



Abbreviations/Acronyms

CBID	Community Based Inclusive Development
CBM	Christian Blind Mission
OPDs	Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
NGOs	Non Governmental Organisation
PPDI	Persatuan Penyandang Disabilitas Indonesia
VSLAs	Village Savings and Loans Associations
YEU	Yakkum Emergency unit

FOREWORD

One in seven of the world's population has some form of disability. This means that people with disabilities live in all communities. Yet very often people with disabilities remain invisible or excluded from their communities and are not given the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and use their talents. CBM works alongside people with disabilities in the world's poorest places to fight poverty and exclusion and transform lives. We work with the most marginalised in society to break the cycle of poverty and disability and build inclusive communities where everyone can enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.



Mark Finan Chairperson
CBM Ireland Board

This Annual Report outlines our key activities and achievements in 2019. We look forward to continuing this important work with our key partners, supporters, and the wider development sector to ensure we fulfill our vision of an inclusive world where no one is left behind.

CBM Ireland raises funds primarily through the generosity of loyal and kind supporters throughout Ireland. In 2019 our individual supporters and funding partners provided funds of €1,435,098 and once again, we are humbled by their generosity. We wish to thank everyone for their commitment and time, and for the kind messages and feedback we received throughout 2019.

We would also like to thank the many individuals, committees, and local groups and clubs who organised and attended special events to support CBM Ireland in 2019. These personal commitments are making real changes to the lives of girls, boys, women, and men with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world.



