Focusing upon the contribution of P&O and wheelchair service providers to the sustainability of the physical rehabilitation sector in seven fragile countries through multi-stakeholder involvement using a participatory consensus tool.

**The Sustainability Analysis Process (SAP)**

**Sustaining Ability of the Physical Rehabilitation Sector**

**Sustainability is...**
- Identified by nearly all organisations working in global health as one of key indicators for project evaluation.
- Essential component for good project management to ensure positive impact.
- Rarely applied effectively in practical terms.
- Very few practical methods or tools to support implementation and monitoring of sustainable interventions.
- Challenging at field level due to limited to no funding, especially limited funding for the provision of rehabilitation services including P & O and wheelchair services.

**The rehabilitation sector is not usually at the top of policy-makers’ agendas**

**LSHTM ICED & Handicap International Study 2009-2012**
- Analyse the physical rehabilitation sector in five fragile states.
- Develop participatory tool, The Sustainability Analysis Process (SAP), to measure system sustainability.
- Ongoing use & follow up of the SAP 2013-present
- Analyse system sustainability in complex rehabilitation sector contexts where Handicap International works.

**Ten SAP workshops**

Using the SAP with key rehabilitation sector actors in participatory workshops, practical sustainability indicators (SIs) are defined and measured that can be used to monitor progress according to six components of a Sustainability Framework.

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Policy analysis trip: Initial SAP workshop; Follow up SAP workshop

All SAP workshop reports are available on www.sustainingability.org

**Key SIs relating to rehabilitation professionals & service delivery**

- Response to demand and referrals.
- Human resources.
- Coverage, production and distribution.
- Quality and efficiency of services.
- National level certification.

Example: Specific P&O & wheelchair provider SIs from Nepal SAP III

**SF component** | # of P&O & w/c provider SIs (total # SIs) | 10 SAP workshops
---|---|---
C1 | 8 (51) |
C2 | 15 (88) |
C3 & C4 | 5 (130) |
C5 | 0 (39) |
C6 | 5 (42) |

**Key rehabilitation actors:** Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs), service providers, professional associations, donors, authorities, international organisations

**Six components of the Sustainability Framework**

- Component 1: Health outcomes
- Component 2: Service delivery
- Component 3: Ministry organisational capacity and viability
- Component 4: Civil society organisational capacity and viability
- Component 5: Community capacity
- Component 6: Enabling environment

**Eight SAP steps:**
1. Overview of context
2. System boundaries
3. Consensus on vision of sustainability
4. Selection of sustainability indicators (SI)
5. Measurement of SI
6. Reference system for sustainability
7. Illustrating the indicators on radar diagrams
8. Analysis of sustainability levels

**Discussion & Conclusion**

Through the SAP, P&O and wheelchair service providers:
- Contribute expertise to sector-specific sustainability inform which assists in wider sector planning & data collection activities.
- Use the SAP to strategically plan & monitor their contributions and progress in relation to the whole rehabilitation sector.
- Reach a contextual consensus on sustainability priorities with all actor groups which demonstrates a general shift from project level thinking to system level thinking, allowing a deeper understanding of the overall sector & providing a more holistic perspective for national planning towards sustainability.

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