THE ICRC MOVEABILITY FOUNDATION
STRENGTHENING PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

The ICRC MoveAbility Foundation is a Swiss development organization that aims to improve physical rehabilitation capacities in less-resourced countries. Our main goal is to develop, maintain and increase access to quality and sustainable physical rehabilitation services.

We also promote socio-economic integration for people living with disabilities, while still focusing on their initial needs in terms of physical rehabilitation.

OUR MISSION

The ICRC MoveAbility Foundation strengthens national capacity in less-resourced countries to remove barriers faced by persons with physical disabilities, by fostering sustainable, accessible and quality physical rehabilitation services and promoting inclusion.

Our activities are articulated around five Global Objectives:

1. improve or develop a sustainable national plan of the physical rehabilitation sector;
2. increase the knowledge and skills of the professionals through education and training;
3. good quality of physical rehabilitation services;
4. increase access for people with disabilities to services and facilitate their social inclusion;
5. strengthen the management systems of local organizations.

These objectives are continuously measured through indicators such as the results of the quality assessment of prosthetic and orthotic services and the impact of satisfaction of the services received. Our annual appeal outlines specifically the activities and indicators per global objective.

The unique approach of the ICRC MoveAbility Foundation centers on the establishment of a national platform in each country, which involves all national stakeholders and aims to strengthen its physical rehabilitation sector. MoveAbility does not replace national services but supports stakeholders in reinforcing their technical and management skills. Ultimately this will result in self-sufficiency and ownership of the national sector.

We advocate, coordinate and support the creation of the national platform to raise awareness on disability and rehabilitation issues. This platform is a unique way to involve all stakeholders and to ensure that physical rehabilitation is on the political agenda.

OUR VISION

Persons with physical disabilities develop their full potential in an inclusive society.
Today the MoveAbility Foundation is present in 14 countries. We will engage in a country when there is a demand, this can come from any stakeholder but the engagement of the national authorities is key.

When entering a country MoveAbility will commit longer-term support but with clear entry and exit criteria.

MoveAbility has long-standing experience in the sector, having worked in it since 1983; we are also aligned with the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

In 2018 MoveAbility is appealing for CHF 6,502,913 for its operations. We receive support from governments, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, private foundations and public sources. The International Committee of the Red Cross provides us with administrative, logistical and technical support (in the form of services).

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