Sarah O'Toole
CEO, CBM Ireland



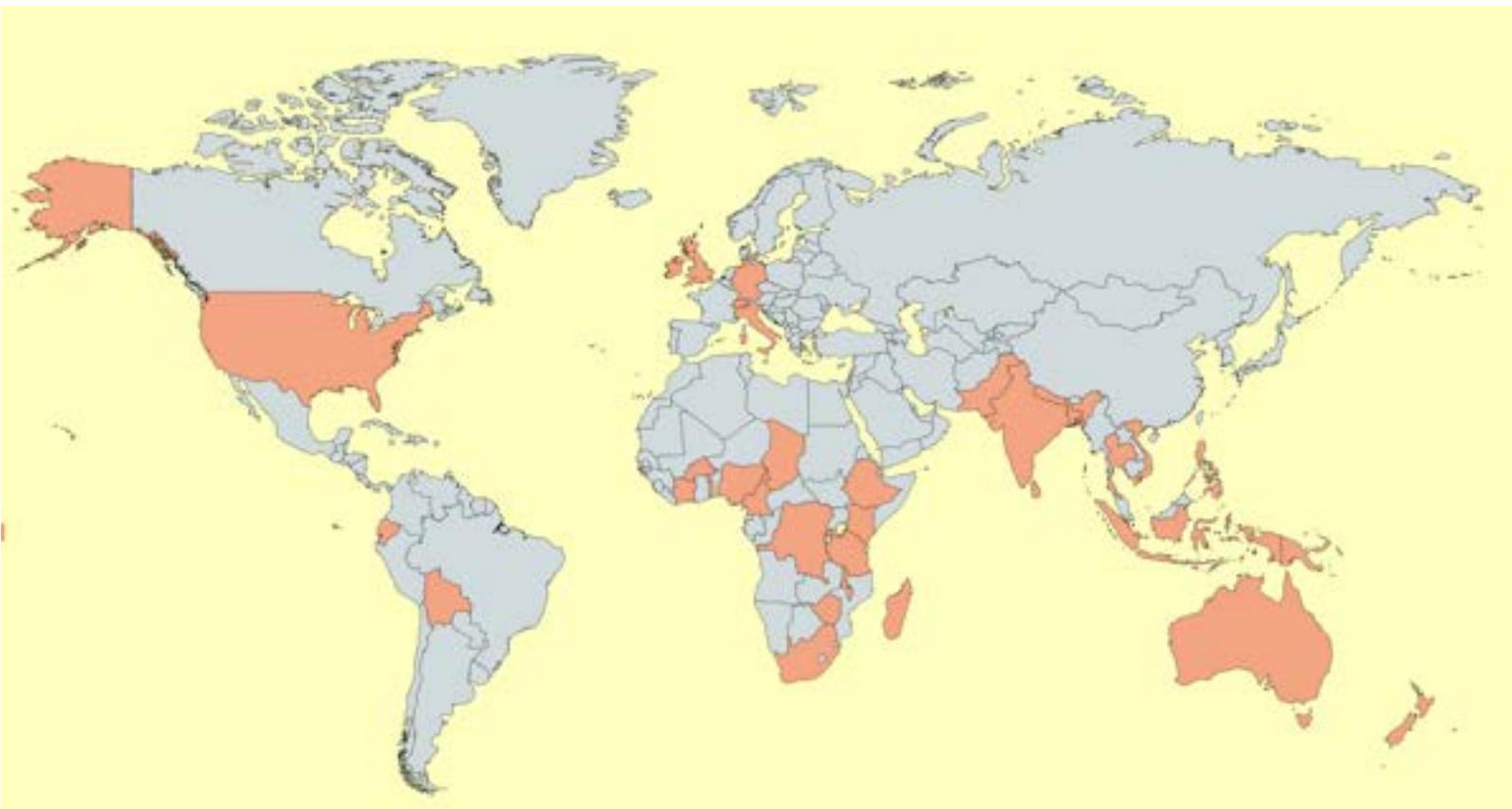
 The CBM Ireland team

CBM

10
MEMBER
ASSOCIATIONS

5
INITIATIVE
TECHNICAL
TEAMS

IN 55
COUNTRIES



525 PROJECTS
FUNDED



11.95 MILLION
PEOPLE RECEIVING
SERVICES



WORKING WITH
371 PARTNERS

CBM IRELAND

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY



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CBM Ireland works in the most disadvantaged societies, irrespective of race, gender or religion.

CBM Ireland seeks to:

- Reduce the prevalence of diseases which cause impairments
- Minimise the conditions which lead to disability
- Promote equal opportunities for economic empowerment, livelihood security and full inclusion in all aspects of society for persons with disabilities

 Hearing impaired client Getalem Hayle, 23, communicates with Bridge the Gap networker Netsanet Hassen at the Debre Tabor zonal hospital in Debre Tabor, Ethiopia,

OUR APPROACH TO DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

CBM Ireland advocates for equal rights of persons with disabilities in society and seeks to support healthcare, educational, rehabilitative and income generation services designed to maximise their quality of life.



 Worky Belay lost mobility in her right leg 20 years ago in a farming accident; recently, she received a tricycle through Bridge the Gap, which she is still learning how to use.

 Suspected down's syndrome case Ayichew Worku, 4, at home with his mother in Debre Tabor, Ethiopia. Ayichew receives home based care three times a week through Bridge the Gap. His mother Eneye, pictured at left, also receives psychosocial support.

We promote inclusive development on various levels:

- Supporting persons with disabilities in the poorest areas of the world directly to access healthcare, education, training and livelihood support so that they can participate in society on an equal basis with others
- Advocating for inclusion on a national and global scale
- Advocating for the rights and needs of persons with disabilities as an integral part of Inclusive Emergency Response

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2019

195

Assistive devices

500

Hygiene kits

2,419

People received treatment

9,600

School children fed

1,500

Households supported



 Agere with her two children Barakat, 7, and Kalkidal, 4, in Anbessamie, Ethiopia. Both Kalkidal and her brother Barakat, 7, are receiving care through Bridge the Gap.



 Bridge the Gap participant Melkie visits the health officer at the Anbessamie Health Centre in Anbessamie, Ethiopia. There to support is Community Networker Workeneh Maru

EU PROJECT

CBM Ireland secured funding in 2019 for a Technical Capacity project called VIVID: Technical Assistance in Humanitarian Response, Ensuring Valuable Volunteering and Inclusion of persons with Disabilities. The project was designed between CBM Ireland and 6 partners, including OPDs in Europe. The project is supported by EU Aid Volunteers Initiative and is focused on improving inclusion in volunteer management and humanitarian action.

INDONESIA

SULAWESI EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

CBM Ireland was able to contribute to a large response to the series of earthquakes in Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia. Together with CBM International and partners Yakkum Emergency Unit (YEU), PPDI and Care Partnership with major results in different areas.



1,003 people with disabilities identified and activities designed according to their needs. Mobile clinics provided medical support



12,419 people received specialised treatment in remote areas



1,500 Hygiene Kits distributed



Medical service YEU in Mantikole village (during emergency phase)



Assistive device distribution CBM - YEU in Ngatabaru village



Assistive device distribution CBM - YEU in Kawatuna village

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Accessible water and sanitation stations for people with disabilities



195 assistive devices distributed to people with disabilities who had lost them in the crisis or who had a new disability caused by earthquake damage.



Provided technical assistance on disability and age inclusion to other NGOs to promote involvement of people with disabilities in their work.

ZIMBABWE

CYCLONE IDAI HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

CBM worked to mitigate the impact of Cyclone Idai through the provision of food and health services to households with persons with disabilities and other at-risk groups.

800 households assisted with food packs and monthly cash transfers

In August 2019, the Government of Zimbabwe declared the 2018/19 drought and cropping season a national emergency and appealed for international humanitarian assistance due to poor harvests caused by the El Niño phenomenon.

Accessible toilets provided in IDP camps

166 assistive devices provided to people with disabilities.

CBM initiated a project to strengthen those affected by the drought through cash transfers and livelihoods.

598 persons with disabilities assessed through community outreach

School feeding programme for 12 schools with 9,600 pupils.

Supported other humanitarian actors to mainstream disability in their work



Food distribution in Bikita District in April 2019



Accessible toilet in the IDP camp

BRIDGE THE GAP, ETHIOPIA COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The focus of CBM Ireland’s programming, Bridge the Gap began in October 2018 and will run until 2021. Bridge the Gap is a programme of Community Based Inclusive Development activities implemented in partnership with Cheshire Foundation Action on Inclusion and Bright Future Initiative in Ethiopia.

