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
  o Lessons learnt / disability assessment
  o Focus stated in project paper

• Design of specific actions and mechanisms
  o Specific services (medical and housing)
  o Tailored support (economic reintegration and mental health)

• Adapted project design
  o Specific component and budget (US$5.6 million- first project)
  o Specific indicators

• Systems to manage support to Disabled beneficiaries
  o Medical Rehabilitation Unit
  o 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
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➢ 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
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➤ 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