Côte d’Ivoire has signed and ratified various international instruments on the rights of persons with disabilities, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2014. In 2015, the government began to implement a universal health care program. Despite its recent economic growth and the existence of legislation for persons with disabilities, challenges remain, particularly in terms of access to employment and sports. A new national plan for disability-related matters is being developed by the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection, which will replace the previous plan covering the period 2013-2015.

In 2012, we started working with Vivre Debout (VDE), a local NGO located at the Yopougon University Hospital, to help it turn its main physical rehabilitation center in Abidjan into a national reference institution for the provision of physiotherapy services and the production of assistive devices. In 2018, we also supported VDE’s satellite center in Bouaké more closely.

**KEY FACTS & FIGURES - 2018**

- **Population:** 24,295,000
- **Persons with Disabilities:** N/A
- **Cause of Disabilities (Mobility, Self-Care, Vision):** Communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases; Non-communicable diseases; Injuries
- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD):** 2014
- **Human Development Index (HDI):** 169/188

**MoveAbility’s Partners in Côte d’Ivoire**

- Confédération des Organisations des Personnes Handicapées de la Côte d’Ivoire (COPHCI)
- Ministry of Health (MOH) & Ministry of Social Welfare and Development (MOSW)
- Prosthetist & Orthotist and physiotherapist Associations
- Centre de réadaptation physique Vivre Debout (VDE), Abidjan

*Presented in alphabetical order

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1. Source: World Bank data
2. Source: http://www.healthdata.org/cote-divoire
3. Ratification of the UNCRPD
DANGEROUS ROADS

Jacques Mambo Sonan, a 39-year-old Ivorian, was wounded after a tragic road accident, like 13,000 other persons on average per year in Côte d’Ivoire. Road accidents are a real plague, especially in low- and middle-income countries, where governments cannot invest in prevention campaigns and where police officers do not have enough resources to carry out the necessary controls. Many people die as a result of their injuries, or are left with disabilities, like Jacques.

In Côte d’Ivoire, access to physical rehabilitation services are limited, and not everyone in need is able to afford proper care. As Jacques points out in his account, the prices of assistive technologies and prostheses are too high for many Ivorians.

Jacques he had his accident in November 2016, while he and his colleague were riding his motorcycle to the primary school where he was teaching. As they were reaching an intersection, they were hit by a bus. While his colleague came out of the accident with minor injuries, Jacques had his leg amputated. It was a terrible shock for Jacques, who was used to being very active and independent. He could no longer work and got around with a walking stick. The possibility of getting a prosthesis was uncertain as they are very expensive. But Jacques, who was not the sort to give up, looked around for solutions. It was then that he heard about the NGO “Vivre Debout”.

Vivre Debout, which is supported by MoveAbility, is a physical rehabilitation center that provides special care for amputee patients. Many patients come from all over the country to be examined.

When he arrived at the rehabilitation center, Jacques was immediately taken care of by professionals who provided him with a prosthesis at a reasonable price. He also underwent physiotherapy to teach him how to move around with his new prosthesis. He was able to return home, resume his professional activity and live again as before his accident.

OUR APPROACH IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE

WORKING WITH THE AUTHORITIES AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS

MoveAbility will continue to engage the authorities, service providers and professional associations in strengthening Côte d’Ivoire’s physical rehabilitation sector. We will support the Ministry of Health (MOH) in creating a national platform and a plan of action addressing key issues of the sector such as budget allocation, applicability of universal health care and social protection mechanisms. We will also seek to implement the World Health Organization (WHO) rehabilitation support package to analyse the sector. With the authorities and other stakeholders, we will discuss the development of a new national rehabilitation strategic plan, following a review – using WHO guidelines – of the 2013–2015 version; our objectives will be aligned with the new plan.

SUSTAINING SUPPORT TO VDE

To help people with physical disabilities obtain the appropriate treatment, we will continue to support VDE, particularly in improving its service-delivery and management capacities. VDE will train and mentor physiotherapists and prosthetists/orthotists, produce assistive devices for patients, and by 2019, hire a physiotherapist with our support. MoveAbility will help them develop standardized protocols and adhere to best practices in management through the use of various tools, and by implementing the recommendations provided by an external evaluator in 2018.
MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL PLAN
Together with VDE, we met with the MOH to follow up on the creation of a national platform for physical rehabilitation sector and on the revision of the national plan developed in 2013.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
With our support, two VDE prosthetic and orthotic technicians continued their training for Category II certification, which will prepare them to work in the Bouaké center. Along with VDE and other organizations, we participated in the first national training event on movement therapy in 2018.

QUALITY OF SERVICES
Since 2017, we have conducted beneficiary-satisfaction surveys and technical assessments at VDE, to further support them in improving their services.

ACCESS TO SERVICES
We continued to support VDE’s main physical rehabilitation center in Abidjan – with the aim of turning the center into a national reference institution for the provision of physiotherapy services and the production of assistive devices – and its Bouaké center.

MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES
We helped VDE improve the management of their centers, for example by facilitating training sessions for their staff through the implementation of the Essential Management Package. SGS has carried out the NGO Benchmarking procedure in October 2018. The results and recommendations will be included in our next memorandum of understanding (MoU).

BENEFICIARY STATISTICS 2016–2018

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED SERVICES FROM OUR PARTNERS

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BREAKDOWN OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED SERVICES

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1 Services include: prosthetics and orthotics, physiotherapy, other rehabilitation services and consultations.

2 The final beneficiaries data as reported by the partners in the field.

As reported in October 2018, extrapolated to year end.
OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED IMPACT FOR 2019-2021

By the end of the reporting period covered by this document, in 2021, we aim to have contributed to the following objectives:

NATIONAL PLAN
- The national platform – created by the authorities and with a validated plan of action – is autonomous and meets regularly
- Following the implementation of the WHO rehabilitation support package the MOH takes appropriate steps to strengthen its efforts and policies in physical rehabilitation
- The government has finalized and validated a five-year national rehabilitation strategic plan – aligned with the WHO rehabilitation 2030 strategy

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- Prosthetic and orthotic personnel from Centre de réadaptation physique Vivre Debout (VDE) complete a three-year training course
- Professional associations of physiotherapists and of prosthetists/orthotists are accredited and financially autonomous; their members have access to opportunities to hone their skills

QUALITY OF SERVICES
- VDE enforces a multidisciplinary approach to providing services and is able to monitor its progress in improving the quality of such services
- VDE trains people working in the field of physical rehabilitation to provide good-quality services, particularly to vulnerable persons with physical disabilities

ACCESS TO SERVICES
- Vulnerable people with physical disabilities gain or maintain access to treatment and assistive devices at VDE, with help from local stakeholders

MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES
- At VDE, tools for ensuring the quality of services (e.g. EMSAT, BFTA, PTS and PTTA) and effective management (e.g. cost calculation, PMS, stock management) are rolled out by 2019
- The MOH is involved in the use and analysis of quality and management tools

1 The budget is indicative and is subject to income received.