

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NCPPDSA

The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa (NCPDPSA) is a NGO with a footprint throughout South Africa. We have nine Provincial Associations for Persons with Disabilities with numerous projects and branches with the focus on rural development; social- and economic empowerment.

NCPDPSA is affiliated to the South African National Disability Alliance. We are also affiliated to Rehabilitation International. Our programs cover the whole of SA (including rural SA) as well as some African Countries.

The National Council serves as a pro-active forum for the advancement of persons with physical disabilities and persons with experiencing hearing loss later in life (post lingual deafness) so as to enable them to attain their maximum level of independence and integration into the community. The prevention of the occurrence of physical disablement and early identification of disabilities and/or hearing loss are also the focus area of the NCPDPSA.

The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities was established 9 October 1939 under the name of the National Council for the Care of Cripples in South Africa by four (4) independent service organizations that felt the need for a co-ordinating body.

Nine (9) autonomous Provincial Associations currently constitute the Council. These nine (9) organizations have ± ninety (90) independent Branches.

é	Eastern Cape
é	Free State
é	Gauteng
é	Kwazulu-Natal
é	Limpopo
é	Mpumalanga
é	North West Province
é	Northern Province
é	Western Cape

The NCPPDSA operates from a central office in Westdene (the directorate of NCPPDSA).

The strategic goals are implemented through volunteers and staff working under the terms of reference of various standing committees.

Programs/projects have a direct impact on persons with disabilities throughout South Africa



Empowerment workshop in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape

The main national partners of NCPPDSA in the disability sector are:

- é QASA – QuadPara Association of South Africa
- é NID – National Institute for the Deaf
- é NAPCP – National Association for Persons with Cerebral Palsy

NCPPDSA has an excellent record of accomplishment, sustainability and service delivery – we are celebrating our 70th birthday this year! We managed to stay relevant and remain a Council in transformation and our respect for diversity are respected and valued by all we serve - as well as our partners.

AN OUTLINE OF NCPPDSA'S CONSTITUENT MEMBER'S RANGE OF SERVICES

- é Skills development
- é Empowerment
- é Children's rights
- é Social work
- é Counseling
- é Community work – facilitating new projects and services

- é Residential homes
- é Partner for Life
- é Day care centers for children
- é Protective workshops
- é Entrepreneurial groups
- é Specialized transport
- é Parent Empowerment
- é Community care services – information services, attendant care and support groups
- é Employment placement
- é Education: annual Cerebral Palsy Conference and coordination of sixty-one special schools
- é Accessible transport
- é Promotion and awareness raising
- é Transformation
- é Motor and assistive device imports and parking disks
- é Assistive device hire and repair etc.

Services vary from one branch to another depending on the need in the community and the affordability of the service.
