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## **PATRICK LEAHY WAR VICTIMS FUND**



**20 Years of Service (1989-2009)**



The Leahy War Victims Fund wishes to thank its many project partners\* whose work over the past twenty years has assisted the Fund in carrying out its mission to assist civilian victims of war around the world:

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### LEAHY WAR VICTIMS FUND PROGRAM COUNTRIES 1989 - PRESENT

<p><b>More than \$10 million</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angola</li> <li>Cambodia</li> <li>Vietnam</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$4-10 million</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afghanistan</li> <li>Ethiopia</li> <li>Laos</li> <li>Lebanon</li> <li>Mozambique</li> <li>Sri Lanka</li> <li>Uganda</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1-4 million</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armenia</li> <li>Colombia</li> <li>Democratic Republic of the Congo</li> <li>El Salvador</li> <li>Kenya</li> <li>Liberia</li> <li>Nepal</li> <li>Philippines</li> <li>Senegal</li> <li>Sierra Leone</li> <li>Sudan</li> <li>Tanzania</li> </ul>	<p><b>Less than \$1 million</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albania</li> <li>Eritrea</li> <li>Ghana</li> <li>Mali</li> <li>Nigeria</li> <li>Republic of the Congo</li> <li>Romania</li> <li>Russia/Chechnya</li> <li>Timor-Leste</li> </ul>
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**Artificial Limbs:**  
100,945

