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Non-Profit Prosthetic Center

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Emergency

Jordan is a peaceful country in an area of conflict. Since 1948, the first Palestinian exodus, Jordan has been a land of refugees, the Gulf War, the Lebanese Civil War, the war in Iraq and finally the Syrian crisis that generated the largest movement of refugees from the genocide in Rwanda, led the country facing great waves of immigration, putting a strain on the health care and services for people with disabilities. Estimates report that 22% of Syrian refugees has a disability, 80% due to war wounds.

WHAT CAN RESERVE THE FUTURE TO A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES THAT MUST FLEE FROM HIS COUNTRY, IF NOT INDEPENDENT, IF IS A REFUGEE AND IF NEEDS REHABILITATION?

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Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is a process that aims to improve the quality of life of people. This means, in our case, do not get the result offering the user who suffered an amputation an aid that allows him to move, but a taking charge of the amputated person who plans to accompany and support him to recover his autonomy and independence and to get reintegrated into society, a rehabilitative physical path, which provides a social support grounded in the peer-to-peer approach.

Social inclusion

Social inclusion means equal opportunities, equal access to services, recognition of the rights to participate in economic, social and cultural activities. An inclusive society is a society that removes visible and invisible barriers so that these rights are granted to all.

The Center helps all people in need without distinction of age, gender, religious affiliation and country of origin.
Paola Biocca, disappeared tragically in November 12th, 1999 during a humanitarian mission in Kosovo as a spokesperson for the WFP (World Food Programme). By mines victims to the dispossessed of the world, Paola had worked for Amnesty International, Greenpeace and the Italian Campaign to Ban Landmines, for which she also helped organize the important conference “From mine to food: demine the road to development.” Her novel “Darkness at Jerusalem” won the literary prize Calvino. Paola Biocca has always fulfilled with passion her press office activity at the World Food Programme (World Food Programme, WFP).

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Paola Biocca in these words the essence of the acting and feeling of Paola.

“Who has had the good fortune to meet her on their path, knows that the vision she had of the world, the word solidarity, were in the cords of her action. A fact and not a mere aspiration.”
Giuseppe Schiavello, Director Campaign to Ban Landmines.
**Center Activities**

**Expenditure Items**

- 46% AIDS
- 1% ITALY HUMAN RESOURCES
- 13% ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: rent, property utilities, contractual fees and municipal taxes, shipping, bank deposits, on-site transport, customs
- 3% MONITORING AND TRAINING MISSIONS

**Donations**

- 55% FOUNDATIONS
- 23% PARTNER YOU ABLE ONLUS
- 14% LOCAL STAFF
- 22% TAVOLA VALDESE

**Management Costs**

- 45% AIDS AND MATERIALS
- 10% HOUSING
- 6% TAXES AND SHIPPING
- 26% LOCAL HUMAN RESOURCES
- 1% HUMAN RESOURCES ITALY (Italian expenses in charge by the principals organizations)
- 12% TRAINING
Life Line Consultancy and Rehabilitation Amman

Association founded in 2007 by Kamel Saadi, survived a landmine accident, he founded the association with the mission to help victims of landmines recover their self-confidence and achieve their goals using their skills as active and independent members of society.

The Orthopedic Center operates within the framework of institutional agreements: Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation*.

*The agreements provide the Center to take in charge patients reported by Ministries and monitoring and evaluate activities by the institutions

PATIENTS SEPTEMBER 2016:

- **35%** Jordanians reported by the Jordanian Ministry of Social Development Government.
- **40%** Syrians from Zaatri refugee camp, from Irbid and Zarqah.
- **25%** Other nationalities come to the center by word of mouth and through the El Hussein Cancer Foundation, including Yemenis, Iraqis, Egyptians.

The causes of amputation among Jordanians are different (illness, bullets, accidents, cancer), among the Syrians amputations are due to war injuries and accidents with unexploded / ERW.
Patient’s and family knowledge, visit at home or at the hospital (the visit is made by Kamel Saadi, director of the center – he is an amputee - sometimes accompanied by one of the users already assisted).

**FIRST VISIT TO THE CENTER**
verification of the stump state, planning the rehabilitation program and, if possible, temporary socket.

**AFTER 3 DAYS**
proof of the first prosthesis, the patient is assisted in walking and learning to optimize the use of the prosthesis. It leaves the prosthesis to the patient.

**AFTER 1 WEEK**
the patient returns to verify that the prosthesis is fine, any changes are made while explaining to the person making adjustments as do small maintenance independently. For any problems or questions the user can return to the center at any time.

**SOME OF THE PATIENTS:**

**Khaled is Jordanian-Syrian.** In 2000, he lost a leg due to a mine. In February of 2016, arrived at the workshop with the same prosthesis he had done in 2000, today is again independent and proud to be able to look after his family.

**Hilda, 21, a Jordanian,** amputated 10 years ago due to illness, would start to play sports, maybe one day go to the Paralympics, very good at playing squash, very busy studying languages.

**Ammar is Syrian,** amputee above the knee because of the explosion of a mortar shell in 2012, came to Jordan in 2013, he has had two prosthesis that never allowed him to walk without pain. In June 2016 Ammar begins to learn to walk and flex the knee for the first time.

**Abdulqader Juma, Iraq,** 11 years old, the leg amputee due to a tumor and reached the workshop thanks to Al Hussein Cancer Center HCC. Since March 2016 the center assists him and his family. In April began the rehabilitation process, he will soon be able to walk again.

**Rahmah, 14,** amputated for cancer nine months ago. He does not feel any discomfort trying the first prosthesis because as he is focused on making the next day the cosmetic cover.

**Zuhdi Ali, Palestinian,** 27, amputee for cancer three years ago, re-operated recently, lives in the Palestinian refugee camp of Al Wihdat, was a tailor before one could stay longer standing. In the picture, with Kamel Saadi.

**Rouwaida 51 years, Syrian.**
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**Gives a leg / uphold CPOs Volunteer**

Want to donate an aid to allow a person to walk?

- **10 €** you can help buy supplies like cotton and nylon.
- **20 €** you can help to purchase the materials such as carbon fiber.
- **50 €** you can donate an hour of physiotherapy.
- **150 €** you can donate a prosthetic liner.
- **220 €** you can donate a prosthetic knee.
- **230 €** you can donate a prosthetic foot.
- **470 €** you can donate a full transtibial prosthetic lower limb.

**Contribute to support the work of CPOs.**

- with a donation of **€ 100** you can choose to support the work of the center for one day.
- **500 €** you can dedicate your donation to the payment of a young technical trainee for one month, the specific causal in your transfer: “Orthopedic Technician”.
- You can make a donation to support to the extent that you want the Centre.

**Voluntary**

- You are an orthotist?
- Do you want to offer your expertise?

**Offer the support of your company**

Many are the ways of support, logistic support to the donation of products for the workshop, transport equipment, orthopedic products. Want to help participating / by involving colleagues and /or employees in the activities organized in Italy?

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