

### Member organisations

The Atlas Alliance consists of sixteen Norwegian patient's or disabled people's organisations and two affiliated organisations.

Association of the Disabled

Association of Heart and Lung Patients (LHL)

Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Federation of Organisations of Disabled People

Association of Blind and Partially Sighted

Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Diabetes Association

Association of the Deaf

Association of the Deafblind

Association of the Hard of Hearing

National Psoriasis Foundation

Association of Traffic Victims

Association of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis

The Autism Association

Association of People with Mental Illnesses

Stammering Association

Affiliated organisations:

Sintef Technology and Society

The Signo Foundation



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**The Atlas Alliance** is a Norwegian umbrella organisation founded in 1981. Our member organisations are disabled people's organisations (DPOs) and patient organisations in Norway, with significant experience both nationally and internationally in strengthening the rights of people with disabilities and tuberculosis.

Our goal is to promote human rights and better living conditions for people with disabilities and to fight tuberculosis in developing countries.



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The Atlas Alliance has more than 60 projects in 20 countries.

People with disabilities and people contracting tuberculosis are among the poorest and most marginalized in developing countries. Most of them are not granted their basic human rights and they experience frequent discrimination. Negative attitudes and stigmatization are the main obstacles for inclusion of disabled people and people contracting tuberculosis.

The Atlas Alliance's member organisations use their own experiences and competence in cooperation with partners in developing countries. Inclusion, solidarity and empowerment, are central principles of our work.

The Atlas Alliance works with issues such as inclusive education, community based rehabilitation, organisational development, health and tuberculosis. Women and equality are cross cutting issues in all of our projects.



**Education** is a basic human right. More than 90 percent of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school (WHO). Inclusive education is about giving children with disabilities the same opportunities as everyone else.

The Atlas Alliance aims to strengthen school systems to include children and youth with disabilities and guarantee them an education.



### Community based rehabilitation (CBR)

Community based rehabilitation (CBR) provides disabled people with the tools they need to attain independence.

The Atlas Alliance works with cross-sectoral rehabilitation initiatives at the local level.



### Organisational development

Involving disabled people in decision-making processes is crucial for development. Through inclusion and organisational development, people with disabilities are given the opportunity to fight for their own rights.

The Atlas Alliance supports and strengthens sister organisations of people with disabilities.

### Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis (TB) is a curable disease, yet people die from TB every day. 99% of these deaths are in developing countries.

The Atlas Alliance works to prevent and treat TB. We cooperate with patient organisations on diagnostics, treatment and research.



### Health

Lack of health and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities hinders development.

The Atlas Alliance works with health projects for spina bifida, hydrocephalus, diabetes and improvement of eye health.