



Partnership for Quality Provision

PROSTHETIC LIMB TECHNOLOGY

A collaborative programme by four partners, showcasing the way in which international organisations representing patients, professionals and providers share values and create routes to access prosthetic technology for people who are born with limb deficiency or who have experienced amputation.



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Sparked by the [WHO Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology](#), the partner's activities include engagement with the new WHO Standards for Prosthetics and Orthotics for systems strengthening of policy, products, personnel, and provision of services across the world. Targeting specifically the 9 out of 10 people with limb deficiency or amputation who do not have access to prosthetic limb technologies, the efforts are focused on the development of disability data, new needs assessments, capacity building and the development and roll out of low cost prosthetic limb technologies.

Appropriate provision improves the functioning of people with physical impairments or functional limitations, which increases their mobility and, in turn, their independence, participation in society, well-being and thus, overall quality of life. For many users, prostheses allow them to gain access to education and work.



Prosthetics services also generate significant economic benefits:

- for the users,
- their families and communities,
- for health services,
- for society and for the country as a whole.

These benefits are particularly tangible in poor populations, where prostheses can help people escape from extreme poverty.



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International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

As a global, multidisciplinary, non-governmental organization aiming to improve the quality of life for persons who may benefit from prosthetic, orthotic, mobility and assistive devices, ISPO provides an effective platform for the exchange and communication on all aspects of the science, practice, and education associated with the provision of prosthetic and orthotic care, rehabilitation engineering, and related areas.



ICRC MoveAbility Foundation

The ICRC MoveAbility Foundation strengthens national capacity in less-resourced countries to remove barriers faced by persons with physical disabilities, by fostering sustainable, accessible and quality physical rehabilitation services and promoting inclusion.



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International Committee of the Red Cross

The impartial, neutral and independent ICRC protects the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and assists them in their needs. The ICRC provides physical rehabilitation services worldwide, developing its own prosthetics technology, having acquired a high level of expertise and maintaining support for projects over many years.



International Confederation of Amputee Associations

The IC2A is a consumer organisation that brings together national amputee associations to share experiences, knowledge and best-practices about amputee health and wellbeing at the international level, thereby inspiring improvement in the quality of life of amputees and individuals born with limb deficiency.

Total number of countries that the 4 partners operate in:

140

ISPO members are directly involved in the treatment of over **750,000 people with disabilities annually**



ICRC provides services to around **400,000** people each year through its physical rehabilitation programme



Almost **45,000 persons annually** benefit from ICRC MoveAbility partner services

IC2A amplifies the users voice and as a relatively new confederation formed in 2015 represents amputee association members in **13 countries**

