The Need

- P&O services in a stagnant or declining state in low-income countries
- A lack of substantial coordination, cooperation and long-term planning among the key international non-governmental organizations that are the main supporters of P&O services in low-income countries

The Response:

P&O Common Approach

- In 2003, in the margins of the Mine Ban Treaty meetings, a small group of organizations initiated a discussion to address this need
- A preliminary draft document was prepared after extensive review of literature and studies related to P&O, which was submitted to a larger group
- A new draft was subsequently reviewed by an even larger group (35 organizations and agencies)

The Response:

P&O Common Approach

- In June 2004, after a two-day meeting the draft document was divided into two:
  - The Programme Guide: dealing with issues that are of importance for any local P&O programme
  - The Project Guide: dealing with supporting organizations’ projects
The Programme Guide

- Presents topics on which consensus has been reached
- Presents ideals that a P&O programme can strive to achieve
- Does not claim to be complete
- Is a working document that could incorporate more evidence-based sections in time

The Programme Guide

- Builds on the following principles:
  - The full and effective participation and inclusion in society by persons with disabilities (a basic right)
  - Close cooperation with other rehabilitation services in an integrated, holistic approach to disability
  - The service user is at the centre of the decision-making process
  - Access to P&O devices of acceptable quality by the maximum number of people

The Programme Guide

- How it can be used:
  - as a reference for planning, implementing and evaluation work
  - when setting goals and defining strategies
  - in the training of staff, in particular at management level
  - as a tool for discussions and planning with government and other collaborating partners
  - in contacts with donors
  - as a lobbying tool

The Project Guide

- Presents topics on which consensus has been reached
- Acknowledge that mandates, viewpoints and scopes of work vary among organizations
- Presents ideals that a P&O project can strive to achieve
- Focuses on the field of P&O, but may be of interest to other sectors
- Is a working document that could incorporate more evidence-based sections in time
### The Project Guide

**Builds on the following principles:**
- Sustainable local programmes
- Close collaboration with local counterparts
- Understanding projects through the perspective of the local programme
- Building on national plans and infrastructure
- Working with governments to advance disability rights
- International cooperation

### The Project Guide

**How it can be used:**
- as a guideline and checklist for planning, implementing and evaluating P&O projects
- as a reference when preparing internal guidelines for project implementation
- as a reference for discussions and collaboration with local counterparts, governments and collaborating partners
- in the training of project staff and P&O students
- as a guide for identifying research areas and conducting research
- as a reference in discussions with donors
- as a lobbying tool

### P&O Common Approach

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