

# Assisting Afghans with Disabilities

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The Development and Ability Organization (DAO) was founded in early 2004 with an active board of Directors composed entirely of professional individuals from different fields to help guide and support their efforts. Since then, DAO has provided a variety of services in Physical Rehabilitation (Production of Artificial limbs for the landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities), Child Protection, Vocational Training, Disability Inclusive Leadership and Management Training, Capacity Building, Mass Media, and Income Generation projects as well as food and cash distributions in different parts of the country. DAO has established operations in 19 Afghan provinces since early 2004.



Image Description: Left, Omar Khan Muneeb speaking at the Disability Awareness and Disability prevention workshop in Kunar province. Right, Omar Khan Muneeb presenting at the Human Rights and Gender Mainstreaming training by DAO.

At this time DAO publishes a bi-monthly disability publication called Gadoon in three languages (Pashto, Dari, and English). The publication highlights and speaks out about the emerging issues on disability, human rights, health and physical rehabilitation. DAO has provided training to 12,000 persons with disabilities that are directly involved in service delivery in 19 provinces. DAO produced and telecasted 2,088 radio and TV programs over the past 10 years on disability related issues. DAO has also trained 1,800 people in leadership and management, provided 3,000 people with Vocational

Training, provided 70,000 with Child Protection services, supported 80,145 patients, provided 13,400 artificial limbs, 66,745 physiotherapy sessions, provided winterization resources for 4,000 people, and produced 33 issues of the Gadoon magazine with a distribution to 28 provinces of Afghanistan.

DAO's main office is located in Kabul with field offices in Kunar, Nangarhar and Uruzgan provinces. For more information you can refer to the following links for the DAO social media sites.

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Image Description: Pictures from DAO of different Afghan people with disabilities being seen and fitted at DAO.