

Training & Development

Andrew is a student at Mobility India's training centre. He is training to be an orthotic technician. The organization he belongs to works in the areas bordering Andhra Pradesh as well as Tamil Nadu. It also closely works with 40 families affected by the tsunami. Services of health care and rehabilitation in this particular region (Satyvidu Mandal, Chittoor District) are scarce. A trained staff like Andrew would mean effective rehabilitation for those left disabled by the tsunami. One of the key factors in the rehabilitation process would be the provision of appropriate assistive devices to people disabled as a result of the tsunami.

There are other students like Andrew who face similar situations. The mismatch between the prevalence of disabilities and the availability of trained personnel to cater to the need have made the training courses imperative. The training courses offered at Mobility India have trained 104 candidates since 2002, the year of commencement. Mobility India runs certificate courses in Prosthetics, Orthotics and Rehabilitation Therapy, and also Diploma in Prosthetics & Orthotics and many more Short Term Training for Rehabilitation Personnel. Students from Asia, Africa and most states in India have been trained. The training is offered in modular format and follows the WHO & ISPO guidelines for training of personnel in developing countries.

The fourth batch of long term training began in July 2005. It has 47 trainees from India as well as Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Yemen, Albania, Nigeria and Angola. There were a total of 70 participants for the short term training programmes and workshops.



Training Programme	Male	Female	PWD's	Total Students	Indian	Overseas
Lower Limb Orthotics	7	6	6	13	9	4
Lower Limb Prosthetics	9	4	5	13	9	4
Prosthetics & Orthotics	4	-	-	4	1	3
Rehabilitation Therapy	5	12	6	17	9	8
CBR Workers	12	9	2	21	-	-
CBR Manager	13	10	-	23	-	-
Workshops/ Seminars(CIR)	23	3	-	26	24	2

Workshop

A joint workshop was hosted by Mobility India and Centre for International Rehabilitation, Chicago on 'Exchange of information on rehabilitation technology and disability rights'. During the 3-day workshop the sessions were mainly on sand casting and prosthetic alignment systems. The participants for this workshop were technicians, academicians, INGO's and disability rights activists.

Rehabilitation Council of India (A Statutory Body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) has awarded Mobility India Recognition to conduct the Certificate Course in Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant (CRTA) Training Programme.

International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics President Mr. Harold Shangali & Dr. Steen J. Jensen, Consultant of ISPO visited MI from 30th Jan-3rd February for evaluating our training programme. Their recommendations were extension of the present one year programme by another 6 months in order to provide the necessary clinical placement.