



**Government of Mozambique**

**Ministry Of Health**

**Assistance of Disabled People and Land Mine  
Victims**

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The Mozambique goals for supporting people with disability are:

- To secure the principle of equal rights and opportunity.
- To promote the full participation, equality and empowerment.

# Mozambique Action Plan Strategy for People with Disability

- In 2006, was approved by the Council of Ministers, with the objective:
- Improving coordination and complementarity of the efforts in the assistance process to the people with disability,
- To sharing of information on actions carried out by the government institutions and national and international civil society organizations.

# The Challenges

- The lack of official data regarding the number of people with disability.
- Insufficient coordination among the different sectors on data collection.

# Coordination

- Inter-sectorial Technical Group for National Plan Implementation was created in September 2007 composed of various ministries:
- Including Woman and of Social Action, Health, Labour, Education and Culture and the civil society organization.

# The group is responsible

- For monitoring the implementation of the plan by all stakeholders.
- To elaborated the draft of the National Council on Disability and the first report of implementation National Plan of Action on Disability.

# Basic Education for Disabled People.

- In 2007 approximately 89,125 students with special learning:
- Primary Education - 3,560 women;
- Secondary Education - 36 students with sight difficulties attended, 5 women;
- High Education - 17 students with visual difficulties attended, 4 women.

# Teacher trained on the disability curriculum

- 3,127 Teachers (1,250 are women) trained on strategies and methodologies, teaching children, youth and adults with special education needs;
- 328 teachers (131 are women) trained in sign language.
- 258 teachers (103 are women) trained in Braille system.

# Vocational and professional training for disabled people.

- Courses were carried out for 441 youths with disabilities, countrywide.
- In the following areas:  
of tailors, black smith, electricity, bicycle repairing, refrigeration, management of small businesses, craftsmanship, mechanic, shoe making, carpentry and brick making.

# Vocational and professional training for disabled people.

- Vocational orientation and promotion of employment 180 disabled people (144 men and 36 women);
- In 2007, 86 disabled people 38 men and 48 women total 263.

# Socio-Economic Reintegration

- Income generation opportunities for 129 disabled people (107 men and 22 women);
- Integrated in social grants programme 6,034 disabled people (2,361 men and 3,245 women);
- Community Development programmes were carried out through 280 projects and benefited 561,335 disabled people.

# **Medical services, rehabilitation and family support**

- Sensitization of community leaders, and health staff at various levels;
- Physical rehabilitation services;
- Post-traumatic patients with deformities and other disabilities for early treatment to reduce the consequences.

# Medical services, rehabilitation and family support

In 2007- Physical rehabilitation reached 8,036 patients. 3,500 received services for the first time.

Out of which, 85 were mines survivors;

5,082 Orthopaedic appliances were produced and 1,849 were repaired (prostheses, orthoses, walking aids and compensations);

In 2008, 48 mines survivors received prosthesis, 2 are children.

# **Medical services, rehabilitation and family support**

- 663 were treated in speech therapy.
- 1,022 audiometry were made in the program of Otorhinolaryngology.

# Public Health Services

- **Orthopedic Centers**
- Mozambique has 10 Orthopaedic centers, one in each province, except Manica province.
- **Physiotherapy**
- Physiotherapy is integrated component within central Hospitals, provincial, district and rural Hospitals.

# Human Resources

- The Physical Rehabilitation medicine is divided into Ortho-Prosthetics and Physiotherapies, in different centers countrywide, as follows:
- 2 prosthetist-orthotists, ISPO category I
- 1 advanced diploma technician;
- 13 Orthopedics technologists;
- 23 technicians.

# Human Resources

- **Physiotherapy** distributed according to demographic density and needs:
- 3 Medical Doctors specialized in Physiotherapy;
- 93 diplomas;
- 66 technicians.

# Training on Rehabilitation Medicine

- 2007-08 two upgrading diploma courses in Physio and Ortho-prosthetic;
- 7 Orthopaedic technologists;
- 27 physio technicians.
- The training curricula include 5% of students with disabilities.

# Training in 2008 to 2011

- Three courses are underway - two Diploma courses in physio, number of 57 students.
- Degree course in Physio at the High Learning Institute of health sciences in Maputo.
- 24 Orthopaedic technicians at the Institute of health sciences in Maputo.

# Future Perspective

- The objectives for 2009:
- Enhance efforts on integration of “disability” into the teachers training curricula;
- Increase of qualified professionals from health, education and others public sector workers;
- Service assistance using sign language;
- Increase the access of people with disability within the public sector employment.
- Systematic data collection and analysis

Thank you  
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