



cbm
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Who is cbm



Our Vision

cbm envisions an inclusive world in which all persons with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.



Our Mission

cbm is an international Christian development organisation, committed to improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world.

Based on its Christian values and over 100 years of professional expertise, **cbm** addresses poverty as a cause, and a consequence, of disability, and works in partnership to create a society for all.



Our Values

- **Christian** - We aspire to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ
- **International** - We are an international organisation
- **Professional** - We aim for quality in what we do
- **Integrity** - We are good stewards of our resources
- **Communication** - We communicate honestly and respectfully
- **Inclusion** - We practice and promote inclusion



How the **cbm family** changed the world in 2017

Prevention



19,429,609

treated for River Blindness

3,743,425

treated for Trachoma

34,867,736

treated for other Neglected
Tropical Diseases

Treatment



8,607,866

helped by medical services including:

413,468 cataract surgeries

171,802 other eye surgeries

8,804 ear operations

20,627 orthopaedic operations

Education & Rehabilitation



589,422 assistive devices
distributed

574,231 received
education & community
based inclusive development
and services

83,738 trained in health

Advocacy & Empowerment



338,467 involved in
empowerment activities

50,399 reached through
livelihood projects

Your support has helped us to...

fund 530 projects

in 54 countries

**working with 376 local
partners**

Transforming lives Amon's Story



At 49 years of age, Amon in rural Rwanda became blind losing sight in one eye. Two months later he lost sight in the other eye too.

A widower and main carer for his seven children, **Amon had reached desperation.** With no health insurance, his friends decided not to take him to the hospital fearing he would not be able to pay. **Amon thought he would never see again.**

He had to stop working in his garden, so his older children had to go to the city to find work to support the family.

A neighbour who noticed Amon could no longer see took him to the Ophthalmology Department at Kabgayi Hospital where he works. Thank you for your support of **cbm** NZ's project in Rwanda that funds this hospital. **Amon had the surgery and can see again!** Amon cannot be more thankful to the gentleman who changed his life and to you. Without you or this man he would still be blind and dependent on his children for everything.

Amon is determined to work even harder to make up for all the time lost when he could not tend to the garden to sell his produce.



He will work hard to get back what he lost when he was blind so he can bring home the income for his family once again.

Amon is working again to provide for his family!



Transforming lives Fina's Story



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"I endured labour pains for three days. My husband called for a midwife who came to our home."

By the fourth day with Fina still in intense pain, increasingly weak and tired, her husband took her to a hospital – a long journey from her village.

They cycled to the bus station in another town, but when bus drivers saw Fina's condition, they told her she couldn't use the bus. After hours of waiting, a bus driver finally let them on and they travelled to the hospital where Fina gave birth. However her baby did not survive.

"I cried a lot. It was a bad day."

The next day, exhausted and grief-stricken, Fina and her husband went to his family's home nearby. When she arrived Fina realised she had no control of her bladder.

Fina was confused.

"I didn't know what was happening to me. I explained it to my mother-in-law, who took me to the hospital a week later."

The doctors told her they couldn't do anything about it. Fina's incontinence continued and after a few days her mother-in-law told her to leave and go back to her own family as she could not tolerate Fina's condition any more. On hearing that his wife was leaking urine, Fina's husband left her. She was very much alone and went to live with her father and stepmother.

Fina's father took her to a local hospital where doctors wrote a referral note to another hospital further away. It was there that doctors explained to Fina that she had two obstetric fistula - holes between her birth canal, bladder and urinary tract. The holes were caused when the baby's head put so much pressure on her tissues that it cut the blood supply and caused the tissue to die. Although the doctors were able to repair one fistula, the incontinence continued and Fina's stepmother, increasingly embarrassed by her condition threw her out of the house.

"I asked myself many questions. Where will I go? How am I going to survive? Neither my relatives nor my friends want to stay with me. I cried bitterly"

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Transforming lives

Fina's story continued

Fina's fortune turned around when she found employment as a housemaid. Despite her condition, she worked for three years and bought her own land and began her own career as a farmer.

At a party in her village earlier this year, Fina met one of her neighbours who asked her why she was always washing her clothes every day. Fina explained that she had been leaking urine since giving birth 16 years ago.

Fina's neighbour explained that her daughter had had the same problem and was treated successfully for free at **cbm** New Zealand's partner Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation, (CCBRT) in Dar es Salaam. CCBRT train health professionals to refer difficult births for maternal care to prevent fistula, and they also repair fistula to restore bladder and bowel control. She gave Fina the phone number of a nurse who could put her in contact with CCBRT. The next day money for her transport to Dar es Salaam was provided.

