



Learning, Acting, & Building for Rehabilitation in Health Systems

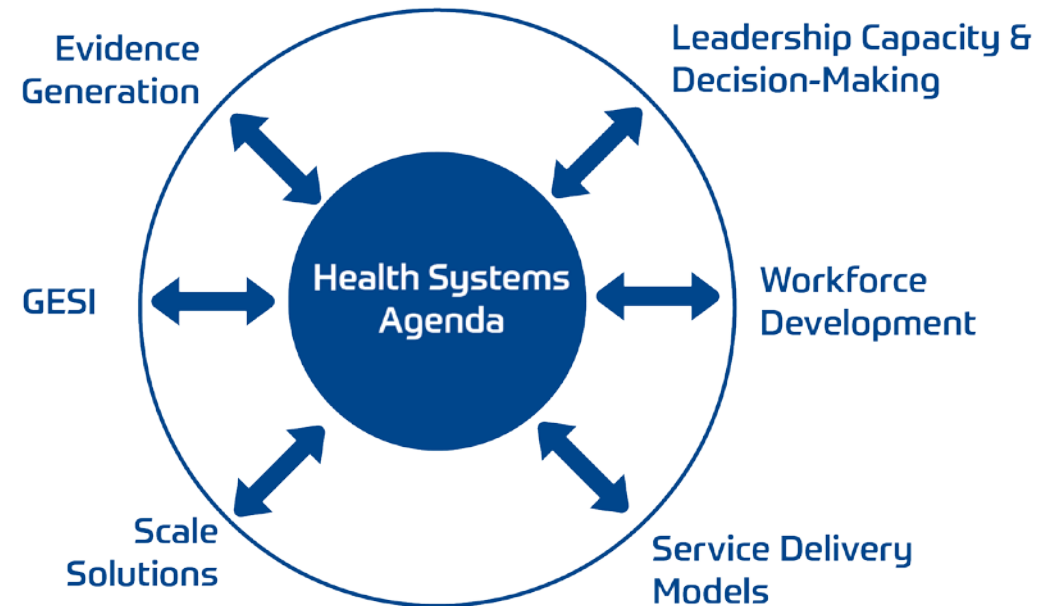
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What are we aiming for?

Our goals and objectives

To contribute to global efforts to **strengthen rehabilitation in health systems** and support the development of health systems that are **inclusive of rehabilitation care** including **assistive technology**.

