



Country sheet

Senegal

West Africa Cape Programme





HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 80 people on HI's team in Senegal.

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General Country Data

a. General data

Country	Senegal	Neighbouring country: Guinea-Bissau	France
Population	17,196,308	2,015,490	67,499,343
IHDI	0.348	0.3	0.82
Gender development index	0.87	x	0.99
Maternal mortality	440	898	4
GINI index	38.1	34.8	32.4
Population under UNHCR mandate	16,524,000	1,876,000	580,898
INFORM index	4.5	4.8	2.3
Fragile states index	72.1	91.3	30.9
Public social protection	?	0.90	100
Official development assistance received	1,443.88	120.51	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 1998
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified in 2008
The UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2010



c. Geopolitical analysis

Senegal is located in the most western part of Africa. It covers an area of 196,722 sq.km. It is bordered to the north by Mauritania, to the west by the Atlantic Ocean and to the east and south by Guinea and Guinea-Bissau. Senegalese society is linguistically and religiously diverse.

Senegal is a politically stable country. Since its accession to international sovereignty in 1960, the country has not experienced a coup d'état or any major political instability. Elections are held regularly and without serious problems. Despite this stability, the Casamance crisis, which began forty years ago, has caused a large number of mine-related accidents and population displacement to other places, including Gambia and Guinea Bissau. In Senegal, the management of light arms and explosive remnants of war remains a contentious issue.

People with disabilities are still discriminated against, marginalised and highly vulnerable, a situation made worse by the difficulties and/or refusal of families to invest time and money in members with disabilities.

In terms of health, the results of the Combined STI/HIV Survey suggest that the HIV prevalence rate is twice as high for people with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, as for men, at 2.5% compared with 1.3%. In Senegal, women with disabilities are therefore more vulnerable to HIV than are men.

The inclusion of children with disabilities in school is a major challenge for the development of education in Senegal. Recent research and studies show data on the enrolment of girls and boys with disabilities to still be very partial. The number of children with disabilities aged 7 to 16 is estimated at 35,369 (2013 census); 66 percent are out of school, compared to 37 percent for Senegal as a whole. There are a number of reasons for this: teachers are reluctant to teach children with disabilities in their classes and lack the skills to meet their educational needs; parents underestimate their children's abilities; the community believes they have no abilities at all; and current public policies do not sufficiently take into account the inclusive dimension of education.



Summary of HI's work in the country

HI began working in Senegal in 1995, initially focusing on functional rehabilitation and mine clearance in Casamance, in the south of the country.

Today, HI has broadened the scope of its action, implementing projects in a number of fields in the areas where needs are greatest. The two worst affected areas are the regions of Dakar and Thiès in the Nord and the three regions of Casamance in the Sud: Ziguinchor, Sédhiou and Kolda.

HI has good relations with the government of Senegal with which it has signed a headquarters agreement that is tacitly renewed every two years. The social impact of HI's action is also recognised by the public authorities and other partners.

One of the particularities of the programme is the large number of fields in which it implements and develops actions, including mother, infant and child health, inclusive education, the training and vocational & economic inclusion of vulnerable people and people with disabilities, rehabilitation, diabetes and HIV/AIDS control and armed violence reduction. At the beginning of 2022, demining, surveying and risk education activities were resumed and are contributing to building sustainable peace in Casamance.

HI currently invests significant resources in the programme, including via the development of regional projects on inclusive education and economic inclusion.



Presentation of current projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships.

Main sectors of intervention and project title	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end date	Donors funding the project
<p>DEECLIQ: Education for children with disabilities based on free choices and an inclusive quality approach</p> <p>& PEEPITE: Parents, Teachers and Students for Inclusive School Education for All</p> <p>Inclusive education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the services offered by the National Education Ministry by training public servants and providing continuous support that will lead to the development of an action plan • Mobilising local authorities and civil society organisations through an awareness-raising campaign and advocacy actions to combat the prejudices preventing children with disabilities from going to school • Enhancing the quality of learning by training trainers, creating a master’s degree in inclusive education and distributing learning aids adapted to the children’s specific needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 public servants in key departments of the Ministry for National Education trained in inclusive education (at least 40% women) • Awareness-raising campaign for the people living in the target districts • 15 roundtables on inclusive education with local authorities in each department where we work • 150 trainers from regional education personnel training centres and the Faculty of Education and Training Sciences and Technologies trained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,720 children with disabilities in partner schools outside the education system identified (at least 40% girls) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition of Synergy Organizations for the Advancement of Public Education • Senegalese Federation of Disabled People’s Organisations • University Centre for International Cooperation • ISCOS 	5 regions	05.2021 – 12.2022	ACRA Foundation



