

DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

*Working with disabled people and
their organisations in developing countries*

Our Programmes

Promoting disabled people's rights
Inclusive education
Livelihoods
Rehabilitation, training and technology
South-to-South networking

5 countries

Angola, Ethiopia, India, Mozambique
& Nepal

12 key partners & programmes

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Education and Livelihood Opportunities – ELO

Partner: Mobility India

An inclusive programme with disabled children and other children excluded from schooling, parents of disabled children and disabled adults in 76 villages of Chamrajnagar District, Karnataka, India.

In 2 years of the ELO programme we have built a 23 strong team trained in disability rights, education and development work to reach out to every village in the programme area. The team works with local and district level educational structures (including the government of India’s ‘Sarva Shiksha Abhyian’ education for all programme), bringing parents, teachers, community and local government groups together to take practical action to enhance children’s educational achievements and to support families to help their children.

Every child’s individual progress is monitored. Local government school teachers are being helped to enhance their teaching skills and to become more aware of the needs of children with disabilities. The first group of 33 supplementary teachers is helping 450 children who had missed some or all their schooling to catch up so that they can enter formal school.

The field team has already helped 1000 people in the villages (mostly parents of disabled children and disabled adults) to form 68 self-help groups (SHGs) benefiting more than 5000 family members. Around 20 more groups are being formed. Savings and loans schemes have begun in 44 SHGs, through which parents of disabled children are better able to sustain their children’s education and meet their basic needs. Members are being trained to take a central role in their children’s education, community and extra curricular activities and to access entitlements.

Dependable good quality rehabilitation services and facilities are crucial to enable any disabled child to attend school or other special education. As there were none in Chamrajnagar we have set up a comprehensive rehabilitation service for all disabled children (disabled adults also benefit) through Mobility India’s mobile unit. Every disabled child has been assessed and an individual rehabilitation plan developed. Last year 544 babies, children and adults were assessed. The team refers children for special education, delivers and fits mobility aids and appliances and follows up everyone systematically through monthly visits. An accessibility audit of every school in the programme area is underway.



3 New partnerships in India

Kiran Centre, Varanasi – helping them to set up rehabilitation outreach services for disabled children in remote areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where there are currently no affordable and available rehabilitation services.

Brethren Institute for Rural Development (BIRD) in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh – setting up and equipping a rehabilitation centre/workshop and training technicians.

Timbaktu Collective – supporting development work with 500 disabled people in 100 villages in Andhra Pradesh through the Milita project. More than 40 self-help groups have been formed to raise awareness of disability issues and to reduce poverty by promoting savings and by accessing loans, state disability entitlements and rehabilitation services.

A unique Bangalore based enterprise run by disabled women trained in prosthetics, orthotics and management skills – **Rehabilitation Aids Workshop by Women with Disabilities (RAWWD)** celebrated their 10th anniversary in upgraded and well equipped premises thanks to DDP's support last year. Looking ahead, we hope to help RAWWD expand their services and skills base and realise their dream of moving into new purpose-built premises.



Cover Photo: Disability activist meeting, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh Pages 2 & 3:

1. Dad and mum go home with special seating for their daughter born with cerebral palsy
2. Mobility India conducts awareness raising on rehabilitation services and mobility aids and appliances in Chamrajnagar
3. Inauguration of village supplementary education group
4. Assessment of a young disabled boy in a village in Harave hubli
5. Going to school

Prosthetics, Orthotics and Rehabilitation Therapy Training

Partner: Mobility India & all partners

Improving local rehabilitation service delivery through technical training

Since helping MI to set up their fully accessible Rehabilitation Research and Training Centre (MIRRTC) in 2001, DDP has sponsored over 40 trainees from 20 different organizations to enhance rehabilitation services with partners in Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Nepal and in community-based organisations across India. Last year we supported 14 Indian, Ethiopian and Nepali trainees to undertake the affordable and appropriate 6-18 month training programmes in prosthetics, orthotics and rehabilitation therapy.

MI's technician training programme is unique in creating opportunities for people from poorer communities, many of them disabled, to gain skills to earn a living while providing rehabilitation services where they are needed most – in poor and rural areas. Trainees go home with an internationally recognised professional qualification (courses are accredited by ISPO and RCI and were developed with input from WHO) but in our experience, they remain committed to working in their own local communities.

DDP Partners' Training programme is an ongoing annual commitment in collaboration with Mobility India: it is also a very effective entry point for initiating new DDP partnerships and building more substantial programmes, examples of which are given on page 3.



1. Asma with fellow trainees and Trainer at MIRRTC
2. Teaching mother to do home based therapy for her disabled child



Supporting disabled people in post conflict Angola

Partner: Liga de Apoio à Integração dos Deficientes (LARDEF)

– League to Support the Integration of Disabled People

LARDEF’s vision of ‘an environment without barriers where disabled people are included in society and their rights are respected’ was born out of the experiences of one of the longest civil wars of modern times, in which huge numbers of people were disabled and displaced.

In 2002 we helped LARDEF to set up Dignidade, a transport cooperative using Indian-made 3 wheeler auto rickshaws to provide employment and income for disabled people. Through the Twendi and Tchilema projects we then helped LARDEF to develop their strategy as a disabled people’s organisation (DPO), to set up an office with paid staff and to carry out programmes both nationally and in war-affected communities in Benguela, Huambo and Moxico. Through these programmes we are providing direct practical help for disabled people to earn a living, spread mine risk awareness and to combat discrimination and stigma in their societies.

