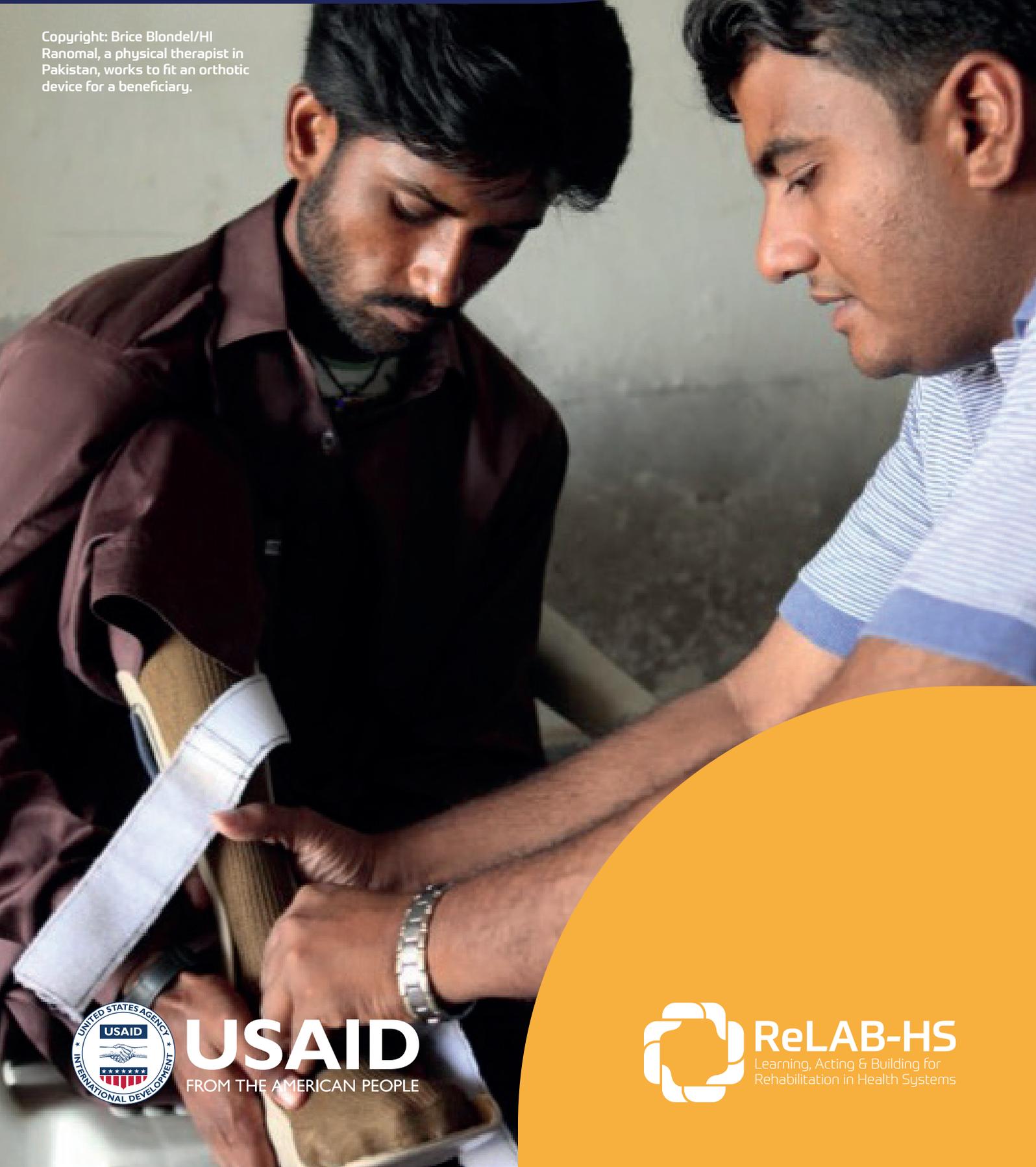


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Ranomal, a physical therapist in
Pakistan, works to fit an orthotic
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Our vision

Outraged by the injustice faced by people with disabilities and vulnerable populations, we aspire to a world of solidarity and inclusion, enriched by our differences, where everyone can live in dignity. ReLAB-HS complements our global work by working towards a better integration and expansion of rehabilitation and assistive technology services for countries where rehabilitation needs are still hugely unmet.

Our work

Since our creation in 1982, HI has worked alongside its partners to develop quality services that are accessible to people with disabilities, vulnerable and excluded populations. Access to rehabilitation in fragile and low-income countries is generally limited because it is unavailable. When available, it's unaffordable for most. Persons with disabilities face additional and significant barriers to rehabilitation services and assistive technologies, because of stigma and discrimination, inaccessible information and infrastructure, and because they are more likely to live in poverty. In order to meet growing global rehabilitation needs, HI works in partnership with authorities, rehabilitation service providers and users to enhance professional education, rehabilitation services quality, policy development and creating demand for services..

HI is currently supporting country stakeholders to integrate rehabilitation and assistive technology services into health systems; developing and implementing tools for quality assurance; finding innovative solutions to increase affordability and availability of rehabilitation and assistive technology, including digital transformation and tele-rehabilitation; advocating at local and global levels towards the sustainability of, expansion and equality of access to services. HI interventions include disaster preparedness and response, chronic crisis, and development in 55 countries.

Our role in ReLAB-HS

HI is co-designing and implementing innovative, comprehensive, cost-effective interventions for the ReLAB-HS project. HI's design contributions are built around organizational-level expertise in rehabilitation and assistive

technology, inclusive development, global advocacy and humanitarian action. Staff lean heavily on lessons from previous and current projects strengthening health systems in fragile countries (integration of rehabilitation data, telerehabilitation, leadership development).

Local teams will build on existing partnerships and networks, and draw on extensive experience engaging local communities, service providers and leaders in rehabilitation and health systems. Together, we will identify needs, set priorities and mobilize resources in a coordinated and inclusive manner, towards national and subnational policy planning and implementation. This work will be framed around available references, including the WHO Rehabilitation Support Package. Learning on evidence and learnings from consortium activities, HI will empower local communities, users and leaders, and will support local and global advocacy actions. Technical assistance will be provided to support economic analysis of rehabilitation systems and identification of financial arrangements that take into account social protection mechanisms, sustainability and affordability of services.

HI will coordinate with all consortium partners on activities related to capacity building for rehabilitation workforce — needs assessments and local delivery — and to build connections within country health systems for stronger referral mechanisms for rehabilitation and assistive technology services.

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