



Country Sheet

Honduras





HI Team and intervention areas

HI was present in Honduras between 1999 and 2010, but currently has no permanent staff in the country. A consultancy based in Honduras is underway for one year to support technical assistance activities and identify opportunities for possible future intervention. The reactivation of HI's registration in the country is underway. HI is providing a 2-year technical support on disability inclusion to a consortium in three countries in the region, including Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

General data of the country

a) General data

DATA	Honduras	Guatemala	Belgium
Population	10.43	17.35	11.7
IHDI	0.479	0.460	0.874
Gender-related Development Index	0.960	0.917	0.978
Maternal mortality	72	96	5
GINI Index	48.2	48.3	26
Population within UNHCR mandate	440.339	555.281	195.883
INFORM Index	5.1	5.1	1.7
Fragile State Index	79.6	77.3	31.4
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)	26.6	13.3	100
Net official development assistance received	617	511.3	0



b) Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Signed on 12/3/1997
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Signed: 3 December 2008 Ratified: 21 March 2012
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Signed on 30/03/2007 Ratified on 14/04/2008

c) Geopolitical analysis

Honduras is in a complex humanitarian crisis, rooted in systemic poverty, deep socio-economic and gender inequality, in a context marked by widespread violence, forced displacement, gender-based violence, rights violations, as well as the impacts generated by mixed movements of refugees and migrants and the state's limited capacity to respond to the protection challenges faced by the population. Historically, Honduras has been a country of origin, entry, transit and, to a lesser extent, destination for refugees and migrants.

Criminal groups and organizations exercise control and people are denied access to health, education, work and the use of public areas as spaces for protection and participation. Children, adolescents, women and persons with disabilities are particularly vulnerable.

The diversity of shocks faced by the population have reduced the availability, quality and accessibility of basic systems and services. The reduction of commercial and productive activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic and storms has reduced tax revenues and public investments, disrupted social programs and weakened social safety nets, affecting long-term recovery. In 2022, heavy flooding in September and the effects of tropical storm Julia left many health care centers flooded and caused the loss of medical supplies and equipment, many in the same areas that were affected in 2020 by Eta and Iota.

According to the UN Humanitarian Response Plan 2023, during 2021, the humanitarian needs analysis revealed that 2.8 million people in Honduras were in need of humanitarian assistance. This analysis was updated in 2022 and indicated that these needs were exacerbated by a food security crisis, violence, human mobility, climate change and disasters, increasing the number of people with humanitarian needs to 3.2 million.



Summary of HI presence in the country

1999: HI launches operations in Honduras in response to Hurricane Mitch.

January 2003: Creation of the Central America program with Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras.

Up to 2010: Implementation of a wide range of projects, including Community-Based Rehabilitation, inclusive education, early detection, and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in disaster preparedness.

2010-2011: Closing of the Central America program and systematization of experience.

2020: Decision to explore a possible new HI intervention in Central America (StratOp LATAM 2020-2024) in a context of growing humanitarian needs.

2020: Hurricanes Eta and Iota: HI supports the humanitarian response by providing logistical expertise to meet humanitarian needs in Honduras.

2021-2022: desk review and exploratory missions by the LATAM regional team

January 2023: Start of technical assistance on inclusion of people with disabilities as part of a consortium in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

June 2023: Start of a local consultancy to support the development of HI mission in Central America, based in Honduras.



Overview on ongoing projects

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

Project title & main sector(s) of intervention	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Partner(s)	Location	Project start and end dates	Donors who finance the project
Humanitarian response to the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by rising food prices and recurrent disasters in the Central American Dry Corridor Inclusive Humanitarian Action	HI: Technical assistance to mainstream disability inclusion in the consortium project.	Communities and households with the highest food needs	Norwegian Refugee Council, Action Against Hunger, Doctors of the World	Dry Corridor of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras	01.2023 – 12.2024	European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)



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