

Project Objectives

This project was undertaken to determine the accessibility and use of rehabilitation and prosthetic services in a developing country and demonstrate the impact of such services through evaluation of functional, quality of life, and socioeconomic outcomes of persons with amputations. Ultimately, this work will help in the planning and delivery of rehabilitation services in a developing country. As part of the overall project goals, there were a number of related objectives as outlined below:

- Facilitate participatory focus groups to generate qualitative data on rehabilitative care and return-to-society issues of persons with an amputation in a developing country.
- Determine health-related, functional, and socioeconomic outcomes of persons with an amputation and compare outcomes for prosthetic and rehabilitative interventions.
- Identify policy options for Canadian foreign-policy development in terms of physical rehabilitation of persons with an amputation and

landmine injury.

- Establish a visual library of impairments, disability and handicap caused by landmine injury in Mozambique, including prosthetic and adaptive aids implemented to improve function.
- Establish linkages with partner organizations in Canada and Mozambique, including Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine and the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, to cooperatively facilitate ongoing efforts in physical rehabilitation.
- Heighten awareness and support for the issues of landmine survivors, health of the disabled in developing countries, and Canada's role in international development through presentation of the research and experience at local, national and international meetings of medical, development, and political organizations.