After surgery Fina was seen by the CCBRT physiotherapist, provided with counselling, and given the opportunity to participate in vocational skills training.

Now her physical health and dignity has been restored and she is absolutely delighted.

"I am so happy!
I am recovering after suffering for all these years. I like the services and care I have received here. Asante CCBRT and **cbm** supporters!"



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Pacific

Papua New Guinea Main achievements

Medical Health Care

- **9,560** people received eye health services
- **330** people received eye surgeries performed at the Goroka Eye Clinic
- **19** children and adults with clubfoot received orthopaedic surgeries
- **431** health personnel trained to provide services in ear and eye clinics
- **20** students graduated with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Rehabilitation and Mental Health Care

9,128 people with disabilities received therapy and rehabilitation services including:

- **464** children and adults with disabilities received community-based rehabilitation services
- **7,410** people received ear and hearing care services
- **1,570** assistive devices were distributed, including:
796 spectacles/ **201** hearing aids/ **54** wheelchairs/tricycles were distributed or repaired

Education and Training

- **475** children with disabilities were enrolled in formal education
- **432** children with disabilities provided with an individual education plan to guide their education
- **245** pre-school children (0-5 yrs) received Early Intervention services for school preparation
- **180** children in early intervention provided with an individual education/rehabilitation plans
- **58** children with visual impairment received education through a specialised education model
- **159** teachers and staff completed courses on inclusive education
- 14 students graduated with a Bachelor of Special Education

Pacific Main achievements

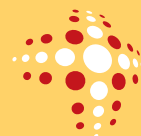
A Policy Brief was produced based on a Gap Analysis in Relation to Disability Inclusive Emergency Response in the Pacific.

South East Asia

Philippines Main achievements

1,594 persons were trained in Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction

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India

India Main achievements

3,569 farmers, including 639 farmers with disabilities, supported to continue organic farming

- **162** persons with disabilities received modified adaptive agricultural tools
- **140** persons with disabilities received rehabilitation services with an individual plan
- **69** persons with disabilities received assistive devices
- **51** people with disabilities received disability certificate
- **339** applications were submitted to receive benefits (individual toilets funded by government and housing schemes for persons with disabilities)
- **40** Self Help Group members made volunteers selling organic products in the local market



EMERGENCY

Vanuatu Main achievements

Following volcanic activity in Ambae a Vanuatu Organisation of Persons with Disabilities was supported to advocate for their rights with a Disability Needs Assessment document which was produced.

Kenya Main achievements

- 963 people with disabilities facing severe draught in Baringo county, Kenya received health services within humanitarian assistance
- 27 people received psychosocial support for mental health challenges related to severe drought

Madagascar Main achievements

- 13 persons with disabilities affected by Tropical Cyclone Enawo received humanitarian assistance including food and non-food items.

Philippines Main achievements

1,250 persons with disabilities affected by typhoon Nock-ten received relief goods including:

- 271 people received medical & rehabilitation services
- 106 persons with disabilities received assistive devices
- 45 people trained in Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction

Africa

Nigeria Main achievements

- **613,636** people received medication to prevent Neglected Tropical Diseases in Amhara Region, Ethiopia

People already affected received medication and treatment as follows:

- **95,351** persons treated for Onchocerciasis (River Blindness)
- **360,320** persons treated for Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantitis)
- **45,081** persons medicated to treat Trachoma
- **116** persons underwent Trichiasis surgery for Trachoma
- **83,319** persons were treated for Schistosomiasis
- **29,566** persons were treated for Soil Transmitted Helminths

Tanzania Main achievements

24 women received fistula surgeries and rehabilitation services

Uganda Main achievements

Medical Care

70 children with disabilities received medical attention (assessment and referral for treatment)

- **57** received orthopaedic surgery (including Club-foot, Osteomyelitis, Angular bone deformities and other Physical Disabilities)
- **2** received plastic surgery for cleft lip and palate condition

Advocacy

- **78** Village Health Teams trained on Disability Prevention and Early Detection
- **75** local leaders and councillors briefed on Disability Prevention and child safeguarding
- **6** Radio talk shows conducted to discuss disability prevention

Rwanda Main achievements

Eye health Care

9,038 patients received eye care services in Rwanda including:

- 1,958 eye surgeries performed in Kabgayi Eye Unit and outreaches
- 151 children were operated on for congenital cataracts
- 29 children with eye cancer received chemotherapy treatment

Burundi Main achievements

4,658 eye consultations performed in Burundi

- **332** eye surgeries performed including 306 cataract surgeries
- **5** key items of surgical equipment were purchased for Eye Clinic in Bujumbura, Burundi (autorefractometer, ultrasound biometre 'A Scan', operating microscope, cauterising machine and cataract set)



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