation services- and Kandahar provinces, and trained their personnel.

HI assists in improving the service delivery and provided capacity-building for local actors, as well as the Government of Afghanistan to develop a curriculum and training courses for physiotherapy professionals based on recognized international standards.

Finally, HI has been implementing activities to cover emergency Psychosocial Support (PSS) and basic rehabilitation services in response to the recent conflict upsurge that has followed the Armed Opposition Groups' (AOGs) offensive on Kunduz city in October 2015. HI provides community-based PSS and emergency home-based rehabilitation services in key districts.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sectors of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final Beneficiaries	Partner	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and Donors funding it
Improving the accessibility and Quality of Rehabilitations services	Functional rehabilitation services + Gradual Handover of rehabilitation center to Ministry of Public Health	Provision of comprehensive rehabilitation services, Provision of free of charge accommodation to PRC beneficiaries and caregivers , Awareness-raising and capacity building on identification and referral of patients, Organization of and reporting on quarterly review of PRC integration roadmap, Assessment of PTs and qualifications, skills and experience, Follow-up workshop on the Sustainability Analysis Process (SAP), Organization	18150 survivors of Conventional weapons and other people with disabilities	18150 survivors of Conventional weapons and other people with disabilities and 90750 indirect beneficiaries will benefit	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial Directorate of Public Health and Mirwais Regional Hospital	Kandahar, Afghanistan	June 2019- October 2021



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		and implementation of training on rehabilitation services' management system (RMS)					
Toward Improved Access to Quality Rehabilitation in Afghanistan (TIQRA II)	To support the government of Afghanistan towards the improvement of delivery of public health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training of physiotherapists on three years Diploma recognize by MOPH. -Support to the GHIS for institutionalization of this program and incl -Advocacy toward central MOPH for expansion and promotion of rehabilitation services -Training of BPHS and EPHS implementers on how to manage disability cases including identification, counselling and referral 	75 Students, 34 staff working in this project including teachers and support staff. 200 of clinical staff and 120 staff of Management	237 students to be graduated as PT, 7 staff will get huge capacity on PT long term training. 200 of clinical staff and 120 staff of Management will receive training orientation	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial Directorate of Public Health and directors of Regional Hospital/ Region IHS/ AAPT/PTI and GHIS	Kandahar and Herat, Afghanistan	
Strengthening P&O services in Underserved Area of	To Improve the coverage, availability and quality of public	-Training of P&O technologist On year Diploma recognize by MOPH.	19 Students followed eligible criteria from remotest area	39 students to be graduated as PT,	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial	Herat province	



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<p>Afghanistan (P&O)</p>	<p>health services provided by the Government of Afghanistan</p>	<p>-Support to the GIHS for institutionalization of this program -Advocacy toward central MOPH for expansion and promotion of rehabilitation services and Integration of P&O services in to EPHS -Training of BPHS and EPHS implementers on how to manage disability cases including identification, counselling and referral -Support the rehabilitation of WAK Hospital including renovation and equipment's</p>	<p>12 staff working in this project including teachers and support staff.</p>	<p>17 staff will get huge capacity on P&O long term teaching skill.</p>	<p>Directorate of Public Health and directors of Regional Hospital/ Region HIS/ AAPT/PTI and GIHS</p>		
<p>Victim Assistance Advocacy/Livelihood</p>	<p>Create access to skills development to the most vulnerable people, including</p>	<p>-Support vocational training centers one in Kandahar and one in Kabul to build their knowledge and skills to be able to welcome victims and</p>	<p>Direct beneficiaries 110 (55 female, 55 male) and indirect beneficiaries 20000</p>	<p>Direct beneficiaries 110 (55 female, 55 male) and indirect beneficiaries 20000</p>	<p>DPOs/VOs Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs State Ministry of Martyrs and Disabled Affairs</p>	<p>Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Bamyan, and Balkh</p>	<p>April 2020- March 2021 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway</p>



