



MOVING WITHOUT LIMITS

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Many people with disabilities in Vietnam depend on mobility solutions to carry out daily activities and participate actively and productively in community. According to the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, Vietnam has a great need for both prosthetic and orthotic services with about 94,000 orthotic devices need annually. The Moving Without Limits project aims to improve the mobility functions of persons with disabilities by providing assistive devices and insuring health practitioners and family member can properly maintain devices.

PROVIDES QUALITY, APPROPRIATE ASSISTIVE DEVICES

The project delivers direct and continuous support of assistive devices for people with mobility disability in Thua Thien-Hue and Quang Nam provinces. With appropriate devices and improved mobility, persons with mobility disabilities will have greater capacity for independent living and greater participation in the broader community.

CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

Through on-the-job training followed by continuous and supportive supervision by visits of national and international specialists, the project is improving the capacity of selected province-based practitioners and technicians. Health workers, doctors and technicians learn to identify mobility barriers, understand the purpose and function of devices, create assistive devices from simple local material, and the benefits of assistive intervention and management procedures. These workers will be better able to respond to local needs in device provision and management and impact on health outcomes for persons with mobility disabilities.

ASSISTIVE DEVICE SERVICES INFORMATION

The project engages organizations of persons with disabilities through regular meetings to share information on services, disability rights, and assistive devices. These meetings expand opportunities for organizations and individuals with disabilities to access better services for improved lives and health outcomes.

EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the project, it is expected that over 400 persons with disabilities will receive assistive devices and approximately 100 health workers, doctor and technicians will be trained to assess needs, provide and maintain devices.

In the photo: A child uses an assistive device to improve mobility. (VVAF)