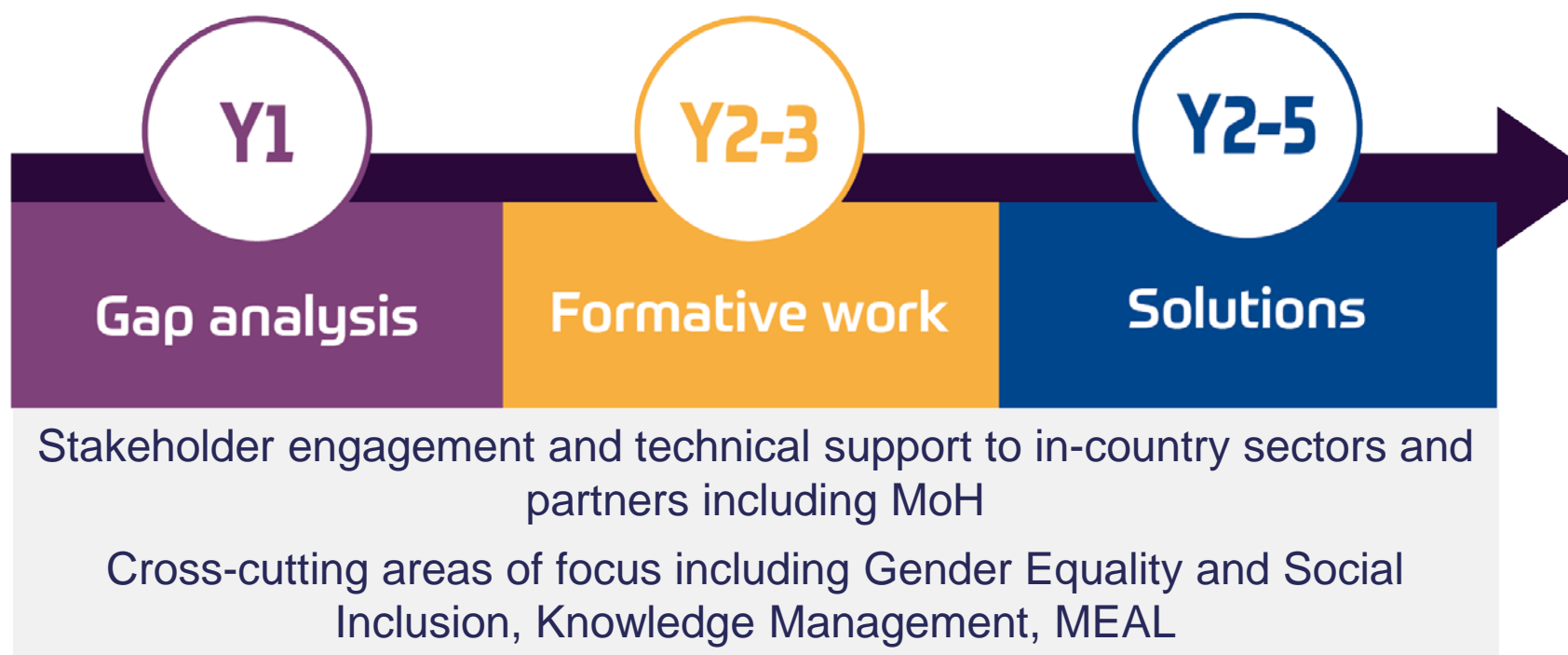


Where are we working?

Country Programs



What is our implementation approach?



How can we overcome challenges in the integration of rehabilitation into health systems?

ReLAB-HS takes a holistic approach to integration, with interventions targeted at each of the six health systems building blocks

What steps must be taken to assess the status of rehabilitation in affected countries?

ReLAB-HS is supporting countries to carry out, disseminate results of, and act on key assessments:

- STARS
- rATA
- ATA-C
- GROWE

How can cooperation and assistance be strengthened to improve rehabilitation services in mine affected countries, and in particular, in rural and remote areas? How do we improve accessibility and affordability?

