



Country sheet

Senegal

West Africa Cape Programme

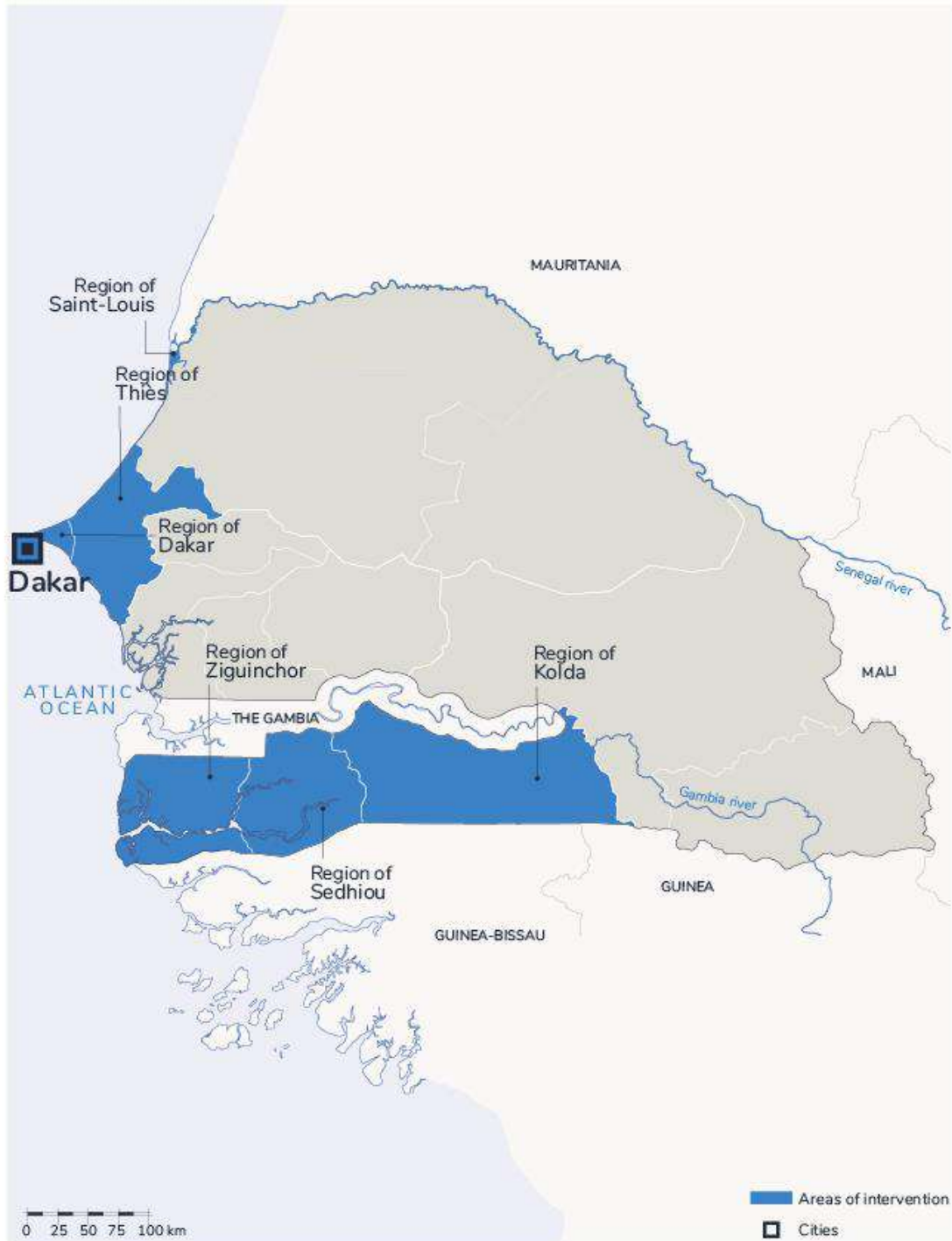




HI's team and areas of intervention

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

Senegal





General country data

a. General data

Country	Senegal	Neighbouring country	
		Guinea-Bissau	France
Population	16,296,364	1,920,922	67,059,887
HDI	0.514	0.461	0.891
IHDI	0.347	0.288	0.809
Maternal mortality	430	900	10
Gender Development Index	0.87	X	0.98
Population under UNHCR mandate	14,359	4,850	368,352
INFORM index	4.6	4.8	2.2
Fragile States Index	74.6	92.9	30.5
Gini Index1	40.3	50.7	31.6
Official development assistance received	991.59	152.37	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
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2010



c. Geopolitical analysis

Senegal lies in the westernmost part of Africa and has a surface area of 196,722km². It is bordered to the north by Mauritania, to the west by the Atlantic Ocean, to the east by Mali and to the south by Guinea and Guinea-Bissau. From a social point of view, the country is noted for its linguistic and religious diversity.

