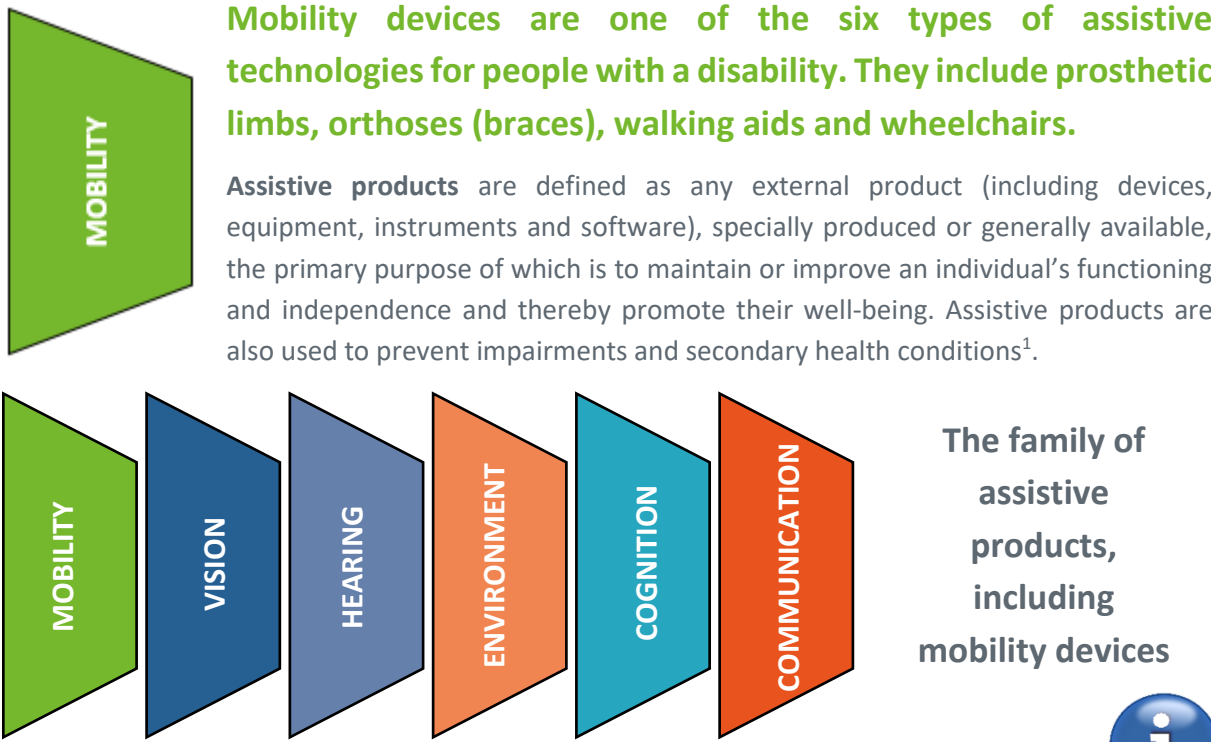


NATIONAL STUDY ON MOBILITY DEVICES IN VIETNAM

I. Introduction

In collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Health, the ICRC MoveAbility Foundation is conducting a national study on mobility devices in Vietnam.



Mobility devices are one of the six types of assistive technologies for people with a disability. They include prosthetic limbs, orthoses (braces), walking aids and wheelchairs.

Assistive products are defined as any external product (including devices, equipment, instruments and software), specially produced or generally available, the primary purpose of which is to maintain or improve an individual's functioning and independence and thereby promote their well-being. Assistive products are also used to prevent impairments and secondary health conditions¹.

The family of assistive products, including mobility devices

1. Priority assistive products list. Geneva: World Health Organization 2016

II. Research questions

1. What mobility device provision exists in Vietnam?
2. For people with impairments of the limbs or spine, what are costs and benefits of mobility device provision compared with no provision?
3. What are the unmet needs for mobility device provision in Vietnam?

III. Study plan

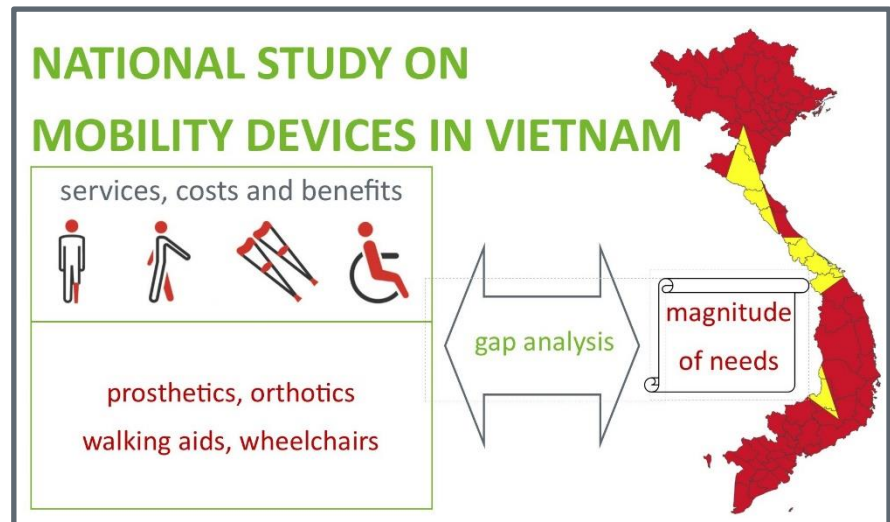
To answer the research questions the study will take place in two phases:

Phase 1: Source and review the best available evidence relevant to the research questions. Design project activities to address any unanswered questions. Identify funding sources. Phase 1 report.

Phase 2: Conduct research project activities to answer the research questions. Phase 2 reports.

IV. Project activities

- A. Map existing services
- B. Full economic costs of services
- C. Benefits of service provision
- D. Magnitude of needs
- E. Gap analysis



V. Project team

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Ms. Nhat Le Thi has experience in assisting and managing development projects over many years. Being a person with disability, Nhat is strongly interested in supporting people with disabilities. She is currently managing a project on orthopaedics to ensure people with disabilities in Vietnam receiving affordable and quality orthopaedic services.