		<p>in inclusive education (at least 40% women)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 420 people from “resource teams” (at least 35% women) trained in the working with children with disabilities at local level 					
<p>MEDICOR Social & Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the accessibility awareness of inclusive employment actors • Conducting advocacy in support of the drafting of an implementing decree for the Social Orientation Act • Raising community awareness and supporting the advocacy of civil society organisations • Ensuring access to structures used by entrepreneurs • Initiating inclusive employment actors in sign language • Training people in the enterprise mindset, drawing up business plans, adaptive management, marketing, etc. • Identifying the technical training needs of entrepreneurs • Assisting entrepreneurs through the formalisation process • Providing business financial support 	<p>70 entrepreneurs at stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 entrepreneurs • 30 young people with disabilities who have already benefited from employment training <p>70 new entrepreneurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 new entrepreneurs identified • 10 parents of children with disabilities • 20 mothers of children with cerebral palsy • 10 people living with HIV 	<p>14,000 people (each promoter supported meets the needs of ten people, the size of the average Senegalese family)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs du Monde • Agency for the Development and Management of Small and Medium Enterprises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ziguinchor region: Departments of Bignona, Oussouye and Ziguinchor. • Kolda region: Departments of Kolda and Vélingara • Ségou region: Departments of Goudomp, Sédhiou and Bounkiling 	<p>05.2021-04.2024</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Medicor Foundation</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the visibility of microenterprises and helping promote products 						
<p>Making it Work (MIW) Senegal</p> <p>Protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of women-led organisations of people with disabilities and women's organisations to improve the prevention of and response to discrimination and violence against women and girls with disabilities. • Strengthening the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in efforts to combat violence against women through advocacy, communication and ad hoc initiatives. 	Representatives of Senegalese civil society	Representatives of Senegalese civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI teams from the ENSEMBLE project • MIW technical staff in cooperation with the inclusive governance specialist • Federations of People with Disabilities, especially their women's sections 	Nord region (Dakard) and South region (Ziguinchor)	01.2021 – 07.2023	
<p>Ensemble Sénégal</p> <p>Health & Prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building the capacities of communities to promote behaviour having a positive impact on gender and social norms in relation to the sexual and reproductive health of women and teenage girls • Building the knowledge and capacities of teenagers • Building the capacity of health systems/services to provide age- and gender-appropriate sexual and reproductive health services • Training community health workers and teachers • Organising advocacy awareness-raising sessions for civil society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 target health centres • 5 centres for teenagers set up • 5 civil society organisations targeted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 73,744 women of childbearing age • 56 health workers from health centres • 40 teachers • 40 youth and teenage peer educators • 40 community health workers • 4,000 teenagers and young people reached by peer educators • 5,000 participants in community dialogues 	RAES CARE	Kolda region, Kolda Health District	02.2020 – 02.2023	Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GAC



	<p>organisations and elected local authority officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building the capacity of civil society organisations to influence national sexual and reproductive health policies 						
<p>Passerelle</p> <p>Social & Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising « passerelles » (bridges) to help children with disabilities to join mainstream curriculum classes • Improving integration with other children and involvement in social activities as part of their education • Increasing the number of teachers trained in inclusive education and strengthen their skills to meet the learning needs of children with disabilities • Improving the inclusion of disability in national education policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 formal schools (3 colleges and 6 elementary schools) • 15 informal schools (3 community-based schools, 6 bridge classes and 6 Daaras) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 132 inclusive education training sessions for college teachers and 102 primary school teachers and coaches • 50 disability and inclusion training sessions for the School Vulnerability and Drop-Out Observatory and the Alert and Monitoring Unit for disability and inclusion • Training sessions for teachers and the heads of education establishments on the Washington Group • Training sessions on disability, inclusion, and 	Enda Santé	Casamance - Ziguinchor, Sédhiou and Kolda	09.2018 – 05.2023	USAID



