

DISABILITY CARE

EQUIP OVER 400 DISABLED REFUGEES WITH A WHEELCHAIR OR AN ALTERNATIVE WALKING AID

Refugees with disabilities are among the most vulnerable individuals in a refugee crisis.

The majority arrive at settlements with no wheelchairs, which drastically prohibits their independence, their access to key services (such as education or health) and alienates them from community activities. There is significant stigma faced by those with disabilities who are often viewed as demonised or cursed.

With your support for this appeal, HHA will be able to carry out its 2021 vision of supporting many life-saving projects including being able to provide wheelchairs to 400 individuals. In addition, our community-based rehab (CBR) team will complete 1,800 house visits to individuals that need ongoing support. In BidiBidi refugee camp, we are also currently establishing a new disability centre with the aim of serving those who long to gain independence (estimated at 12,000 in the camp) alongside a new mobile clinic aiming to support 120 physiotherapy patients and 200 individuals with prosthetic/orthotic needs.



CASE STUDY

When HHA's East Africa Director visited BidiBidi in February 2021, she met Ester, an extraordinary woman from Yei, South Sudan. She was married with two sons, her husband died many years ago from illness and one of her sons died during South Sudan's Civil War. She fled the violence in South Sudan in 2016 and lives in BidiBidi with her remaining son who does his best to look after her bringing her water but life is hard without mobility and they frequently struggle to get enough food day to day.

She has been living with a wound in her leg for 12 years which has left her disabled. She had a pair of old crutches but because of her age and frailty, she was increasingly immobile.

HHA with the support of Through the Roof gave Ester a new wheelchair. She says she'll now be able to go to hospital, go and collect her food rations and go to Church all of which she couldn't do before.



*“I am so happy,
thank you so so much”*