



■ Country Strategy Afghanistan

Main Goal: To strengthen the children's position, especially in rural areas, through the empowerment of their mothers by allowing them access to decision-making processes in society.

In Afghanistan's society women are still finding themselves greatly marginalised. They hardly have any access to public life. In many families women are rarely able to leave their villages and compounds. The self-help approach (SHG) has proven successful in breaking down these boundaries and giving women greater self-esteem and the possibility of participating in public life. This directly results in improvements for children, especially girls, because, as one would expect, mothers strongly support their children. We are going to be expanding this self-help approach.

The Afghan government and society still have few resources to react to the challenges posed by the high number of disabilities in Afghanistan. The CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation) programmes contribute to reintegrating and rehabilitating people with disabilities through awareness-building, advocacy and lobby work and practical rehabilitation. Our CBR and SHG programmes will work hand in hand to improve the situation of these people.