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 2018

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 525 projects in 55 countries working with 371 local partners
The cbm programme goes beyond eye care services, in Papua New Guinea we are supporting children to access education with rehabilitation services, equipment and school support to achieve equal opportunities of education for all.

Karen was born blind. As a young child she remained shy and dependent on her mother Samantha for everything. Karen wasn’t able to move around, dress, wash or feed herself. However over time her parents noticed she was very bright and wanted her to go to school. They approached a cbm partner organisation in Papua New Guinea to make their dream a reality. One staff member was a young blind woman named Lucy who taught Karen how to move around on her own using a white cane. Karen attended therapy session with community rehabilitation workers and learnt tactile techniques, orientation and mobility skills to increase her independence and capacity to explore. Now Karen can wash and dress herself and read Braille.

After a while, Karen was ready to go to the local school just over the road from her house. Every day a buddy from her class met her at the school gate and helped her to move around the school and read out sentences written on the board. The teacher set up a desk for her Brailler and staff visited every week to transcribe her lessons. She proved to be a very fast learner and graduated from primary school 2nd top of her class, even reading her graduation speech from Braille.

This year, Karen is still in school and loves learning alongside her friends. When at home, she loves to sweep, prepare coconuts for meals and wash her own clothes. With her new maths skills, she even helps her mother at the local market selling food by calculating how much change to give by feeling the coins. In the future she will keep building her confidence and do even more outdoor activities.

The future is bright for Karen.
To achieve equal opportunities for all, the cbm programme on organic farming in India is empowering persons with disabilities and communities to access sustainable livelihoods through rehabilitation/health services, inclusive training & technical support.

Neeraj is 21. He loves to play cricket and soccer, but most days you can find him singing while working on his garden.

Neeraj was born blind in one eye and with low impairment in the other which made it very hard to join activities with his peers. He was rejected because he tripped over a lot. He started school, but was told by his teachers not to bother continuing to secondary school as he couldn’t see the schoolwork. Rejected again, Neeraj set out to find employment. He wanted to become a farmer but once again was told that it wasn’t possible because of his vision. Without a livelihood or social interaction Neeraj felt isolated, lonely and discouraged.

A few years ago Neeraj met staff from a cbm partner in India. Together they made a rehabilitation plan and Neeraj started exercises to strengthen his vision. After sharing his life goal to become a farmer, they identified the barriers that were getting in his way. Neeraj completed a year of business training where he was taught techniques for organic farming with reasonable accessible methods. His father provided him with a plot of land to set up a net-house and cbm provided materials for building, water collection and irrigation.

The large seedling house was completed in just one week. Objects that could be tripped over were moved, garden plots were raised, and seedlings were labelled in large print so he could read them. Neeraj used a small model of the plot to learn his away around.

The training taught Neeraj how to make nutrient rich soil without toxic chemicals. Despite a difficult start in life, his father is proud to say that Neeraj embraced the opportunity wholeheartedly with a strong work ethic. Neeraj now runs a very successful agricultural business growing and selling seedlings, vegetables and organic compost. Neeraj has a competitive advantage over other suppliers because his seedling grow earlier in the season from the techniques he has learnt and the equipment he has.

Neeraj no longer feels discouraged, instead, he is full of smiles, friends and has plans to develop his business further.

With a new found confidence, Neeraj participates in local farming meetings and his social life is flourishing.
How cbm NZ changed the world in 2018

Pacific

Papua New Guinea  Main achievements

Eye & Orthopaedic Care
- 17,691 people received eye care/consultations
- 7,087 people received ear and hearing care services
- 608 people received eye surgeries
- 56 doctors, physiotherapists, health workers and nurses received 40 hours training on club foot treatment
- 54 people received orthopaedic surgery including 33 with clubfoot
- 39 physiotherapists/paramedical offices attended refresher courses
- 24 Bachelor of Physiotherapy students graduated
- 15 surgeons attended refresher courses
- 7 students of Ophthalmology received training
- 1 Medical Registrar graduated with a Masters in Ophthalmology

Rehabilitation and Mental Health Care
- 1,582 people with disabilities received community-based rehabilitation services
- 1,007 assistive devices were distributed, including:
  - 485 spectacles
  - 173 Orthopaedic and mobility devices
  - 169 hearing aids
  - 180 repaired assistive devices
- 750 people received community rehabilitation services including 324 children for early intervention

Inclusive Education
- 586 children with disabilities were supported to access mainstream schools
- 83 children with visual impairment were supported to access mainstream schools
- 51 teachers from mainstream schools received training
- 11 staff received specialised training on teaching children with visual impairments