	victims and other people with disabilities, in Kabul and Kandahar, according to their need and enable Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) to play a greater role in highlighting abilities of people with disabilities and their situation of access to employment through targeted awareness	other people with disabilities for training -Supporting business development and income generating initiatives for Persons with disabilities who already have skills and/or have a livelihood activity but need boosting in terms of capital and mentoring in order re start a livelihood activity. -Support DPOs to raise awareness on skills and abilities of people with disabilities -Implement information sessions to organizations already identified and who showed willingness change practices towards disability inclusions -Support stakeholder engagement and			Advocacy Committee for Persons with Disability Disability Stakeholders Coordination Group		
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		<p>ownership of the process towards a National Disability Inclusion strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strengthen coordination and collaboration among stakeholders -Changing attitudes towards inclusion of survivors of mine and explosive remnants of war and persons with disabilities into society -Joint celebration of VA/disability events: -Media coverage for the “Joint celebration of VA/disability events”: 					
<p>Physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support and mine risk education services for communities, IDP, Returnees and other people affected</p>	<p>To ensure the availability and increase sustainability of critical rehabilitation services reducing the risks of physical impairments, mitigating the</p>	<p>Awareness sessions</p> <p>PSS session (individual, familial, group)</p> <p>Physical Rehabilitation session</p> <p>Risk Education sessions</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>207928 individuals will benefit from Awareness, PT and PSS sessions</p> <p>98,576 from risk education</p>	<p>Ministry of Public Health, District of Public Health, DMAC, IOM Zero Point, Transit Center Regional hospitals, ERM actors, other humanitarian</p>	<p>Kunduz, Kandahar, Nimroz and Herat Province</p>	



<p>by Conventional Weapons (CWs) and/or conflict outbursts in Afghanistan.</p>	<p>spread of covid-19 pandemic and alleviating the psychosocial distress for ultra-vulnerable, CW/IEDs survivors and other persons with physical impairments living in conflict and crises affected areas of Kandahar, Herat, Kunduz and Nimroz.</p>	<p>Referral Mechanism</p> <p>Training to community health workers/humanitarian workers on the identification of the vulnerabilities</p> <p>Vehicle campaigning on covid-19 and EORE messages</p> <p>Distribution of hygiene kits</p> <p>Disinfection of public places</p>		<p>session to promote and adopt safe behaviors among IDP, returnees and the conflict affected communities at risk of mine/ERW/pressure plate-IED.</p> <p>235 CHWs/Humanitarian workers training</p> <p>714 referral beneficiaries from partners</p> <p>65000 estimated figures receiving Vehicle awareness campaigning</p>	<p>actors (ICRC, SCA, MSF)</p>		
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				1700 receiving hygiene kits			
<p>Increasing community resilience against Covid-19 and reducing its effects among the most vulnerable Afghan communities in Kandahar, Nimroz, and Herat Provinces</p>	<p>To slow the infection rate of Covid-19 among IDPs, returnees, and host communities in Herat, Kandahar, and Nimroz through increased awareness and access to medical care and to assist communities in handling the crisis and increase positive coping mechanisms.</p>	<p># of refugees, IDPs, migrants and host communities particularly vulnerable to the pandemic receive adequate risk information (includes vehicle awareness, media, radio, and door to door) # of women, men, girls and boys who receive focused psychosocial and psychological care. # people in the community who are aware of the mental health risks of the crisis, the risks of violence and the coping mechanism for themselves and their loved ones Number of PSS helpline sessions conducted by HI</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>Total Number of IDPs = 14500 Total Number of Returnees = 5600 Total Number of host communities members = 169900 Total Number of Health Staff reached = 396</p>	<p>Ministry of Public Health, District of Public Health, Regional hospitals, covid-19 hospital, other humanitarian actors in three provinces (Hirat, Kandahar and Nimroz)</p>	<p>Kandahar, Hirat, Nimroz</p>	<p>June 2020 – 20th Dec,2020</p>



		<p>teams (including only IDP, returnee, host comm)</p> <p>Number of health staff trained in capacity building (risk coms/MHPSS/PFA/d o no harm)</p> <p>Number of health facilities supported with equipment provision</p> <p>Number of staff receiving care session</p> <p>% of medical and paramedical staff reporting an improvement in their ability to care for their beneficiaries and/or patients</p> <p>Number of health staff protected against covid 19 by using PPE</p>					
<p>Contributing to the sustainability of physiotherapy course and healthier</p>	<p>To support the government of Afghanistan(MOPH/PPHD/HI S) with availability of a</p>			<p>Direct beneficiaries will be students of PT training programme, who will benefit from outdoor area as well as new training</p>			<p>10months (June2020 to April2021)</p>



lifestyle for the female students of Regional Institute of Health Sciences in Kandahar	standard training facilities through construction of new building for physiotherapy profession in Kandahar by end of April 2021.			facilities (class room, skill and computer labs).			
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Donors

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