Senegal is a politically stable country and has not experienced a coup d'état or any major political instability since gaining independence in 1960. Elections are held regularly with no major disruption.

Despite this stability, the Casamance crisis, which began over 40 years ago, has led to many mine-related accidents, and people have had to move to other areas in Gambia or Guinea Bissau. In Senegal, the management of light weapons and the explosive remnants of war is still a sensitive issue.

People with disabilities are still subject to discrimination in Senegal – they are marginalised and highly vulnerable. This situation is exacerbated by the difficulties families have in devoting time and financial resources to them, and/or their refusal to do so. With regard to healthcare, the results of the combined STI/HIV survey reveal that the prevalence rate of HIV is twice as high for people with disabilities, and particularly so for women with disabilities whose prevalence rate stands at 2.5%, against 1.3% for men. In Senegal, women with disabilities are therefore more vulnerable to HIV than men.

Enrolling children with disabilities in school is a major challenge for the development of education in Senegal. Recent research and studies show that the data relating to the enrolment of girls and boys with disabilities in school are still very patchy. The number of children with disabilities aged 7-16 is estimated at 35,369 (2013 census); 66% of them do not go to school, whilst the figure for Senegal as a whole stands at 37%. There are a number of reasons for this: teachers are reticent to welcome children with disabilities into their classes and lack the skills to address their educational needs; parents do not recognise the abilities of their children; communities do not believe they have any abilities at all; lastly, public policies still do not sufficiently take the inclusive nature of education into account.



Summary of HI's work in the country

Humanity & Inclusion (HI) began its activities in Senegal in 1995. Its first interventions focused on functional rehabilitation and mine clearance in Casamance, in the south of the country.

HI is now broadening the scope of its actions by developing projects in a number of fields, especially in areas where needs are greatest. Two main areas are affected: the regions of Dakar and Thiès in the north; and the three regions of Casamance (Ziguinchor, Sédhiou, Kolda) in the south.

HI enjoys very good relations with the government of Senegal with which it has signed a headquarters agreement, tacitly renewable every two years. Given its social impact, HI's work is also appreciated by the public authorities and other partners.

One of the distinctive features of the programme is the wide range of topics it covers and develops: mother, child and neonatal health, inclusive education, the training and professional and economic integration of vulnerable people and people with disabilities, rehabilitation, diabetes, HIV/AIDS response, and armed violence reduction.

Significant resources are currently being invested in the programme in Senegal, largely via the development of regional projects on inclusive education and economic inclusion. Mine clearance, surveys and risk-education activities resumed in early 2022 and are helping to build sustainable peace in Casamance.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects with a focus on beneficiaries and operational partners

Project title and main intervention sector(s)	Main activities	Beneficiaries		Partners	Location	Project start and end dates	Institutional donors
<p>DEECLIQ: Let's Decide on Education for Children with Disabilities through Free Choice and an Inclusive Quality Approach</p> <p>&</p> <p>PEEPITE: Parents, Teachers and Pupils for the Inclusion of All at School (The institutional component of the DEECLIQ project)</p> <p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training government employees and providing ongoing support so as to draft an action plan for the implementation of the national inclusive policy • A national awareness-raising campaign and advocacy to combat the prejudices that prevent children with disabilities from going to school • Boosting the quality of learning by training trainers, creating a Master's degree in inclusive education and distributing teaching materials adapted to suit children's needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 government employees trained in inclusive education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The population of municipalities targeted by the awareness-raising campaign • 15 round-table discussions with the local authorities • 150 trainers from regional centres trained in inclusive education • 420 people from "resource teams" trained on how to work with children with disabilities at local level • 1,720 children with disabilities in partner schools outside the education system identified 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition des Organisations en Synergie pour la Défense de l'Éducation Publique [Coalition of Organisations in Synergy for the Defence of Public Education] • Fédération Sénégalaise des Associations de Personnes Handicapées • Centre Universitaire pour la Coopération Internationale • ISCOS 	5 regions	05.2021 – 04.2023	ACRA Foundation