LARDEF’s overall objectives – to raise awareness of disability issues, advocate for disabled people’s rights and to ensure that disabled people do not remain excluded from Angola’s post conflict economic recovery – continue to be achieved through the Avante programme. Over 500 disabled people and their families have already directly benefited from LARDEF’s practical interventions: many more will do so if and when their legal rights are secured.

DDP continues to link LARDEF with disability organisations in Africa, including SAFOD – the Southern African Federation of the Disabled – and internationally, particularly with other Portuguese speaking disability networks. DDP has also supported LARDEF’s long term sustainability by investing in their block making business Benfica, which has a ready market in Angola’s construction boom.

LARDEF is now starting new programmes with disabled women – focusing on the double disadvantage women with disability face – and with children and young people – promoting the inclusion of disabled children in education, work and life opportunities.

1. Disabled people meeting in Huambo
2. Building an equal society for all
3. New construction block making machine for LARDEF’s enterprise
4. Disabled activist



New calliper technology and a rehabilitation workshop to support CBR

Partner: Handicap National-Action for Children with Disabilities (HN-ACD)

Since 2004 DDP has partnered HN-ACD, a national organisation working with disabled children and their families, whose community based rehabilitation (CBR) programmes reach out to help hundreds of disabled children, young people and their families in Addis Ababa, Debrezeit and Gondar.

We have trained 5 people from HN-ACD in orthotics and rehabilitation therapy at MIRRTC in India. Alongside the training programme we introduced PFKAFO (prefabricated foot knee ankle orthotics) plastic calliper components which we developed in India with Mobility India. These are lightweight low cost alternatives to the heavy metal and booted callipers which most children and adults with polio still use in Ethiopia. For HN-ACD to provide a comprehensive service they needed a well equipped workshop, which we have helped to set up with technical support from Mobility India.

For anyone who depends on callipers for their mobility, but especially for children and young people who are growing fast, HN-ACD's workshop will meet their life-long need by providing new callipers, repairs and maintenance and follow up rehabilitation therapy.

After feedback from PFKAFO trials in Ethiopia and India, a new ankle joint is now in the final stages of development. A practical workshop at TATCOT – the Tanzania Training Centre for Orthopaedic Technologists - will introduce PFKAFO technology to technicians from other African countries.



1. Senayet undergoing gait training with new plastic callipers
2. Khatija, who has polio, at first fitting for new light weight plastic callipers
3. Qualified at MIRRTC, India, Ephrem and Serkaddis assemble callipers in HN-ACD's workshop
4. Orthotics technicians and physiotherapists from Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda and Sudan at PFKAFO workshop in Addis Ababa

New Partnerships and Programmes

Looking ahead

India

Rehabilitation services are being offered to all disabled children and adults in the ELO project area in Chamrajnagar District but we are keen to support Mobility India in setting up a permanent rehabilitation and resource centre so that affordable and accessible services - a life-long need for many - are on hand in this rural and underserved area.

Mozambique

Since setting up the Centre Ortopedico Jaipur (COJ) with the Mozambican Red Cross Society to serve the rehabilitation needs of people in Gaza Province, we have continued to support technician training and to promote livelihood opportunities for disabled people, many of them war survivors.

Last year we completed a report into the relationship between HIV & AIDS and Disability in Mozambique, where national rates for HIV & AIDS are very high. Our partners were ADEMO, the national organisation of disabled people, and Miracles in Mozambique (MiM). The disabled people surveyed seemed just as likely to be affected as the population at large, but less likely to be aware of and informed about HIV & AIDS. As well as disseminating the report internationally we are using it to promote fuller inclusion of disabled people in mainstream HIV/AIDS programmes and policy making.

Nepal

We plan to build on our 4-year partnership with Disabled Human Rights Centre in Nepal, as the country begins its path to peace and democracy, supporting our partner to ensure that disabled people's rights are enshrined in Nepal's new constitution.

Lusophone (Portuguese speaking) African Countries

DDP is keen to work with disabled people and their organisations in the often-overlooked small countries of Cape Verde, Sao Tome & Principe and Guinea Bissau. As a first step, we are developing income generating projects in Cape Verde.



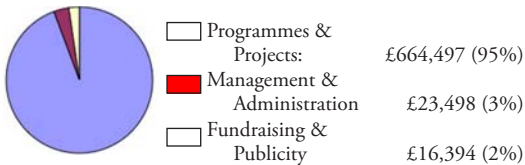
Left: All 5 Lusophone African countries meet in Maputo, Mozambique
Right: Shudarson Subedi, DHRC, speaks at a disability rights protest in Nepal

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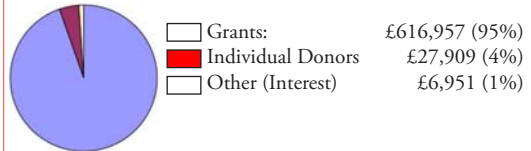
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Income 2007-08 = £651,817



- Lightweight calliper components for a child who has had polio cost around £25 (but remember that child may well have a life-long need for callipers)
- £150 will provide tools, training and support for a disabled head of family in Mozambique to earn a living
- A full year's rehabilitation therapy training (all fees, accommodation, food and materials) in India costs under £2000

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