

# Addressing Disability: from project-specific focus to national scale up

Rwanda Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration Project

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# Introduction



## Demobilization and Reintegration

- 1994 Genocide
- 1997-2000: UNDP
- 2001-2008: First Bank project (US\$ 42 million)
- 2009-today: Second Bank project (US\$ 30 million)

## Objective of projects

- Demobilize excess military personnel and Armed Groups of Rwandan origin in DRC
- Demobilization, social and economic reintegration services
- Specific Focus on Vulnerable Groups
  - Female
  - Children
  - Disabled

# Including Disability in Project Activities

## ➤ Achievements

- **Medical**
  - Surgery campaigns nationwide
  - Mobility devices
  - Prosthetics
  - Health Insurance
  - Monthly allowances
- **Housing**
- **Mental Health**
- **Economic Reintegration**
  - Tailored support (Grant, Training)
  - Adapted vocational training (JICA)
  - Accessibility (on site/rehabilitation)
  - Cooperatives/associations



# Including Disability in Project Activities

## ➤ Project Design Strategies

- **Identification of Disabled ex-combatants as vulnerable group**
  - Lessons learnt / disability assessment
  - Focus stated in project paper
- **Design of specific actions and mechanisms**
  - Specific services (medical and housing)
  - Tailored support (economic reintegration and mental health)
- **Adapted project design**
  - Specific component and budget (US\$5.6 million- first project)
  - Specific indicators
- **Systems to manage support to Disabled beneficiaries**
  - Medical Rehabilitation Unit
  - Separate database (confidentiality)

# Including Disability in Project Activities

## ➤ Implementation Strategies

- Technical assistance
- Investment in training of local staff
- Close collaboration with Ministry of Health and development partners





# Addressing Disability at the National level

## ➤ Achievements

- **Strengthening support to Disabled ex-combatants**
  - 2007 Law on support to Disabled ex-combatants
- **Scaling up-support to all Disabled**
  - Categorization process mainstreamed for all Disabled persons in Rwanda (access to national social protection programs)
  - Rehabilitation and reintegration workshops



# Addressing Disability at the National Level

## ➤ Strategies

- **Project design**
  - Mainstreaming Component
  - Focus on capacity building in and outside of the project
- **Collaboration Bank-Government on strategic approach**
  - Law for Disabled ex-combatants
  - Strengthening on mental health

## ➤ Main asset: Government ownership