**Physical Therapy:**  
66,180

**Braces:**  
55,304

**Wheelchairs:**  
22,684

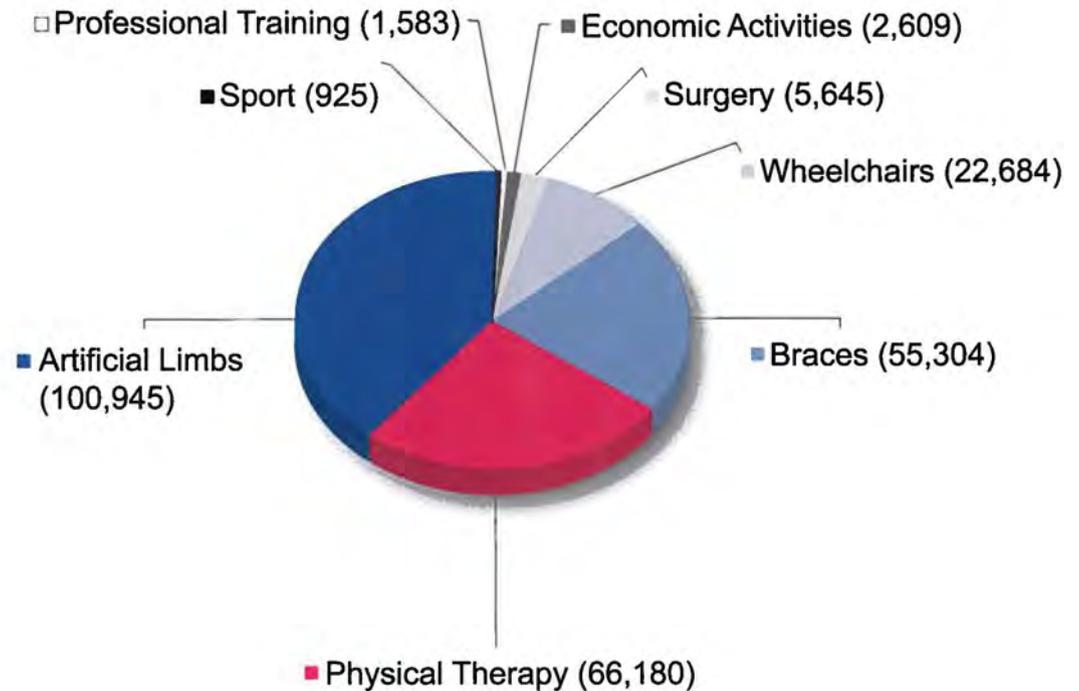
**Surgery:**  
5,645

**Economic Activities:**  
2,609

**Professional Training:**  
1,583

**Sport:**  
925

## Leahy War Victims Fund Beneficiaries

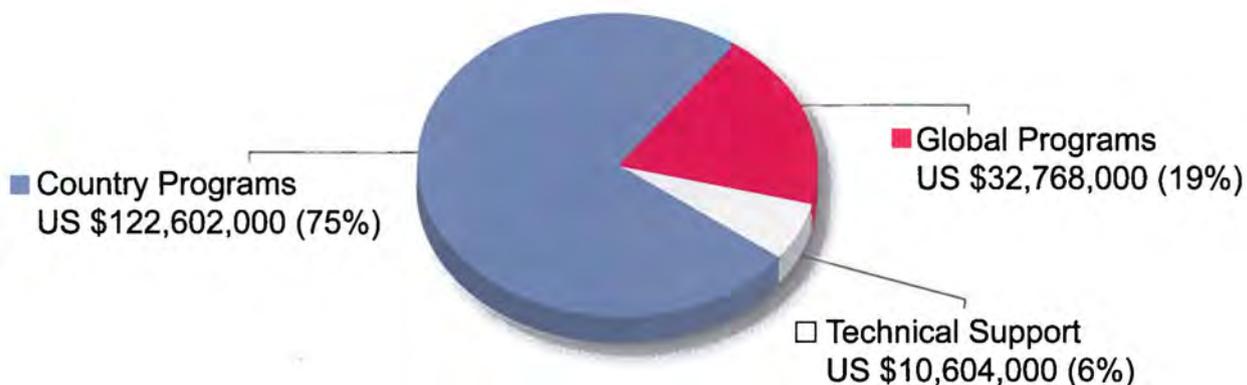


This publication celebrates twenty years of service provided to over one-quarter of a million people with disabilities living in more than forty countries around the world. The U.S. Agency for International Development has provided this service through its Patrick Leahy War Victims Fund.

In 1989, after a trip my wife Marcelle and I took to Central America where we observed the lasting suffering caused by armed conflicts, I established the War Victims Fund to help rebuild lives shattered by civil strife and warfare. Since then, USAID has used these resources to help tens of thousands of people with disabilities in many war-affected countries. Thousands of amputees have regained their mobility as a direct result of services and devices the Fund has provided. Others have benefited indirectly, from improved orthopedic technologies to scholarships for advanced technical training, and the establishment of sustainable service-delivery systems. Many others have found employment or benefited from other income-producing enterprises made possible by the Fund. I believe that one of this country's greatest, lasting legacies is improvements in the quality of life for innocent victims of war. Because of America's helping hand and their own determination, they have been able to overcome great hardship and take advantage of social, educational and economic opportunities that would otherwise have been unavailable or out of reach.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

## Distribution of Leahy War Victims Funding (1989 to present)



**Country Programs:**  
**\$122,602,000 USD (75%)**

**Global Programs:**  
**\$32,768,000 (19%)**

**Technical Support:**  
**10,604,000 (6%)**

**Total:**  
**165,974,000 (100%)**

# INTRODUCTION

Since its creation in 1989, USAID's Patrick Leahy War Victims Fund has focused on responding to the needs of civilian victims of conflict in war-affected developing countries.

The Fund provides a dedicated source of financial and technical assistance for people living with disabilities, particularly those who

have sustained mobility-related injuries as a direct or indirect result of war.

In the past two decades, the Fund has provided nearly \$125 million to more than thirty conflict-affected countries, with an additional \$31 million for Global Programs.



# TRENDS

The Fund believes that the provision of affordable, appropriate prosthetics and orthotics – including quality limbs, wheelchairs, and other orthopedic services – is a critical humanitarian need. But it is also just the first step.

Over time, the Fund has expanded its approach to support a range of comprehensive assistance designed to help individuals with disabilities rebuild their lives, return to independent living, and secure inclusion in the social and economic mainstream.

In addition to supporting individual country programs, the Fund has invested in Global Programs that have far-reaching effects. They have established international standards and accreditation, defined appropriate technology, and sustained previous investments through monitoring and mentoring activities.

The following pages show some of the highlights and achievements of the Leahy War Victims Fund over the past twenty years.

Nearly 101,000  
individuals received an  
artificial limb.



PROSTHETICS

More than 55,000  
people received  
leg braces.



ORTHOTICS

Over 65,000

people received physical therapy.



PHYSICAL THERAPY

More than 22,000  
people received  
wheelchairs.



WHEELCHAIRS



SPORTS

Nearly 1,000  
people engaged in sports  
activities.



More than 1,500  
people proficiently  
trained to provide  
rehabilitation services.



