Sushmarani can now play with her schoolmates

**Mainstreaming disability: HIV & AIDS**

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Mainstreaming disability in HIV & AIDS policies and service programmes in Mozambique

Only months after the launch of DDP’s 4-year programme, Integração, with two Mozambican partners – the Associação de Deficientes de Mocambique (ADEMO) and Miracles in Mozambique (MIM) - the leader of MIM died (last year’s review was dedicated to him), and then ill-health incapacitated the programme manager. The fragility of life in general, and of disabled people’s in particular, was never more starkly highlighted.

Despite these major setbacks, the programme has gone forward successfully into its second year. The first major milestone, and a direct result of ADEMO’s successful national lobbying, is the inclusion of the needs of disabled people in the Mozambican government’s new HIV & AIDS Strategic Plan.

Progress in other areas includes training 78 disabled people as ‘trainers of trainers’ to mainstream disability in HIV & AIDS service organisations’ programmes; producing an HIV & AIDS information brochure; translating an inclusion training manual into Braille, and building strong contacts with 44 mainstream agencies involved in HIV & AIDS service delivery and projects in Mozambique.

Integração has involved strategic policy-influencing work and the tangible benefits to individuals will be seen only in the longer term, but for now it is a real investment in the future of disabled people who are so often marginalised.

(Funded by the BIG Lottery Fund)

Another interview for Farida Gulamo – Integração’s advocacy leader

Enterprise investment in Cape Verde

DDP’s first project in partnership with the Association of Cape Verde Disabled (ACD) – the archipelago’s main organization of disabled people - got off to an encouraging start. Four new candle-makers, all of them disabled women, were taken on and trained up, and a successful exhibition and sale of their hand-crafted festive candles was held. The project has also led to a long term strategic investment from a US foundation in this disabled people’s social enterprise.

(Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission)
Making ADEMO’s Maputo offices more accessible

By building ramped access to the first floor, improving the toilets and renovating spare rooms as offices for rental, this capital investment project will help make our local partner’s headquarters building more accessible and usable by disabled people – their members – while also generating income for the organisation and its social programmes.

(Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission)

Livelihood Opportunities for disabled people in Mozambique

This 3-year project aims to increase economic security among disabled people in Maputo and Sofala provinces, Mozambique through skills training and income generation. Beneficiaries – all disabled people - have been identified and the first group has now completed skills training through the government’s mainstream skills training programme, while 84 disabled people are already running their own enterprises, including raising chickens and setting up a wheelchair repair workshop.

(Funded by Medicor Foundation)
Children’s education is everybody’s business in Chamrajnagar

When our 5-year Education and Livelihood Opportunities programme with Mobility India began in 76 villages in Chamrajnagar, rural Karnataka, there was little local knowledge of disability or rehabilitation services; less acceptance that education for disabled children was a good idea; and no community mobilisation to support such ideas. Over 4 years the project has brought many changes - the challenge now is to sustain these through community ownership. (Funded by the BIG Lottery Fund)

Major achievements in the 4th year include:

- 5400 people directly benefited from the programme this year
- 8 Self Help Group (SHG) collectives formed an umbrella federation as a vehicle for future community ownership
- 7 new auto-rickshaws operated to generate income for the SHGs
- 10 SHG members have been elected to village councils
- Every child in the 76 villages is in education, with no drop outs. A special enrolment camp ensured 100% school enrolment
- All 256 teachers are involved, teacher attendance is over 95% and 5 schools are now models of physical accessibility
- 193 disabled kids have bank savings accounts
- 35 disabled children learned pottery skills (a potential livelihood) in this year’s children’s summer camp
- Children’s voices are being heard through their own councils – taking village adults to task for littering; demanding better school toilets and water.
- SHG members organised and led a 2500-strong rally on International Disability Day to celebrate ELO and call for its continuation.

These gains have been underpinned by basic health services for disabled and all children, including dentistry, vision and hearing camps and speech therapy.

Physical rehabilitation services provided through the now completed 3-year ELO rehabilitation project (funded by Medicor Foundation) directly benefited 1688 disabled children and adults. Technicians recruited from ELO project areas and trained at MI now continue to provide much-needed rehabilitation services from the project’s workshop and a mobile service has been set up to ensure that all disabled children and adults can access services which are a lifelong need.
Against a background of constant political change, frequent mass strikes, rising prices and unpredictable power outages affecting the entire country, the first year of our 5 year programme with Disabled Human Rights Centre – Nepal (DHRC-Nepal) has been a challenging but positive experience.

