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**COUNTRY:** India

## **REGION**

- Bangalore, Karnataka State, south-west India
- Vellore, Tamil Nadu State, south-west India

## **PROBLEM**

While India has achieved real development in some fields, its huge population is a challenge and vast numbers of people still live in poverty. The poor are particularly vulnerable, especially if they are also physically handicapped. They are excluded from society in general and from work in particular, surviving mainly by begging.

## **PURPOSE OF THE ACTION**

The action aims to restore mobility to handicapped people, as a means of enabling them to rejoin society and participate in economic activity. They will be able to use the services of local rehabilitation centres, comprising physiotherapy and the provision of artificial limbs and orthotic devices. The appliances will be maintained and replaced throughout the lifetime of the user.

Specifically, the action will:

- provide physically handicapped people in the Bangalore and Vellore areas with rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy and artificial limbs or orthotic devices;
- ensure that the appliances provided are maintained and replaced, both now and in the future;
- maintain and improve the quality of patient care in the centres at Bangalore and Vellore;
- help people with disabilities to rejoin society and earn a living;
- support the training of Indian ortho-prosthetists to international standards;
- ensure that the centres in Bangalore and Vellore can continue to operate long-term.

The training of specialists will create employment, while restoring mobility will allow large numbers of severely deprived people to rejoin society and earn a living; in other words, this project includes a development element.

## **WHO WILL BENEFIT?**

Bangalore - Each year:

- approximately 200 handicapped people will be equipped with an artificial limb or an orthotic device; 20 students will follow training courses and receive training materials.

Vellore - Each year:

- approximately 200 handicapped people will be equipped with an artificial limb or an orthotic device; 10 students will follow training courses and receive training materials.

## **DURATION OF THE PROJECT**

DonationPixel intends to support this project for three years. At the end of that period, the ICRC's Special Fund for the Disabled (SFD) will continue the support activities if necessary, to capitalize on the skills acquired by the prosthetists who have undergone training through the project.

**AMOUNT REQUIRED:**

**US\$ 190'000**

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