			<p>inclusive education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training sessions for trainers and super coaches on equity, diversity and inclusion • 180 rehabilitation care management sessions 				
<p>Education Inclusive</p> <p>Education Inclusive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness on employment opportunities and growth sectors, and determining a personalised support project to promote salaried employment or self-employment including an analysis of ergonomic adaptation needs • Making personalised ergonomic adaptations for beneficiaries • Providing technical and financial support to jobseekers and project leaders • Providing pre- and post-inclusive employment follow-up • Conducting communication & awareness-raising actions on inclusive employment and corporate social responsibility • Raising the awareness of the community and supporting the advocacy of civil society organisations on inclusive education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 vocational training centres • 4 companies in the regions of Dakar-Thiès • 16 social development centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 social workers from 16 social development centres and employment advisors from 12 employment services • 40 staff members of companies and vocational training centres • 2 ergonomics specialists • 1 occupational physician • 2 senior civil engineering technicians • 2 physiotherapists • 2 orthoprosthesis technicians • 1 psychologist /psychiatrist 	n/a	Dakar-Thiès and Ziguinchor-Sédhiou regions	01.2018 – 12.2022	AFD, Norad, Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing and following-up operational committees for the inclusive employment of people with disabilities • Promoting the implementation of the Social Orientation Act • Building the momentum for inter-sectoral discussion and coordination on inclusive education • Supporting the inclusive education policy • Consolidating inclusion mechanisms for children with hearing impairments in mainstream schools 						
<p>AFD – CPPII Crosscutting activities of regional inclusive education projects</p> <p>Social & Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the implementation of this multi-country project • Advocacy and communication on inclusive education • Managing the projects cross-cutting activities and monitoring and evaluating implementation, research, communication activities and quality control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to implementing countries • International community 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health • Civil society organisation • Organisation of people with disabilities 	Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Senegal, Togo	01.01.2022 31.12.2025	AFD
<p>AFD – CPPII Country Inclusive Education projects</p> <p>Senegal-based activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging quality care and a clearer understanding to promote the quality of life and inclusion of people in psychosocial distress and/or with mental health problems in communities, through a community-based approach that promotes living together. 	<p>In Senegal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,684 people of whom 250 children and young people with disabilities, 194 education professionals trained and supported, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 children with hearing impairments included in a school inclusion pilot scheme in four primary schools • 100 young people with disabilities provided with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health • Ministries responsible for education and vocational training and related departments • Organisations or people with 		01.01.2022 31.12.2025	AFD



		<p>3,220 people provided with information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 education and training facilities will be supported and benefit from capacity-building 	<p>support to continue their secondary education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 parents of children with disabilities were informed, trained and helped to support their children's education • 3,000 people in target communities were provided with information on the right to training for people with disabilities 	<p>disabilities and associated federations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and health centres and universities • Civil society organisations in the fields of education, vocational training and mental health 			
<p>ARC - Mine action for the safe return of people to Casamance</p> <p>Protection, Armed violence reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing and transforming conflicts through a better understanding of the underlying causes of tensions and promoting local action on peace and reconciliation through risk education and community awareness-raising • Reducing the probability of accidents and the impact of explosive devices by clearing mines in target areas • Accompanying the return of displaced people through economic regeneration and better access to services, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 sq.m of land restored to local people • 10 essential social facilities rehabilitated and operational • 20 villages helped to implement their development plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 collective income-generating or self-employment activities implemented • 40 direct beneficiaries • 400 indirect beneficiaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association Sénégalaise des Victimes de Mines - Initiative Solidaire des Actions de Développement • Centre National d'Action contre les Mines Sénégalais • Center for Humanitarian Dialogue 	<p>Casamance - Sédhiou and Ziguinchor regions</p>	<p>10.2021 – 03.2023</p>	<p>European Union</p>



	supporting communities by supplying them with equipment and subsidies to create group and individual income-generating activities						
<p>Support project to strengthen the functioning of the Ziguinchor regional orthopaedic centre</p> <p>Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to strengthening the technical platform and the physical and functional rehabilitation care within the centre • Better coverage of the rehabilitation needs of the region's populations, with more beneficiaries thanks to the new equipment, supplies and consumables • Improving the quality of the services offered by the centre in order to meet the demands of the population. • Ensuring the centre has orthopaedic equipment and materials that meet World Health Organisation standards and are sufficient in number to provide the population with quality services for one year 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Orthopaedic Centre at Ziguinchor Regional Hospital 		<p>2022-06-08 2023-04-30</p>	Ile de France



Donors

<p>Ile de France</p> 	<p>Union Européenne</p> 	<p>Ministère des affaires étrangères et européennes du Luxembourg</p> 
<p>Agence Française de Développement</p> 	<p>Affaires mondiales Canada</p> 	<p>USAID</p> 
<p>Fondation ACRA</p> 	<p>Fondation Medicor</p> 	<p>Norad</p> 