<p>MEDICOR</p> <p>Social & Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising inclusive employment actors' awareness of accessibility • Advocacy for the drafting of a decree implementing the Social Orientation Act • Raising community awareness and supporting the advocacy of civil society organisations to make it more inclusive • Ensuring the accessibility of structures used by entrepreneurs • Introducing sign language to those involved in inclusive employment • Training people in the business mindset, drafting business plans, adaptive management, marketing, financial education etc. • Identifying the technical training needs of entrepreneurs • Guiding entrepreneurs through the formalisation process • Providing financial support for the implementation of economic activities • Raising the visibility of micro-enterprises and supporting product promotion 	<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 vocational 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people living with HIV <p>14,000 people in total (each sponsor provides for the needs of 10 people, i.e. the average size of a 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 • Sédhiou region: Departments of Goudomp, Sédhiou and Bounkiling 	<p>05.2021 – 04.2024</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Medicor Foundation</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating beneficiaries from other projects 						
<p>Making it Work Senegal</p> <p>Protection from violence and abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the capacities 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. Boosting the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in the effort to combat violence against women by advocacy actions, communication and ad-hoc initiatives 	<p>Representatives of Senegalese civil society who will be identified</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federations of people with disabilities, particularly through their women’s sections (Senegalese Federation of Associations of People with Disabilities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The northern regions of Dakar and Thiès, and the southern region of Ziguinchor 	2023 – 2025	
<p>Ensemble Senegal</p> <p>Reproductive and sexual health rights,</p> <p>Protection from violence and abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building communities’ capacities to promote gender-sensitive behaviour and social norms in relation to the sexual and reproductive health of women and teenage girls Boosting the knowledge and capacities of teenagers Boosting the capacity of healthcare systems/services to provide age- and gender-appropriate sexual and reproductive health services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 healthcare centres targeted 5 centres for teenagers set up 5 civil society organisations targeted 73,744 women of child-bearing age 56 health workers in healthcare centres 40 teachers 40 young and teenage peer educators 40 community health workers 		RAES CARE	Kolda region, Kolda health district	02.2020 – 11.2023	<p>GAC [the Canadian ministry of foreign affairs]</p> <p>Foundation for a Just Society</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training community health workers and teachers • Awareness-raising sessions for civil society organisations and elected local authority officials on advocacy • Building the capacities of civil society organisations to influence national sexual and reproductive health policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000 teenagers and young people reached by peer educators • 5,000 participants in community dialogues 					
<p>Diabète Saint Louis & Dagana</p> <p>Non-communicable diseases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training 185 community actors • Raising awareness among the population of the 8 target municipalities, including 3,000 people identified as being “at risk” (screened and referred), to encourage the adoption of a healthy lifestyle and early use of healthcare facilities • Training 167 healthcare professionals on how to treat diabetes and its complications • Training 35 service providers in therapeutic education • Carrying out two surveys on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3,000 diabetic patients treated and monitored • 100 diabetic patients provided with footwear • 100 amputee patients fitted with prostheses • 336,000 people informed • At least 6,000 diabetic patients have access to screening services and quality care 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Université Gaston Berger • Hôpital Régional de St Louis • Association des Diabétiques de St Louis • St Louis / Dagana Organisation of People with Disabilities 	Saint Louis region (northern Senegal)	03.2023 – 03.2025	World Diabetes Foundation