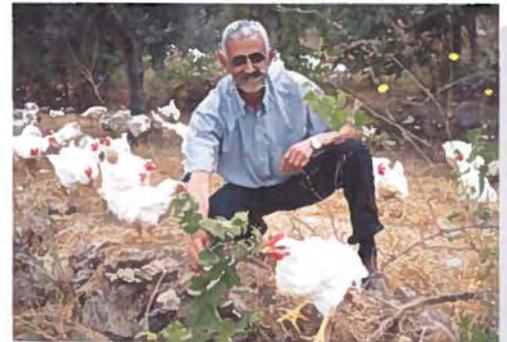
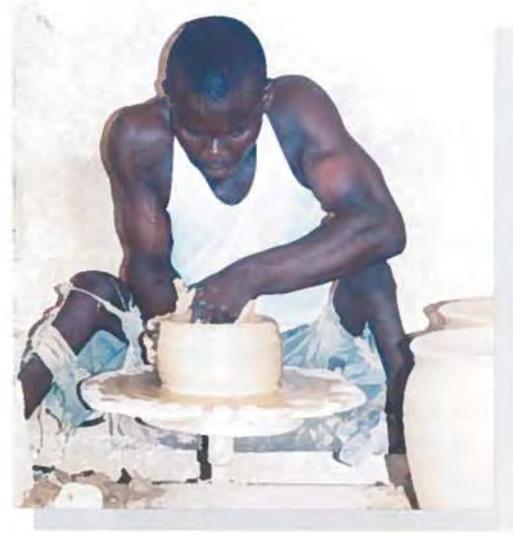
TRAINING



**ECONOMIC SUPPORT**

More than 2,500

people initiated small businesses or other income-generating activities.



More than 5,500  
people benefitted from  
surgeries to restore  
function.



**SURGERY**

I'm sure that when Senator Patrick Leahy created a small fund to help civilian victims of war in 1989, he didn't realize how much impact those funds would have not only on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in war-affected countries, but also in the development of local prosthetics workshops; training of cadres of prosthetics and orthotics professionals; establishment of sustainable services provided by governmental and non-governmental organizations; and the design and enforcement of international standards for practitioners, treatments, and equipment.

As we consider the direction the Fund will take over the next twenty years, we'll apply the lessons we've learned to accomplish more as we engage in such new endeavors as orthotic services, more appropriate wheelchairs (such as hand-propelled "tricycles"), and cost-recovery approaches to service delivery systems. USAID will continue to expand the Fund's breadth and depth as we seek to make the dollars go farther, faster, and to have increasingly more accountability and efficiency.

LLOYD FEINBERG, MANAGER, USAID'S PATRICK LEAHY WAR VICTIMS FUND



**LWVF FUNDING 1989 - 2008 (in thousands of dollars)**

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Afghanistan		420								
Albania										
Angola			596					2,500	768	732
Armenia					318	830				
Cambodia				830	202	575				750
Colombia										
DROC										
East Timor										
El Salvador	900					1,000		500		
Eritrea										
Ethiopia			1,235	1,000	730					
Ghana										
Kenya										
Laos		860		500			750		800	1,000
Lebanon	50		2,173							300
Liberia						1,115		225		500
Mali				120						
Mozambique	2,530	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,900		633	1,000
Nepal										
Nigeria										
Philippines										
RC Brazzaville <sup>1</sup>										
Romania										
Russia/Chechnya										
Senegal										
Sierra Leone										
Sri Lanka			420				100	200	200	200
Sudan										
Tanzania - TATCOT									300	
Uganda	1,807	600	225	250	500		500			
Vietnam			1,350	1,025	2,250	980	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Country TOTAL	5,287	2,880	5,999	4,725	5,000	4,500	4,750	4,925	4,201	5,982
Global Programs		644				200	484	115	500	1,000
Technical Support	85	250	150	275		300			425	200
Grand Total	5,372	3,774	6,149	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,234	5,040	5,126	7,182

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
				900	1,850	490	316	340		4,316
					339					339
		1,000	1,500	591	1,000	700	1,000			10,387
										1,148
1,300	390	1,904	2,000	1,268	739	2,900	950			13,808
					350	200		2,000		2,550
	1,148						350	252		1,750
						180				180
										2,400
					500					500
	2,999		800				700		1,000	8,464
					84	350				434
	1,700									1,700
1,800			1,000		1,000	300		1,002	40	9,052
500		600			400	770	1,500	1,307	800	8,400
1,000				343						3,183
										120
										9,063
					700				800	1,500
					500					500
				750				529	108	1,387
	40									40
					350	300				650
						100				100
				500	138	500				1,138
	61	1,568	1,000							2,629
300	400	400	800	400	900	500	350			5,170
						900	1,300	526		2,726
	18	300	600							1,218
						800	700			5,382
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,300		952	248		2,263	22,368
6,400	8,256	7,272	9,200	6,052	8,850	9,942	7,414	5,956	5,011	122,602
3,078	1,244	382		5,648	470	4,958	3,804	3,989	6,252	32,768
522	500	2346	800	220	2,610	1,000	42	55	824	10,604
10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,920	11,930	15,900	11,260	10,000	12,087	165,974



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