



SERVICE PROJECT SHEET Rotary Jaipur Limbs



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Project name:

The Rotary Jaipur Limb Project
(Registered Charity 1037735)

Project goal:

Physical, economic, and social rehabilitation of amputees and polio victims in many countries in Asia and Africa.

Rotary service type:

Development and supervision of projects. Fund Raising.

Unique selling proposition:

The need is great but the cost is small.

Description:

Western-style artificial limbs are impractical for those who like to squat, or sit cross-legged. Furthermore they seldom suit a wearer who must walk on rough and stony ground, or through mud or knee-deep water!

The Jaipur Foot consists of three sections of micro-cellular rubber, a wooden block, and rubberised fabric. It is then placed in a metal mould and vulcanised - like a retread tyre for a lorry. The product looks like a pinkish rubberised foot that is very strong, flexible, and slightly springy.

A cast is taken from the stump, and a positive cast is made from that. A length of high-density polyethylene drainage pipe is heated till malleable and then moulded to the positive cast. The foot is then attached. The resultant limb gives excellent grip and can be used on a stump as short as two inches. The wearer can walk without a stick, ride a bike, or work in a paddy field.

The Jaipur Foot evolved over a period of 7 years, under the supervision of Dr Sethi, Professor of Orthopaedics at SMS Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur.

The Mahaveer Society for the Physically Handicapped is a charity that fits Jaipur Limbs. The Society receives visitors - usually unannounced - and provides accommodation and food for them for up to 3 weeks whilst their limb is made, fitted, and adjusted. No charge is made for the limb; no charge is made for the accommodation or food. After several years, the limb can require re-fitting; again this is free.

During 2003-2005 projects were completed in India at Bangalore (several limb camps), Changanacherry, Mumbai, Moradabad, Dhanbad, Kunnamkulan, some of which were funded by substantial donations from clubs. Other projects in that region were complete at Kathmandu and Goa.

In the African continent, projects were supported in Kenya (Nairobi), Malawi (Blantyre), Ghana, Uganda and Tanzania. The project supported at Kano, Nigeria was the Ade Majiyagbe memorial limb centre.

Projects continue to be developed and managed in all the above countries, and countries recently added include Benin and Cote D'Ivoire.

A donation of £25-30 pays for a limb or calliper whilst a pair of crutches costs £10. A temporary camp to fit limbs to 600 amputees costs £15,000, whereas £20,000 will establish a new permanent limb centre. Both usually qualify for Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and could also attract District Designated Fund (DDF) Support.

Benefits to clubs:

A project which helps others to help themselves, feed their families and reduce poverty. Speakers and publicity are available for presentations throughout RIBI.

The charity is now registered with the Inland Revenue to enable tax to be reclaimed on Gift Aid Donations.

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PLEASE NOTE: The Rotary Jaipur Limb Project should not be confused with The Jaipur Limb Campaign which is a non-Rotary charity based in London.

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