The programme follows an innovative approach to disability inclusion in Ethiopia, touching all levels of society to bridge the multitude of societal gaps that unnecessarily further ‘disable’ and disempower children and adults with disabilities. The overall aim of the project is to see girls, boys, women and men with disabilities - an estimated 105,000 people - enjoy their rights, live as equal citizens, be resilient and be counted as a development force of Ethiopia.



 Yengus Diemu, who is physically impaired, counts money at a VSLA group meeting in Anbessamie, Ethiopia.



 Enaney Gebeyehu at a VSLA meeting in Woreta, Ethiopia.



 DPO chairman Worku Tesfaye, who is physically impaired, speaks during an awareness raising coffee ceremony in Anbessamie, Ethiopia.

BRIDGE THE GAP, ETHIOPIA

COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Empowerment of People with Disabilities



Inclusive Education

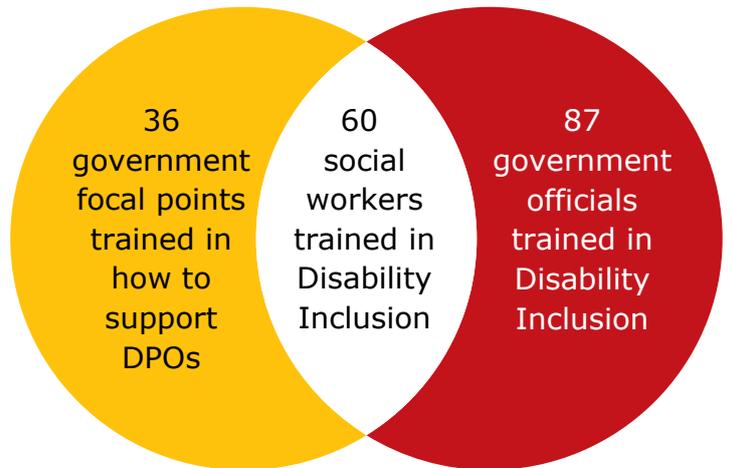
6 educational resource centers for children with disabilities were established and equipped with accessible computers and learning materials	6 disability awareness clubs were launched for children with and without disabilities
120 children with disabilities received school uniforms, bags and learning materials such as braille papers, slates, stylus and sign language books	2 special needs education departments supported and engaged on disability research.
40 awareness sessions on disability rights for parent and teacher associations	60 teachers trained in sign language and Braille



Bridge the Gap networker Tilhun Alie speaks during an awareness raising coffee ceremony in Anbessamie, Ethiopia

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Government Capacity Building



Tadele Asemahagn, the special needs focal person at the Education Bureau encourages parents of children with disability to keep them in school during a coffee ceremony awareness session in Woreta, Ethiopia

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BRIDGE THE GAP, ETHIOPIA

COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Accessible Health

130 health professionals trained in Disability Inclusion

2 road safety campaigns

149 youth with disabilities learned about sexual and reproductive health

90 parents of children with cerebral palsy given Getting to Know Cerebral Palsy training

124 undernourished children with disabilities received nutritional support

569 people referred and supported for surgery and rehabilitative treatment

146 people received assistive devices such as wheelchairs, white canes, crutches and tricycles

90 parents of children with cerebral palsy given Getting to Know Cerebral Palsy training



 Samrawit Abebaw, 13, has her hearing aids fitted by Bridge the Gap community worker Adina Fetene in Woreta, Ethiopia.



 CBM-partnered Cheshire Foundation Action workers Adina Fetene, left, and Zebenay Gebre Hiwot, right, at the home of 18 months Abdulrahim Abdulrahman in Woreta, Ethiopia. Abdulrahim has undiagnosed cerebral palsy and receives home based care several times a week.

Livelihoods

18
Disability Inclusive
Village Savings and
Loans Associations
(VSLAs) launched



 Alamir Gizaw contributes money at a VSLA meeting in Woreta, Ethiopia.

290
VSLA members
trained in
business skills

RAISING FUNDS

DONORS

Projects and activities were financed through a combination of our individual donors, funding from the Irish Government through Irish Aid and grants from Electric Aid, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, Dublin City Council Staff Development Fund and RTE Staff Fund.

EVENTS



Claregalway Garden Festival



ADVOCACY

In 2019, CBM continued its advocacy work on Sustainable Development Goals and Disability Inclusive Development. CBM Ireland is a member of Coalition 2030, an alliance of civil society organisations committed to and working towards upholding Ireland's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at home in Ireland and in over 50 countries by 2030. We continued our advocacy work with the Irish Government, through direct engagement and as Co-Chair of the Dochas Disability

in International Development Working Group (DIDWG). The group promotes the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in developing countries by raising awareness, sharing expertise and promoting action on disability issues, including lobbying for change. CBM Ireland appeared before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence in July 2019, as part of a delegation from the Dochas DIDWG.





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