



# Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the promotion within Parliament and Whitehall of the PREVENTION OF LIMB LOSS and the provision of prosthetic, orthotic, wheelchairs & special seating and other vital rehabilitation services/technologies for ALL PERSONS WITH LIMB LOSS in the UK and Internationally.

## FOREWORD by LORD AHMED

As a member of the Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group, I am delighted to have this opportunity of praising the caring services and constructive achievements, making human-rights accessible to persons with limb loss, of our Non-Government Associate Members. Some of their stories are told below. I commend them to you.

**CAMBODIA TRUST** was established in the UK in 1989 to provide support for the estimated 43,000 landmine survivors in Cambodia. Now celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the Trust has developed its work across the region to focus on building local capacity in order to lay the foundations for locally-run, sustainable rehabilitation services for people with disabilities in developing countries. The Trust's work is making an impact in the developing world:

- Three prosthetics and orthotics training centres have been established: in Cambodia (CSPO), Sri Lanka (SLSPO) and Indonesia (JSPO).
- 122 students have graduated from CSPO, including enough Cambodians to staff all the rehabilitation centres in Cambodia, reducing reliance on expatriate expertise.
- Each qualified Prosthetist / Orthotists fits around 250 limbs/braces a year. At a conservative estimate, around 20,000 devices are fitted by CSPO graduates annually, enabling thousands of landmine survivors and other disabled people to gain self-sufficiency.
- CSPO has trained Prosthetist / Orthotists from Afghanistan, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Timor Leste, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.
- 18 Prosthetist / Orthotists have graduated from SLSPO – the first students to be trained in Sri Lanka.
- 9 students from Cambodia, Pakistan and Lao PDR have graduated with Bachelor's Degrees, enabling a phasing out of expatriate lecturers at CSPO.
- 3 rehabilitation centres have been established in Cambodia and one in Timor Leste, providing physical and community-based rehabilitation. Local staff have made and fitted over 35,000 limbs and braces since January 2001.
- The Cambodia Trust is one of the first NGOs in the world - the first in Cambodia - to achieve ISO 9001:2000 certification. Certification established processes for measurement and evaluation and has built technical and managerial sustainability.



New Graduates

You can see a brief video clip about The Cambodia Trust here - <http://www.beyondgoodintentions.com/episode4.html>

**RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL** is a UK registered charity established in 1993 to support victims of violent conflict. Over the last decade successful multi-sector programmes have been implemented in Angola, Bosnia, Chechnya, Kosovo, Lebanon and Pakistan. The objective of these programmes is to design and implement projects that offer immediate relief to victims of conflict and provide sustainable conditions to enable longer term development.

During 2008 Response International concluded two first phase (phase 1) interventions for traumatic amputees; Pakistan's AJK (Kashmir) and Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon respectively. For both projects the legacy is a database of assessed amputees; a large portion being composed of victims of landmines or other unexploded ordnance; however, amputations resulting from traffic or gunshot incidents are not excluded.

A phase 2 will make use of the data we hold and of rehabilitation actions already carried out, or indeed continuing, in order to provide for new limbs. Both phase 1 projects contained elements of repair, maintenance and the distribution of walking aids.



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We hope to conclude rehabilitation efforts already made with the fitting of new limbs, many times what will be a first time limb, and provision for sustainable replacement and repair. Within both projects the promotion of human rights and the prevention of exclusion on the part of the disabled formed an important element. For supporting Response International in this endeavour we are grateful to DFID/ Civil Society Challenge Fund and to the FCO/Global Conflict Prevention Pool.

**POWER INTERNATIONAL** is a UK based charity that makes permanent, lasting change, for people with disabilities in poorer countries, who typically live in the greatest poverty. Our work ensures they have genuine choice in life, and equal access to education, healthcare and employment - those basics that others take for granted. Working with people with disabilities and their own organisations, changes are made, from village level right up to government by projects that not only address their basic needs such as mobility and income-generation, but create awareness of the rights to which they are entitled and how they and the authorities can make the necessary changes become a reality.