With DDP’s strategic and technical support DHRC-Nepal’s team of disabled campaigners, journalists, actors, students and lawyers can now intensify their work to bring the disability rights and inclusion message to communities right across Nepal, from the terai to the mountains, through weekly radio broadcasts, street theatre and their monthly magazine ‘Disability Voice’. During this first year they started making TV jingles and programmes and planning a small radio studio for the growing media team.

Individual cases of abuse of disabled people - ranging from denial of access to education and basic property rights to physical abuse and rape – have been taken up by DHRC’s public interest litigation volunteer team of lawyers.

DHRC is tackling the wider policy issues through continued lobbying for the inclusion of disabled people’s rights and needs in Nepal’s new constitution – still very much a work in progress, due to the constant power re-alignments in this fledgling democracy.

The programme has also enabled DDP to develop other projects with DHRC-Nepal and their local partners, which include support for local community based organisations of disabled people; protecting disabled children and young people against abuse; and plans to set up DHRC-Nepal’s own inclusive theatre in Kathmandu to generate income as well as creating awareness of disabled people’s situations, their capabilities and their rights. 

(Funded by DFID)

DHRC Nepal Rehabilitation Fund

More than 70% of DHRC’s 20-strong team are disabled and use various types of mobility equipment, including prosthetic limbs, callipers and wheelchairs. To keep up their new pace of work, which involves extensive travel in difficult terrain as well as the daily rigours of living and working in Nepal’s crowded capital, Kathmandu, their rehabilitation needs must be met. However, good quality services are limited or simply unaffordable in Nepal.

DDP’s new Rehabilitation Fund has already helped to buy a replacement wheelchair for Dipendra, DHRC’s most severely disabled management board member, and provided vital prosthetic foot repairs for its Director, Maheshwar, this year. We are very grateful to the DDP friends and supporters who made this possible.
Rehabilitation services and training

- We helped our partners Kiran Society in Uttar Pradesh to complete their new training and resource centre which offers government recognised special education and rehabilitation therapy courses, by equipping and furnishing a new 24-bed hostel for girls.

  *(Funded by Charles Hayward Foundation)*

- A small new orthopaedic workshop where trained technicians provide a range of mobility aids, appliances and therapy has already helped 379 disabled children and adults in 120 villages in Andhra Pradesh in the Milita project with the Timbaktu Collective. Services now continue, sup-

  *(Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission)*

- We dedicate this report to Stuart Andrews who died on 28th July of heart failure. He was a DDP Trustee for nearly 14 years and last year was elected to chair the board. He was hugely generous, helpful, funny and kind. He gave his time and resources freely to DDP and to anyone who was in need. Stuart was a barrister and a lecturer at the London School of Economics and Queen Mary College. His death is a huge loss to DDP and we miss him very much. We send our deepest condolences to Finola his wife and his daughter Siubhan.

  *In Memory of Stuart Anthony Andrews LLB (1963 -2010)*

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**Andhra Pradesh flood aid**

500 of the poorest families with disabled and disadvantaged family members in villages badly affected by last autumn’s severe flooding in AP State received basic aid (including food, clothing and cooking utensils) from Brethren Institute for Rural Development, thanks to an emergency grant from JOAC.
**Burundi Deaf Aid**

In April 2007 a group of deaf people from the African Diaspora approached DDP for help to set up as a charity. Their leader Chris Kubwimana, a deaf Burundian who settled in Britain from a refugee camp in Kenya to which he had been displaced by war, was keenly aware of how little there was to help deaf children in Burundi and other African countries. His response was to set up Aurora Deaf Aid Africa (ADAA) to create deaf awareness, education and opportunities for deaf children and young people in Africa.

We are working together to develop practical plans to support deaf children’s education and communication needs in Burundi, a small, poor and often-overlooked country recovering from a 10-year civil war. Burundi was hard hit by the loss of skilled and educated people in the war and services for disabled and deaf people are inadequate. There are only 2 sign language interpreters for the whole country and deaf children have little hope of gaining proper communication skills, and education, or livelihoods when they grow older.

**Education and livelihood opportunities for girls and women, including disabled children, Ethiopia**

For over 5 years we have been building our partnership in Ethiopia with Handicap National – Action for Children with Disability (HN-ACD), supporting their small Addis Ababa rehabilitation workshop, networking them with our partner Mobility India and trialling lightweight calliper components we developed in India.

Now DDP will help HN-ACD tackle the interconnected problems of education, poverty and disability through a major 5-year programme to improve opportunities for education for girls and all disabled and disadvantaged children living in 12 kebeles of Tulla sub city in Hawassa in the south of Ethiopia.

*(Funded by Comic Relief)*
THANK YOU to everyone who has given money, time, help or support to DDP over the past year. You are too many to list separately, but we are very grateful to you all. Particular thanks go to:

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