



 **I have access to healthcare, I am fulfilled.**

Overview

Main partner	The non-profit diaspora organisation <u>SenHandiCare (SHC)</u> promotes the social inclusion of children living with disabilities in Senegal by providing access to healthcare and support for caregivers, and by raising public awareness on disability issues, with the aim of creating lasting impact.
Associate partner	Handicap Ca Kanam unites associations of persons with disabilities and supports their economic empowerment by providing training and facilitating crowdfunding for income-generating activities.
Budget	€ 54,468
Duration	16 months (September 2025 - December 2026)
Sustainable Development Goals	 



Project design

Context & needs	In 2010 Senegal introduced a <u>social policy law</u> guaranteeing medical care for persons with disabilities. Despite this, children continue to face barriers due to high costs, limited resources, and social stigma. To address these challenges, <u>SHC</u> implemented a pilot project in Touba in 2024. This first initiative identified solutions, including the appointment of a coordinating doctor, the structuring of care pathways, and a partnership with <u>IPM Santé Plus</u> to allow access to healthcare without upfront payment. This project aims to further expand access to healthcare by scaling up the care pathway model, strengthening family capacities for home care, and raising community awareness to reduce stigma and foster long-term social change.
General objective	Improving access to healthcare, strengthening caregivers' independence, and fostering social inclusion for children with disabilities in Touba, Senegal, by combining medical care, community awareness, and knowledge transfer.
Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide continuous access to care for children with disabilities in order to improve their health and prevent secondary complications, starting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026 for 5 children already receiving care elsewhere until January 2026. December 2025 for 7 new children. Strengthen community commitment children living with disabilities by training up to 12 caregivers in basic home care and raising awareness among at least 300 people about greater social acceptance of disability. Ensure sustainability and replicability by conducting a final evaluation and producing a capitalisation report at the end of the 15-month project, which will enable improvements to be made to future editions.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 children (aged 0–18) living with disabilities, 7 of whom will also receive medical equipment/technical aids. The direct caregivers of these children. Participants in awareness-raising sessions, estimated at least 300 people from the local community. Local relays: the population of the Diourbel region.

Programme of activities

Activity 1.1

Selection of children

Activity 1.2

Acquiring assistive medical equipment

Activity 1.3

Medical follow-up, coordination and coverage of healthcare costs

Activity 2.1

Therapeutic education workshops for carers and bi-monthly discussion group

Activity 2.2

Disability awareness and training for local community leaders

Activity 3

Capitalisation, restitution and anticipation

