

Artificial Limb Refitment



Scope of the Project: In keeping with its commitment to assist Sri Lanka in addressing various challenges related to the aftermath of the armed conflict in northern Sri Lanka, the Government of India approved the Project for artificial limb fitment camps in Jaffna and Vavuniya to benefit people who lost their limbs during the armed conflict.

Beneficiaries: The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who lost their limbs during the war.

Project Cost: SLR 33 million (INR 1.4 Crore)

Project Status : Completed 2010-2011
(One month for each camp)



Implementing Partners:

- a. Presidential Task Force (PTF) for Resettlement, Development and Security in the Northern Province.
- b. Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine, Northern Province
- c. BhagwanMahaveerViklangSahayataSamiti (BMVSS), Jaipur. It is a Non-Governmental Organisation and has the distinction of having fitted the largest number of limbs to disabled persons around the world and is well known for the innovative and user-friendly devices that it has developed over the years. The 'Jaipur Foot' was hailed as one of the best inventions of the year 2009 by the TIME magazine. Annually, about 60,000 beneficiaries get services from BMVSS.

Activities:

Two camps were organized by the Jaipur-based BMVSS. All the equipment was imported from India to set up a temporary workshop for artificial limbs fabrication. A team of Doctors, Paramedics and Technicians arrived from India to conduct the camps.

- a. Menik Farm, Vavuniya (March/April 2010). The camp was officially inaugurated by the High Commissioner of India, H.E. Mr. Ashok K. Kantha, and H.E. Mr. Douglas Devananda, Hon'ble Minister for Social Services and Social Welfare on 19.03.2010. Artificial limbs and other devices were fitted to 1400 beneficiaries in

all. These included 1087 prosthesis (limbs), 123 orthosis (calipers) and 190 crutches.

- b. Divisional Hospital, Kondavil, Jaffna (September 2011). The camp was jointly inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. G.A. Chandrasiri, Governor of the Northern Province and Mr. V. Mahalingam, the Consul General of India in Jaffna on 05.09.2011. The camp was run by a team of 20 experts and provided services to 1163 beneficiaries in all. The devices provided included 535 prosthesis (limbs), 228 orthosis (calipers) and 400 crutches.

Impact: The two camps served beneficiaries from across Sri Lanka with one of the world's cheapest artificial limbs, the famous 'Jaipur Foot'. The Project helped the beneficiaries regain their mobility, dignity, and in many cases, sustenance. The beneficiaries included men, women and children who overcame their handicap to lead a normal life.