<p>Inclusive Education in Senegal</p> <p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of employment opportunities and growth sectors, and drafting a personalised support project with an analysis of ergonomic adaptation needs • Making ergonomic adaptations • Technical and financial support for job-seekers or project leaders • Pre- and post-inclusive employment monitoring • Communication and awareness-raising activities on inclusive employment and corporate social responsibility • Raising community awareness and supporting the advocacy of civil society organisations • Establishing and monitoring operational committees for the inclusive employment of people with disabilities • Boosting the momentum for discussion • Supporting the inclusive education policy • Consolidating the mechanisms for including children with hearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 vocational training centres • 4 businesses in the Dakar and Thiès regions • 80 social workers in 16 social rehabilitation centres and employment advisors in 12 employment services • 40 staff members of businesses and vocational training centres • 2 ergonomics specialists • 1 occupational physician • 2 senior civil engineering technicians • 2 physiotherapists • 2 orthoprosthetic technicians • 1 psychologist/psychiatrist 			<p>Dakar, Thiès, Ziguinchor, and Sédhiou regions</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2026</p>	<p>AFD, Norad, Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>
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	<p>impairments in mainstream schools</p>						
<p>Improving access to decent employment for men and women with disabilities through coordinated structures, a more inclusive environment and a supportive institutional framework</p> <p>Economic Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosting the synergies of public, private and civil society actors to improve access to employment and job retention for people with disabilities • Boosting the advocacy capacities of voluntary and private actors to promote more inclusive employment policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 350 people with disabilities provided with support • 10 businesses coached on inclusive practices • 20 professionals involved in entrepreneurship • 5 public actors made aware of corporate social responsibility • 12 experts on corporate social responsibility take part in webinars • 1,400 indirect beneficiaries 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handicap.sn • Sama Entreprise • RABEC 	<p>The Dakar, Thiès and Ziguinchor regions</p>		<p>AFD, AC6, LuxDev</p>
<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 root causes of tension and local capacities for peace and reconciliation through risk education and community awareness-raising • Reducing the probability of accidents and the effects of explosive devices by clearing mines in the target areas • Accompanying the return of displaced people through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600,000m² of land given back to local people • 10 essential social facilities refurbished and operational • 20 villages helped to implement their development plans • 20 joint income-generating or self-employment activities: 23 direct beneficiaries and 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 [Senegalese National Centre for Mine Action] • Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue 	<p>Casamance – Sédhiou and Ziguinchor regions</p>	<p>10.2021 – 06.2025</p>	<p>European Union,</p> <p>Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BZ)</p>



	economic regeneration, boosting access to services and supporting communities by providing equipment and grants to roll out group and individual income-generating activities			• Plateforme des femmes pour la paix en Casamance [Women's platform for peace in Casamance]			
100,000 Homes Environmental accessibility and Information and communications technology (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering the data required via surveys, interviews, discussion groups and workshops to understand local demand for urban agriculture and the gaps in the drive towards universal access • Examining the laws and regulations which govern and guide urban housing and neighbourhood development in Senegal • Identifying the possibilities for introducing and improving universal access in support of the affordable housing project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senegalese people living in the target zone • Urbaconsulting & partners • Urban land developers • Société d'Aménagement Foncier et de Rénovation Urbaine [Land development and urban renewal company] • Local property developers • Property managers • Architects and planners • Banks and housing investors 		Urbaconsulting	Senegal – the 100,000 Homes zone	03.2023 – 03.2024	World Bank
Para sport project Environmental accessibility and Information and communications technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out an analysis of the area • Implementing measures to improve accessibility and facilities at sports venues • Raising the general public's awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audience targeted by the Olympic Games 		Local government	Rufisque department	10.2021 – 10.2024	Ile de France region



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training professionals and carers to develop and secure practices • Carrying out a feasibility study to set up a sports recycling centre 						
<p>EFFORT project (Support, training, and facilities for civil society organisations for the inclusive socio-economic regeneration of the regions)</p> <p>Economic Inclusion, Inclusive Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth through the participation of civil society organisations in inclusive and fair local development • Mapping governance bodies and networks linked to an organisational review • Building the capacities of civil society organisations and local elected officials • Taking part in local multi-actor fora and dialogue frameworks • Networking organisations • Raising awareness of citizenship and inclusion among young people’s and women’s associations and getting them involved • Advocacy actions • Supporting, monitoring and assessing third parties with the modernisation of technical platforms • Acquiring digital marketing and community management skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 women, young people and people with disabilities (and their families) targeted in third-party organisations benefit from decent and sustainable economic inclusion opportunities • The communities using the services are supported • Senegalese citizens, men and women faced with vulnerabilities that limit their participation • 50 women’s and young people’s civil society organisations • 15 structured social and solidarity-based businesses 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU delegation • NGO Green Sénégal • La Kora PRD • Stakeholders: regional administration, local authorities, State technical services • Large and medium-sized businesses 	6 districts in the province of Nusa Tenggara Timur	10.2023 – 09.2025	European Union



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to and training in corporate social responsibility for social and solidarity-based organisations and businesses, and implementation of action plans and a diversity and eco-responsibility charter						
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<p>Ile de France region</p> 	<p>European Union</p>  <p>Financé par l'Union européenne</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> 
<p>French Development Agency</p> 	<p>Global Affairs Canada</p> 	<p>Foundation for a Just Society</p> 
<p>ACRA Foundation</p> 	<p>Medicor Foundation</p> 	<p>Norad</p> 
<p>World Diabetes Foundation</p> 	<p>LuxDev</p>  <p>Agence luxembourgeoise pour la Coopération au développement</p>	<p>Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> 
	<p>World Bank</p>	