



CBM ITALY

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1,3 Billion
persons throughout the
world have a disability
(about 16% of the global
population).

80% Of these live in
developing countries.

WHY CBM?





CBM ITALY

Vision

A world where persons with disabilities can live free from barriers and discrimination.



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It's an international
organisation

Mission

We work to promote health, education, employment, and the rights of persons with disabilities, wherever the need is greatest, in Italy and globally.



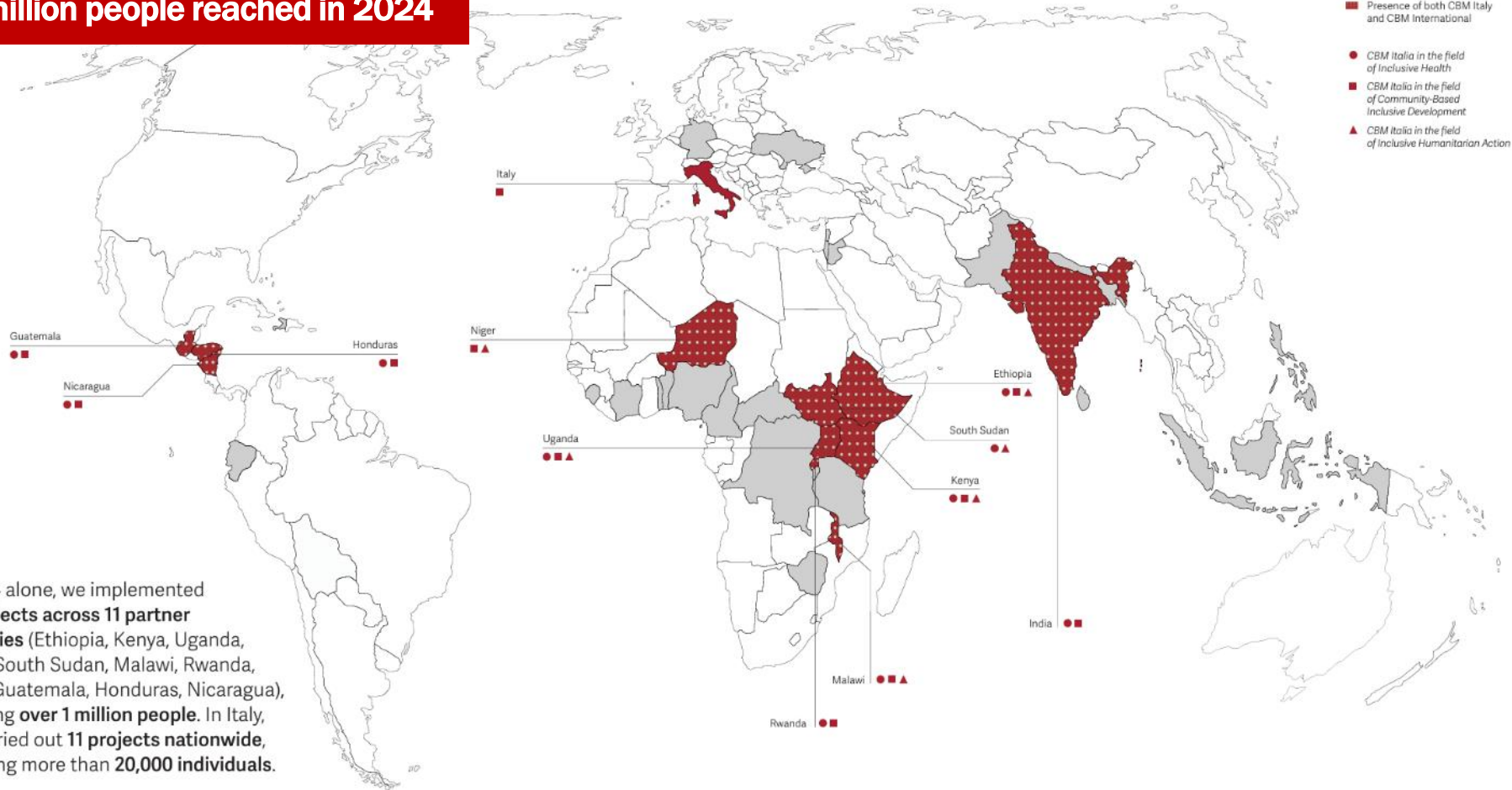
CBM's founder: Ernst J. Christoffel (1876 - 1955)



Founded in Milan in 2001,
CBM Italy collaborates closely with **CBM International** (Christian Blind Mission), a global organisation active since **1908** across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, committed to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities.



CBM Italy: 1 million people reached in 2024



In 2024 alone, we implemented **43 projects across 11 partner countries** (Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Niger, South Sudan, Malawi, Rwanda, India, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua), reaching **over 1 million people**. In Italy, we carried out **11 projects nationwide**, involving more than **20,000 individuals**.

CBM IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

Inclusive Humanitarian Action



Community Based Inclusive Development



Inclusive Eye Health



CBM IN EUROPE and in Italy

Vulnerability is not confined to distant places.

In Italy and across the European Union there are also forms of marginalisation which raise serious concerns around inclusion, access to rights, and equal opportunities.



**¹ FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT DISABILITY
AND POVERTY IN
ITALIAN FAMILIES**

CBM IN EUROPE and in Italy

Inclusive Education



Employment



Participation



Anti-discrimination



Our approach

Our intervention model is built on **collaboration**.

We work closely with **local partners**, institutions, government bodies, NGOs, civil society organisations, and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities.

At the heart of our approach is the principle of **Locally Led Development**. Programs are driven by local communities that values their knowledge, resources, and aspirations, fostering meaningful participation of persons with disabilities while promoting local knowledge and self-determination.

Networks





Thank you!
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