For historic reasons our projects are in Laos, Mozambique and Zambia. Initially POWER undertook major programmes in prosthetics and orthotics, but as mobility is but the first step on the road to full rehabilitation and reintegration in society, our work became more development-led rather than pure service provision. Our "COPE" project in Laos is a nationwide orthoprosthesis provision, in partnership with their government - this is currently being extended with a children's rehabilitation speciality, as well as training in physiotherapy. Local people are trained and mentored to provide all the services themselves and other international agencies are included where their activities can contribute - we have a Japanese partner that specializes in wheelchairs, and another partner specializing in leprosy.

Our most recent project is organic farming for people with disabilities in Zambia - they will be trained in agriculture, management and small business enterprise techniques. This is a sustainable activity with good local and export market potential.

Finally all our projects are turning towards a focus on children and access to education for children with disabilities who frequently are denied the chance of education (no matter what the local laws may say) as they are regarded as too "problematic". This work includes children with intellectual disabilities. It is notable that whereas the millennium development goals do not mention disability, they do address children and education, thus we can draw attention to the plight of children with disabilities and link our work firmly into the MDGs.

**HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL** is an international organisation specialised in disability and development. We work alongside disabled people and a range of organisations in the context of both emergencies and long-term sustainability. Our activities include rehabilitation, support for inclusion in all aspects of daily life, and the elimination of preventable causes of disability, such as landmines and cluster munitions.

Created in 1982, Handicap International now works in 60 countries affected by poverty and conflict. Our organisation is co-winner of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its work on the Mine Ban Treaty.

Handicap International's work on landmines and cluster munitions covers four areas: victim assistance, demining, awareness-raising of local populations and refugees of the dangers of landmines and other unexploded ordnance and campaigning against those weapons at national and international level.

In terms of rehabilitation, Handicap International works in around 25 countries to provide rehabilitation services, train local rehabilitation specialists, support the development and creation of rehabilitation centres and work with Ministries to develop health and social care systems and policies. For instance, in Rwanda, we work within the rehabilitation services in public hospitals to improve their management and technical standards and to promote their services. We also support two professional associations (P&O technicians and physiotherapists). Finally we organise mobile clinics to provide rehabilitation services to people living in isolated areas.

For more information, visit [www.handicap-international.org.uk](http://www.handicap-international.org.uk). You can also contact us on 0870 774 3737 or by email at [hi-uk@hi-uk.org](mailto:hi-uk@hi-uk.org).



**MOTIVATION** ([www.motivation.org.uk](http://www.motivation.org.uk)) is a UK based international disability and development organisation. Since 1991 Motivation has worked to improve the quality of life of disabled people in low-income countries or less resourced settings.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that approximately 65 million people worldwide require a wheelchair to be mobile. Of this figure, 20 million still do not have one.

By focusing its work on four main areas, economic empowerment; rights, capacity building and product & service provision, Motivation aims to positively impact on the physical, social and economic situation of disabled people, resulting in greater integration into the community and an increased quality of life.

To date, Motivation's programmes have taken place in Central America, East and Central Europe, South East Asia, the Indian Sub-continent and East and Southern Africa. Motivation has worked in over 30 different countries worldwide; however the need for support is continually presented through requests for assistance from individual wheelchair users, disabled people's organisations and government bodies and through testimonies from our partner organisations.



**Family by Lake, Sri Lanka:** "Motivation in Sri Lanka. Motivation aims to improve the quality of life of wheelchair users in developing countries".



**Lucia Shayo, Tanzania:** "Motivation in Africa. Motivation designs and builds appropriate wheelchairs for disabled people in developing countries".

**DOUGLAS BADER FOUNDATION** opened the first overseas Bader Walking School in 2005 within the grounds of the University Medical Malaya University in Kuala Lumpur.

We were able to restore and upgrade an existing area within UMMC - a far cheaper option than creating a new site.

Our Inspiration came from the Bader Walking School created within our own Bader Centre at Queen Mary's Roehampton and primarily by the Rehabilitation team there – we wanted to spread their philosophy and approach!

The Medical Rehabilitation Unit manages 50,000 patients a year with a workload of 151,000 patient treatments. More than half of them can benefit from activities in the Walking School.

The Bader Walking School was funded by HSBC Bank Malaysia. It will make a difference to the lives of these patients, as they are now able to access quality care with state-of-the-art facilities.

