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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 complimentarily 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 elaborate 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 eudiometry were made in the program of Otorynolaringology.
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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