

# The Jaipur Limb Campaign

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Founded in 1995, the Jaipur Limb Campaign (JLC) helps disabled people in poor countries to achieve mobility – in the widest sense of the word.

As well as spreading knowledge about affordable and appropriate technology for prosthetics and orthotics and providing appliances for people who have lost limbs or the use of limbs, JLC also promotes social and economic mobility and development for

disabled people, their families and their wider community through sustainable programmes with our partners.

Through those partnerships with disabled people's organisations in Asia and Africa, JLC has developed long-term programmes in India, Bangladesh, Mozambique and Angola funded by Comic Relief, the Community Fund, DFID, among others.

JLC is also building new partnerships with disabled people's organisations in Nepal and Ethiopia.

JLC knows that there is no such thing as an instant solution, but works with its partners long-term to build projects that continue to develop as people's needs change, and encourages its partners to share ideas, training and technologies that are affordable and effective.

There are new partnership projects being developed all the time, but the JLC is constrained by resources, both human and financial.

One of the ways to get involved is to sponsor a trainee (often someone with disabilities) from one of partner organisations in Asia or Africa on a year-long special training programme.

These courses are run by JLC partner Mobility India, and will pay for the trainee to learn prosthetics and orthotics, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and basic health care.

The sponsorship also covers all travel, accommodation, and English language tuition where needed, for the year. The cost of these

courses varies from around £2,500-£5,000 for the whole year (the variation is largely due to travel costs – flights from Angola are much more expensive than, for example, travelling from Nepal). For a breakdown of costs, see the box (next page).

JLC is looking for sponsorship for its current projects. This year it would like to sponsor trainees from Ethiopia, Angola, Mozambique in Africa and also from partner organisations in Nepal, India and Bangladesh, to go to Bangalore.

One example is Girma from Ethiopia, who is keen to study Community Therapy with a view to developing and managing the expanding community rehabilitation services offered to children in Addis Ababa on his return.

Another trainee is Joao Emilio Bento from Angola. JLC is hoping to fund 39-year old Emilio, who is disabled, to study orthotics. He is currently working with JLC partner LARDEF (a national organisation founded by disabled war veterans).

If you would like to get involved with JLC's trainee sponsorship programme, please contact the JLC direct to find out more (see Contacts box).

There are other ways to get involved as well – you can make a one-off or regular donation through the JLC's website ([www.jaipurlimb.org](http://www.jaipurlimb.org)), or take part in fundraising events.

This year, why not have fun while raising funds by joining the organised sponsored walk in the English Lake District, 19-23 August 2004.

## JLC's Partners

JLC works with partner organisations, as follows:



**Mobility India**

MI was founded in 1994 by Action on Disability and Development to provide rehabilitation services where none exist, through partnerships with community-based organisations in Southern India.

MI targets poor people in slum districts and rural areas. MI also provides direct mobility aids services from its base in Bangalore. Recently MI opened a second base in Calcutta to serve North and North-Eastern India. MI and JLC have worked together for eight years to promote Jaipur foot and limb technology to MI's grassroots partners; to provide rehabilitation services; to research and develop low cost mass-produced light-weight plastic orthoses; and, since 2000, to support MI's purpose-built rehabilitation, appliance-production and training centre in Bangalore.

**MI Training**

Each year JLC sponsors trainees from our partner organisations on one-year courses in Bangalore in three main disciplines – prosthetics,

orthotics and community therapy/physiotherapy – at MI's Bangalore training centre. The courses are very practical 'barefoot' technician courses

for people from developing countries with basic schooling and a real interest in their work (some of them are also disabled people), drawing on MI's considerable experience of affordable and appropriate technologies, with field work at MI's local partners – community based organisations in and around Bangalore.

They are also excellent value for money!

<p>Budget for JLC Ethiopian trainee on Mobility India's Community Therapy Course</p> <p>July 2004-June 2005</p>	
Accommodation and course fees	£1,600
Food	£300
Pocket money for 12 months	£320
Course materials	£70
Insurance	£35
Travel by air from Addis Ababa to Bangalore (including visas etc)	£2,000
Trainees and liaison with partners	£430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,755</b>



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