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Education is a gateway out of poverty – a gateway denied to many disabled and disadvantaged children. Our Education and Livelihood Opportunities (ELO) programme supports India’s ‘Education for All’ policy (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), by addressing the gap between that policy’s excellent principles and their implementation, recognising that teachers need more classroom skills and materials to deliver quality teaching and a greater awareness of the needs of disabled children for education to be truly inclusive.

Working with our partner Mobility India in Chamrajnagar, a rural district of Karnataka State, ELO is now building a grand coalition of children, parents, teachers, community, educational and local government groups to bridge that gap through a multi-layered and whole community approach.

ELO’s key achievements in its 3rd year:
• Raising children’s educational achievement with 40 Community Education Centres attended by 1200 children every day, taught by specially trained tutors.
• A children’s summer camp without barriers where 130 kids had 4 whole days to dream and play together, away from their homes and parents. Disabled girls and boys mingled with non-disabled children; girls outnumbered boys; and caste barriers were forgotten.
• 1278 parents of disabled children and disabled adults formed 90 self help groups in 76 villages in the project area, benefiting over 7000 family members. They saved over £12,000 and lent as much to their members to set up small businesses. Their excellent loans return rate helped persuade local banks to start lending to disabled entrepreneurs – to the tune of 1.4million rupees (£18,000) this year. (funded by BIG Lottery Fund)

Rehabilitation services – looking ahead

From the start of the ELO programme, disabled children and adults in Chamrajnagar received rehabilitation and follow up services from Mobility India’s mobile team, supplemented by the programme’s local team. (funded by Medicor Foundation)

Without this support, children who are disabled are unlikely to be able to go school and disabled adults struggle to earn a living.

Our long term objective is to sustain these rehabilitation services as well as all ELO activities for future generations, by helping the communities in Chamrajnagar to set up and run their own resource and rehabilitation centre.
Technical R and D – Ankle Joint

DDP’s technical research continued with a three-way collaboration between DDP, Mobility India and orthotics professionals from Sweden leading to the successful development of a new ankle joint for the calliper components (PFKAFO) we have trialled in Ethiopia and India and a hands-on demonstration workshop for technicians from other African countries at Tanzania’s renowned Orthopedic Training Centre (TATCOT). (*funded by Guernsey Overseas Aid*)

Training rehabilitation professionals

We continue to support training in prosthetics, orthotics and rehabilitation therapy skills at Mobility India’s training and resource centre in Bangalore. This year we enabled 18 trainees from 11 DDP partners in 4 countries to start 6-18 month long courses, after which they will return to their local communities to provide much needed rehabilitation services, armed with an internationally recognised skills qualification. MI also launched a new degree level course in prosthetics with the Sanjay Gandhi University of Health Sciences. (*Partners Training is supported through DDP’s main programmes, but was also funded last year by Arcaid Trust and the Isle of Man Overseas Aid Committee.*)

Hands on calliper workshop, Tanzania (*above*)

Supplementary school in Debrezeit run by DDP’s Ethiopian partner Handicap National-Action for Children with Disabilities (*below*)

After school fun at the Community Education Centre (*below*)
As DDP’s programme in Angola draws to a close we have developed new programmes with partners in Mozambique and Cape Verde.

Disability and HIV & AIDS in Mozambique

Integração – inclusion and mainstreaming HIV & AIDS with 2 Mozambican partners; the Associação dos Deficientes de Moçambique (ADEMO – The Mozambican Association of Disabled People) and Miracles in Mozambique (MIM).

Over the next 4 years disabled people will be trained to work with mainstream HIV & AIDS service organisations to show them how to include disabled people in their programmes and to change attitudes among policy makers so that they recognise and address disabled people’s HIV & AIDS needs.

Through training and community awareness raising, we aim to lessen the vulnerability to HIV and impact of AIDS among 75% of the adult disabled population in Sofala and Maputo provinces and to benefit all Mozambique’s disabled people (estimated at 1.426 million) as the country’s next National AIDS Strategic Plan is implemented. (Funded by the BIG Lottery Fund)

Livelihood Opportunities for People with Disabilities (LOPD)

A new 3 year programme implemented by local partner ADEMO in Gaza and Sofala provinces of Mozambique started in January. 900 disabled people and their 4,000 family members will benefit from livelihood, enterprise and training opportunities to overcome poverty. (Funded by Medicor Foundation)
Enterprise Investment in Cape Verde is DDP’s first project partnership with the Association of Cape Verde Disabled (ACD) – the largest DPO representing disabled people’s aspirations. ACD will benefit from capital investment to expand their candle-making enterprise, providing jobs for 28 disabled people and generating profits to plough back into their social and rehabilitation programmes. (Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission)

We dedicate this report to Shareef Malundah, founder and executive director of Miracles in Mozambique, DDP’s partner on the Integração project to mainstream disability in HIV and AIDS, who passed away on 7th June 2009.

Mozambican disability activists at work (above)

Maria shows how candles are made (below)
In a country where 70% of disabled people receive no education and 95% are unemployed, the result is extreme poverty for disabled people and their families, upon whom the burden of care falls. When a group of young Nepalese disabled lawyers, journalists, actors and students first raised the issue of disability human rights in 2000, DHRC-Nepal was formed. This dynamic volunteer group developed a whole range of different ways to fight against discrimination, prejudice and exclusion – from street theatre, radio, television and their monthly magazine ‘Disability Voice’, to taking up cases of abuse and discrimination in the courts and building grassroots DPO capacity.

DHRC-Nepal’s activities sent the message about disability rights to communities in every part of Nepal, even during the conflict years. When Nepal’s absolute monarchy ended in 2008 and a democratic republic was declared, there was a once-in-a-generation chance to ensure that disabled people’s rights, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), are included in the new constitution and in other laws and policies now being reformed.

‘Disabled People’s Advocacy for Change’ – a DDP partnership with DHRC-Nepal

Last year, during Nepal’s momentous transformation into a democratic nation, we were able to develop a new programme together to provide the tools and knowledge to support disabled people to
change their lives for the better in Nepal’s new political climate of social inclusion and openness. DHRC-Nepal is now working with local disabled people’s organisations and their members in all parts of the country to inform, create awareness, influence policy and change legislation. The struggle to achieve full inclusion and rights for disabled people in Nepal will be a hard won battle and our programme seeks to inform, educate and advocate – for change. (Funded by DFID’s Civil Society Challenge Fund)

Combatting human rights abuses

Each week DHRC- Nepal receives urgent calls for help from all around the country from disabled people, in particular women and girls who are victims of physical or sexual abuse. They also receive reports of institutional neglect and apathy in hospitals, schools and at the workplace. DHRC-Nepal’s embryonic public interest litigation (PIL) unit, supported by pro bono lawyers, takes cases of individual abuse to the courts and publicises these widely to change people’s attitudes as well as to affect legislation. The fledgling PIL unit needs help to expand and to develop social and rescue services so that disabled people in abusive situations can be removed to a place of safety.
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We depend on you to continue our work: full details of how you can help are on our website. You can print off the donation form on our website, give online by credit card/CAF charity card or simply send a cheque (our address is below).

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And finally, if you would like to help DDP in any way, please call us on 020 7700 7298 or email mail@ddpweb.org

**DDP’s Income and Expenditure**

**Expenditure 2008–2009: £507,551**

- Programmes & Projects: £467,675 (92%)
- Management & Administration: £23,438 (5%)
- Fundraising & Publicity: £16,438 (3%)


- Grants: £525,816 (96%)
- Individual Donors: £14,041 (3%)
- Other (Interest): £5,449 (1%)

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