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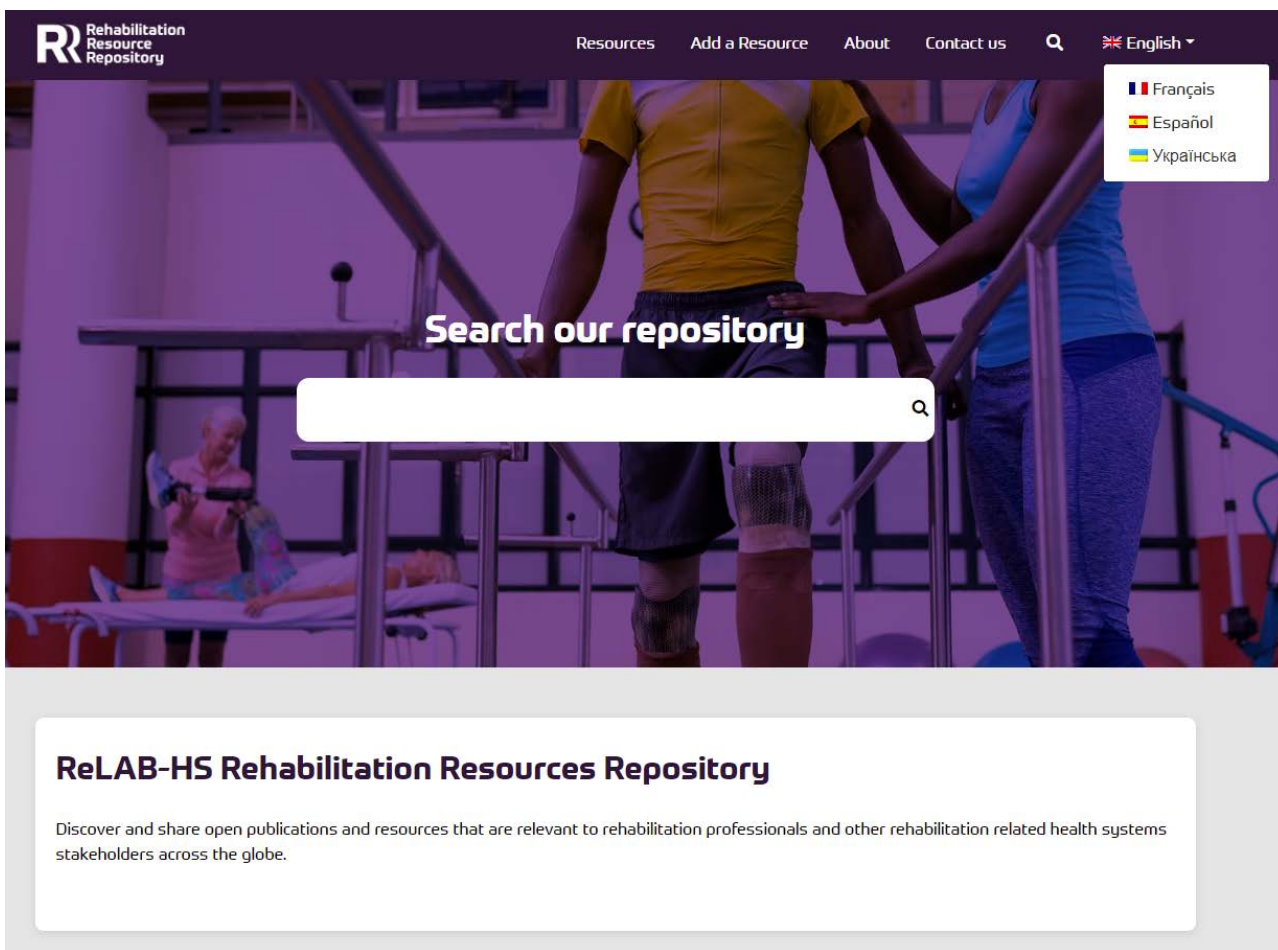
- Engaging with the full spectrum of stakeholders to develop context appropriate solutions
- Integrating rehabilitation and assistive technology services into networks of care at all levels of the health system, starting with communities, including in rural contexts
- Developing telerehabilitation technology that can be integrated in service delivery models
- Analyzing costs and financing options for rehabilitation services to inform local and national decision-making

What are the challenges in acquiring assistive products in a sustainable manner? How can we ensure availability, accessibility and affordability of assistive technology?

- ReLAB-HS is conducting assistive technology journey mapping and market research to inform creation of locally owned AT hubs within networks of care
- We will also foster local solutions to these challenges through accelerator grants with catalytic seed funding and technical assistance to local innovators and entrepreneurs in the rehabilitation and assistive technology space.

Rehabilitation is often considered ‘*a luxury and non-essential health service*’ and a service that is ‘*only for persons with disabilities/mine survivors*’. How do we address these myths about rehabilitation?

- Anybody may need rehabilitation at some point in their lives, because of conditions present at birth, injury, surgery, disease, illness, or because their functioning has declined with age.
- ReLAB-HS is working with end users and people with rehabilitation needs, including persons with disabilities, along with rehabilitation professionals, to co-develop solutions to strengthen health systems



Achievements to date

- **Successful engagement with key stakeholders**, yielding better collaboration and capacity building
- **Launched the ReLAB-HS Resource Repository**, making available current, evidence-based resources to health care professionals to strengthen services
- **Launched annual Massive Open Online Course**, equipping health care professionals with comprehensive knowledge of rehabilitation
- **Advancing the blueprint for Global Rehabilitation Leadership Institute**, expecting to host the first offering in August

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- **Key assessments underway**, including journey mapping and market research for mobility-related assistive technology in Pakistan and Uganda; and STARS in Uganda
- **Developing telerehabilitation technology**, using a person-centric approach
- **Produced Rehabilitation in Disaster and Conflict courses** in response to the conflict in Ukraine
- Successfully advocated for inclusion of disability and **rehabilitation content in the community health extension worker curriculum** in Uganda



Our Partners





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