Tonga  Main achievements

Humanitarian response following Tropical Cyclone Gita
- 24 people with disabilities were supported for emergency services
- 15 agencies advocated for a disability inclusive approach
- 1 disability resource team created to advocate for inclusion
- 1 Disability inclusive situational analysis report on Tropical Cyclone Gita produced to support humanitarian agencies to respond to the needs of persons with disabilities
### Asia

#### Philippines  Main achievements

**Disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR) and Income Diversification**
- 1,800 people received training on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR)
- 1,152 people were engaged in workshops to develop community DIDRR plans
- 1,067 people participated in DiDRR simulation exercise
- 202 household plans on DiDRR were developed
- 162 people participated in workshops on Income Diversification
- 10 local Government unit’s Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) committees has DPO representation
- 9 community plans on DiDRR were developed
- 1 DiDRR toolkit was published setting out practical steps for inclusion of persons with disabilities
- 1 forum titled Disability-inclusive DRR was organised

#### India  Main achievements

**Rehabilitation Services and Disability-inclusive Organic Farming**
- 3,569 farmers supported to continue organic farming, including 639 farmers with disabilities
- 486 people supported by government schemes and subsidies
- 292 people received rehabilitation services
- 289 Master Trainers received training in organic farming production
- 162 people were provided with customised adaptive agricultural-tools
- 98 operational outlets selling organic products produced/processed by farmers with disabilities
- 51 people received a disability certificate enabling them to access government services
- 6 Farmer Club and Farmer Producer Organisation were established

#### Bangladesh  Main achievements

**Psychosocial and Healthcare support for the Rohingya population**
- 13,096 specialised medical services were provided
- 12,350 blankets were distributed among 4,175 households
- 11,635 individual rehabilitation service sessions were provided to 6,986 people
- 1,827 counselling and psychosocial care sessions were provided to 1,145 individuals
- 812 assistive devices were distributed
- 100 children from the camp regularly attended the safe space
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## Africa

### Nigeria  Main achievements

**Control/Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)**
- **1,795,719** people received treatment for Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantitis)
- **1,277,101** people received treatment for Onchocerciasis (River Blindness)
- **64,163** people received treatment for Trachoma
- **62,806** people received treatment for Schistosomiasis (Snail Fever)
- **16,612** people received treatment for Soil Transmitted Helminths (Intestinal Worms)
- **5,199** people received training in hygiene promotion and environmental sanitation
- **15** jingle ads were broadcast to improve the uptake of NTD drugs

### Ethiopia  Main achievements

**Control/Elimination of Trachoma**
- **5,500** community members trained on water supply and trachoma prevention/treatment
- **551** people received screening for Trachoma
- **455** people received antibiotics for Trachoma
- **57** people received surgery for Trachoma
- **23** clubs received training in Trachoma prevention, hygiene and sanitation
- **10** health professionals and **8** health workers received training in assessment, screening, post-treatment, and trachoma prevention/control
- **2** water points constructed
- **1** model Ventilated Improved Pit Latrine constructed

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and livelihood support for flood effected population**
- **27,015** water treatment chemical sachets distributed
- **106** households’ livelihood supported with cheak pea seed distribution

### Tanzania  Main achievements

**Medical Care**
- **13** women received consultations for Vecio-vaginal Fistula
- **9** women received surgery to repair Vecio-vaginal Fistula
Kenya  Main achievements

Psychosocial and Healthcare support for drought effected population in Baringo County
- 4,701 children provided with supplementary food through school feeding programme
- 3,119 people received health services through community medical outreaches
- 1,678 people received community awareness
- 1,604 people were provided with Psychosocial support
- 312 social workers and health care workers were trained
- 200 households with either a family member with a disability or an elderly person were provided conditional cash transfers
- 4 community disaster management units were sensitised on inclusive preparedness and response
- 3 water points were fully rehabilitated and protected
- 2 medical referral pathways were established for persons with disabilities

Uganda  Main achievements

Medical Rehabilitation for Children with Disabilities
- 327 nights provided to patients in the ward and hostel, including nursing care
- 254 physiotherapy sessions provided
- 174 nutrition sessions provided with at risk, mild and severely malnourished children
- 75 occupational therapy sessions provided
- 66 surgical procedures performed
- 44 Prostheses, orthoses, and other supportive devices, provided by the Orthopaedic workshop
- 36 people trained in disability prevention, management and child safe guarding
- 11 psychosocial sessions provided
- 8 children with disabilities supported to access rehabilitation interventions
- 5 people received training in early detection and referral

Rwanda  Main achievements

Training of Ophthalmologist
- 2,397 people received eye surgery including 1,209 cataract surgeries in Kabgayi Hospital

Burundi  Main achievements

Supporting Communaute des Eglises Emmanuel (CEEM) Eye Clinic
- 10,121 people received eye consultations
- 1,568 spectacles were distributed
- 633 people received eye surgery including 583 cataract surgeries
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