

Disabled Children in Ivory Coast

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BICE acts on behalf of children with disabilities

For the last ten years in Abidjan, the economic capital of Ivory Coast, BICE has supported a daycare centre for children with physical or mental disabilities.

The aim of the project is to enable children with disabilities and their parents to have access to healthcare, specialised education, play activities, a social life and as much autonomy as possible.

Parents can also receive counselling and the support they need.

Activities for children with disabilities in Ivory Coast

The Centre's activities are carried out in partnership with the [local association DDE-CI](#).

1. Teaching, sport and social activities :

- Early learning for very young children
- Twice-weekly educational activities and games between neighbourhood children and children with disabilities
- Sports and training of a group of children for the « [Special Olympics](#) »
- Basic education, adapted for children with disabilities who are not in school

2. Medical activities :

- Weekly medical consultations
- Physiotherapy sessions adapted to the child's disability
- Orthopedic and other surgical procedures
- Fabrication of prostheses and braces

3. Activities with parents :

- Psychological and moral support for parents, with a multidisciplinary team
- A meeting place for parents
- Association for parents of children with disabilities: l'[APEH Yop](#)

Key figures of the project

- 70 young children receive daily support with stimulus activities
- Over 250 children receive functional rehabilitation therapy