



WORLD REHABILITATION FUND

Annual Report 2015



Transforming Disability into Possibility



Introduction

Over the past six decades, the **World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF)** has worked in more than 150 countries and impacted the lives of more than four million people. Today, WRF continues its work to transform disability into possibility to ensure that all people, regardless of disability, have the right to participate fully in their communities, and to attain education and viable employment. This annual report provides a summary of WRF's work and impact in the past year in Lebanon, Cambodia, Haiti, the Philippines and Pakistan. It is our hope that together we can continue our work and expand these life-changing, innovative and transformative programs, ultimately improving the lives of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable communities around the world. We look forward to working with you in 2016 as we continue our efforts to transform disability into possibility. Thank you for joining us.



WRF's 60th Anniversary

In 2015, WRF celebrated sixty years of service and commitment to ensuring that vulnerable communities, especially persons with disabilities, are able to participate fully in their communities, and to attain education and viable employment. To mark this important milestone, on Monday, December 7th, WRF celebrated our 60th anniversary by awarding the 2015 Dr. Howard A. Rusk Humanitarian Award to Dr. John E. Sarno and Dr. Martha Taylor Sarno for their significant contributions to rehabilitation and their tireless efforts to transform disability into possibility.



Disabled by a landmine, this artisan has been a member of WRF's Artisan Association of Cambodia for many years. As a result of his training and support from WRF, today he earns a living wage and proudly displays the sewing machine where he creates handicrafts at Rehab Craft, an AAC member organization run by and for Cambodians with disabilities.

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Lebanon



Over the years, WRF Lebanon has transformed the lives of many thousands of persons with disabilities, implementing a wide range of rehabilitation programs to meet expanding needs, including the needs of landmine survivors and victims of war. As the crisis in Syria continues, WRF Lebanon focuses on the urgent needs

of refugees from Syria and their peers in Lebanese host communities.

Over 3 million refugees from Syria have fled to neighboring countries, around half of them to Lebanon. WRF Lebanon has contributed to the international efforts to address critical needs through its **Emergency Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities among Refugees in Syria and in Lebanese Host Communities** with support from the United Nations. In 2014, the program provided 153 prosthetic and 225 orthotic devices and rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities, particularly those with new war injuries. In addition, WRF and its partners provided 185 hearing aids, and 290 prescription eyeglasses to children with visual and hearing impairments among refugees from Syria and within the Lebanese host communities. In 2015, WRF continued its work providing prosthetic and orthotic devices and rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities.

In addition, WRF-Lebanon held coordination meetings to advocate for rights and needs of persons with disabilities among refugees through the **Disability and Older Age Working Group** formed in 2013 among local and international humanitarian agencies.

Impact:

- ✓ In 2015, WRF provided 54 persons with disabilities with rehabilitation services, hearing aids, and/or prescription eyeglasses
- ✓ All project beneficiaries and their families received information, training and technical guidance on how to deal with their disabilities and access available rehabilitation services

Cambodia

In Cambodia, WRF through Artisans Association of Cambodia (AAC) is enabling the nation's most vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, women, single parents, migrants, and vulnerable youth to achieve socio-economic independence.

The AAC provides training and technical assistance and other services to 45 of its member social enterprise groups. Through strengthening its member organizations, increasing quality of their products and sales, and advocating on their behalf, AAC enables higher wages and better working conditions for their employees - the artisans from vulnerable populations.



AAC is a fair trade association and is a member of World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) Asia, HomeNet South East Asia, and Cambodia National Silk Board. To learn more, visit www.aac.org.kh.

Impact:

- ✓ AAC membership grew from original 4 groups to 45 organizations
- ✓ AAC member organizations employ more than 2,700 artisans from vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities; 73% of all beneficiaries are women
- ✓ Over 57% of the social enterprises are managed by women
- ✓ Last year, the total sales of AAC members were approximately \$2,800,000
- ✓ Products of AAC members groups are sold in USA, UK, Netherlands, France, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, Canada, South Korea, Finland, and Cambodia

Haiti

WRF collaborates with New Jersey-Haiti Partners of the Americas and with Dr. Josie Stein, scientist and musician, to support an innovative music education program at Ecole St. Vincent School for children with physical disabilities in Port-Au-Prince. **"Music for Haiti"** collects and provides musical instruments and music supplies to the students of the school.



Impact:

- ✓ So far, over 32 instruments have been donated and shipped to the school
- ✓ Critically needed funds supported the salaries of music teachers and the purchase of a new full size keyboard
- ✓ St. Vincent serves 450 children with the variety of physical disabilities



WRF also partnered with Prostheti-Ka Inc. on Prosthetics and Orthotics Project at Hospital Adventiste D'Haiti, in Port-au-Prince. The project produced and fit free-of-charge artificial limbs and braces for persons with disabilities. In addition, the project provided materials and supplies, and state-of-the-art training to four Haitian technicians.

Impact:

- ✓ The Prosthetics and Orthotics Project successfully served 1,260 persons with disabilities while training Haitians in P & O techniques so that rehabilitation services can be provided by Haitians themselves

Philippines



In response to Typhoon Haiyan, WRF re-initiated program activities in the Philippines. Partnering with the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (PARM), WRF provided Rehabilitation Medicine Supplies and Equipment to three hospitals in need of assistance in the Tacloban region, most affected by the storm. These are the Remedios T. Romualdez Medical Center, the major teaching hospital in the area, Divine Word Hospital, a large private facility, and Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center, a public hospital. In 2015, WRF continued to work in collaboration with our local partners and support rehabilitation efforts in the Tacloban region.

Impact:

- ✓ Rehabilitation materials and equipment delivered to three hospitals in Tacloban
- ✓ New rehabilitation units in the three hospitals opened in October 2014
- ✓ 1,800 outpatients and 2,300 inpatients were served by the hospitals since WRF's rehabilitation equipment was received

Pakistan

WRF continues its partnership with the **Pakistan Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PSRD)** and the American Friends of PSRD. This year, WRF supported the renovation of the Disabled Orthopaedic Hospital and the outreach project in the Burki slum area of Lahore, which provides

disability services, as well as counseling in reproductive health, nutrition and hygiene to children and mothers.



Impact:

- ✓ Approximately 2,500 persons with disabilities from Lahore and the surrounding area are served at PSRD annually
- ✓ In 2015, the Burki Project for Maternal and Child Health treated 121 children and served 70 women

2015 Short Term Projects

Ukraine

In Ukraine, WRF in collaboration with the Canada Ukraine Foundation and three other organization initiated the Ukraine Prosthetics Assistance Project. Through this project, six persons with disabilities received services and twelve Prosthetics & Orthotics professionals received training in upper and lower extremely prosthetics.

Ecuador

In Ecuador, WRF and its partner, ProsthetiKa Inc., provided state-of-the-art training to two Prosthetics & Orthotics professionals. Each month, they fit 35 patients with orthotic and prosthetic devices.





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Since its inception in 1955, The World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF), an international non-governmental organization giving help and hope to people around the world, has helped to serve more than 4 million persons with disabilities in over 150 countries. In the wake of conflict and natural disasters, WRF has trained more than 2,000 rehabilitation professionals and established critically-needed rehabilitation services in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

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