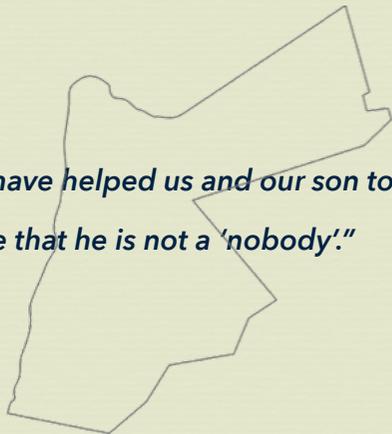


OPERATION MERCY

partnering to build hope, capacity and community

"You have helped us and our son to see that he is not a 'nobody!'"



The official number of persons with disabilities in the country of Jordan is 13 percent of the population, which today is 9.5 million. The unofficial number is probably even higher, especially out in the rural areas. In most cases, these individuals are living isolated from the rest of their communities and their rights are being seriously violated.

Operation Mercy's goal is to see rural communities welcoming and appreciating their own members with disabilities, and becoming an inclusive society.



Community Based Rehabilitation



*"We have seen your example,
it's now time for our community
to rise up and take responsibility."*

*"Through you our eyes have been opened
and we can see now that there is hope."*

Through a Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) approach, we partner with local individuals, government representatives and organization to achieve transformation. We are equipping the community to change the situation for those with disabilities. We train mothers and other care givers in how to help stimulate the children in order for them to develop physically and intellectually as much as possible, according to their potential. We also hold regular awareness seminars where we cover topics about disabilities such as "what is disability", "what are the rights for people with disabilities" etc.

On the community level, we grow the capacity and awareness of schools and other public services to fulfill their duty of having "open doors" for children with disabilities. We recognize that the root cause of the present "closed doors", is due to stigma held in the community towards disability. We therefore work intentionally to see these negative attitudes transformed through all our work. All these activities are carried out in close cooperation with the local government office, on whose invitation we started working in this area.

In the project we also partner with other organizations and foundations in the country, which can make it possible for the ones who need it, to access wheelchairs and other assistive devices.