Basic services in Somalia are severely lacking because of political instability, precarious security conditions, and climate shocks; the situation also makes it difficult for international organizations to deliver aid.

Since the late 1990s, we have been working with the Norwegian Red Cross (NorCross) to help physical rehabilitation centers run by the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) deal with, among others, the lack of supplies and qualified staff, and limited government assistance. We are currently supporting SRCS centers in Galkayo, Hargeisa and Mogadishu.

Somalia has signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on 2 October 2018.
THE THIRST OF LIFE

Maslah Mohamed, 22, is a bright and dynamic young man from Somalia. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in September 2018, plays football regularly and does photography and video at weddings in his spare time. At first glance, Maslah is a young man full of enthusiasm and energy, but what is so special about him is his boundless dynamism despite his disability. He underwent amputation below the right knee following a car accident. He was 12 years old when he had an accident on his way to school. He was seriously injured in his right leg and lost the use of it. He was amputated a year later at the Somali Red Crescent Society rehabilitation center in Mogadishu.

Losing this part of his body was very difficult to accept and radically changed his life. He had to learn to live differently but he managed to adapt to this new situation quickly, as he tells:

“I was well cared for at the rehabilitation center and once I had received my prosthesis, I was followed regularly to learn how to use it and how to move around with it. I quickly got back into sports and over time I reached the same level as my peers. Today I live as if I still had my leg. I do whatever I want and I don’t set any barriers for myself. If I had to take something out of this difficult experience, it’s that it gave me the thirst for life!”

OUR APPROACH IN SOMALIA

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER RELEVANT ACTORS

MoveAbility will continue to partner with the SRCS and NorCross to provide and develop physical rehabilitation services in Somalia. This tripartite agreement will enhance several aspects of assistance for people with physical disabilities: improving access to services and fostering social inclusion amid a fragile political and economic context. We will also pursue new partnerships with other organizations and seek support to enhance the physical rehabilitation sector in the country.
MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Somali students in physiotherapy, prosthetic and orthotic continued their studies abroad, with our support. Students taking a physiotherapy course in Rwanda also participated in a two-day gait training session at the University of Rwanda’s College of Medicine and Health Sciences (URCMHS).

QUALITY OF SERVICES
We have helped all three centers use patient management software to improve their data collection.

ACCESS TO SERVICES
MoveAbility monitored that the material support to the SRCS centers was properly allocated, and supported their procurement planning and monitoring their stock movement.

In line with this, we facilitated the annual orders for raw materials and wheelchairs for all three centers; the orders for this year were significantly higher than in 2017.

MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES
MoveAbility focused on providing technical expertise and logistical support to the centers, which contend with a lack of supplies and qualified staff, and limited government assistance. To help them carry out their work in spite of these constraints, we helped them organize management and organisation training for center staff, among other activities.

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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ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROVIDED BY OUR PARTNERS

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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.
3 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**
- National authorities analyze and, together with the National Society, publish verified nationwide statistics of rehabilitation services and needs in a centralized database
- An official national registry for health professionals includes the professions of orthotists, prosthetists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech therapist

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
- People working in the physical rehabilitation sector – such as physiotherapists, orthopedic technicians and other professionals – undertake further education and training to enhance their skills
- Students have access to scholarships that will allow them to build on their knowledge of physical rehabilitation services, enabling them to pursue careers in the field; a sustainable pool of professionals is established

**QUALITY OF SERVICES**
- Staff of Somali Disability Empowerment Network use the Essential Management Systems Assessment Tool (EMSAT) to enable them to provide an assessment of the three Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) physical rehabilitation centers
- The three SRCS centers carry out a self-assessment of the quality of their service provision based on client satisfaction data from a third of its service users. By 2020, these centers are implementing an action plan developed through the application of the EMSAT and analysis of low scoring systems.

**ACCESS TO SERVICES**
- MoveAbility continues working with the SRCS and Norwegian Red Cross (NorCross), and partners with new organizations such as MiracleFeet and Motivation, to broaden the availability of physical rehabilitation services for those in need
- Persons with disabilities are able to participate in sports and recreational activities through the cooperation of the SRCS center in Mogadishu with the Somali Paralympic Committee

**MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES**
- Staff from the three SRCS centres improve their ability to manage rehabilitation centres through training on the EMSAT. The Somali Disability Empowerment Network (SODEN) develop their capacity to carry out external management evaluations

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