



# 'Linking 2 Learn'

## **Linking-to-Learn meeting Wheelchair Distribution (WCD) Uttarakhand October 2015**

Uttarakhand Cluster undertook a Wheelchair Distribution (WCD) in October 2015. This program was hosted by the Cluster and supported by many partners coming together and working alongside one another, these included Joni and Friends (JAF), Engage Disability, Operation Equip India and all the 50 members of the CHGN.

Joni and Friends (JAF) are an American charity, who make wheelchairs available to different parts of the world, and a team of volunteers travel to assess, modify, and fit wheelchairs for people with disabilities. They do all this in the love of Jesus and demonstrate the same mind as Jesus through their presence and service.

Herpertpur Hospital hosted the event and the 50 member programs of the Cluster supported with referrals, fundraising and support.

The outcomes of the event be summarized as:

- Local pastors received training on identifying needs of people affected by disability.
- 30 volunteers were involved in conducting surveys in their communities, supporting the submission of the application forms, arranging the transportation, and staying with those who had come for aids during their assessments. During the application submission process, a number of people learned for the first time about disability certificates given by the government and their uses.
- Local pastors identified 310 persons with disability who required aids, and local therapists conducted 310 initial assessments to evaluate individual needs prior to the detailed assessment during the WCD.
- Overall, 210 wheelchairs, 46 crutches, 42 walkers, and 32 canes were distributed
- Each person who received an aid was counselled and connected with the local pastor.
- The local pastors will continue to work with families to help improve access to health services, community support/engagement, and access to governmental supports

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