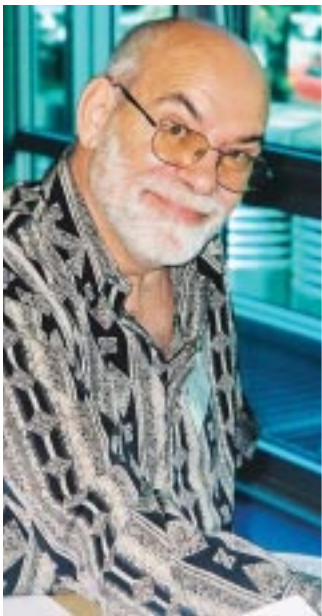


**There's work to do.**



# Landmine Survivors Network

Created by and for survivors, LSN empowers individuals and communities affected by landmines to recover from trauma, reclaim their lives, and fulfill their rights.

Since 1997, LSN has established Peer Support Networks in six mine-affected countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jordan, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Vietnam. LSN employs more than 40 staff and consultants at its Washington, DC, Headquarters, and nearly 100 people abroad, most of whom are survivors.

Over the past year, LSN has helped thousands of families affected by landmines, provided more than 15,000 home and hospital visits to survivors, and helped launch more than 280 survivor-owned businesses.

But there is still much work to do.

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# Message from Jane Olson

Chair, Board of Directors



## Dear Friends,

Last fall, I traveled with LSN Board members and friends to visit the Jordan Network and assess both the challenges and achievements of LSN. Jordanian Outreach Workers introduced us to courageous survivors in their homes, at clinics, jobs and play. We witnessed struggle and pain, but we also watched the thrill of competition at an amputee swim tournament, and saw pride in the eyes of a survivor who described his new business launched with LSN support.

Our rights-based development initiative gets survivors on their feet and back to their lives. One young amputee described his relationship with LSN as a “contract for hope.”

We toured demining projects in the Jordan Valley and met heroic deminers who were injured while removing 100,000 of the nearly 300,000 buried landmines. Military deminers make up 20% of our caseload.

The trip was not all work. We visited historic, cultural and natural phenomena. During our climb through Petra, the ancient rose-colored city, I reflected on the resiliency of landmine survivors.

LSN frequently invites Board members, donors and friends to visit our field programs. I hope you will consider joining us on a future mission, as I know you would be proud to see how your investment is changing so many lives half a world away.

I want to thank each of you for your contributions to LSN. It is inspiring to see how much can be done with modest resources, efficiency and relentless determination to help victims become survivors and reclaim their lives.

Let’s keep up the good work,

Jane Olson



## Message from Jerry White

Co-Founder and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2002 marks Landmine Survivors Network’s fifth anniversary. Co-Founder Ken Rutherford and I are grateful to dedicated staff, the Board, donors, families and friends. With your help, LSN has offered concrete support to improve the health and livelihood of thousands of landmine survivors since 1997.

From the beginning, it was clear that we were not just creating victim services for unfortunate landmine victims; we were offering trauma survivors a chance to reclaim their lives.

Many survivors describe that post accident it feels like you have lost your place. That description resonates with me. During recovery and rehabilitation, it was hard for me to see where I fit in the world I had known.

After my accident, a landmine survivor visited me in the hospital. He offered tough advice: “You have a choice: stay a victim or be a survivor.”

George Orwell said, “To survive you have to fight.” I learned it is a tough fight to find and claim your place. LSN presents a map to health, opportunity and rights. But in heavily mined countries in the developing world, there are major roadblocks. Worldwide, only 10% have access to healthcare and rehabilitation, and many survivors face prejudice and the systemic rejection of people with disabilities.

LSN is changing how landmine survivors see themselves, how they are perceived, and how they are treated.

Please read the Annual Report. It shows our success. But there is more work to do.

With gratitude and best wishes,

# Victim ➤ Survivor ➤ Citizen

## Recovery Evolves

**W**e’ve learned from survivors that recovery is an evolving process. And while each individual’s path to recovery is unique, survivors around the world follow a similar process, with three distinct phases: **Victim**, **Survivor**, and **Citizen**. Each phase has different needs.

- In the **Victim** phase, survivors feel disconnected and disempowered, even lost. Their needs are mostly related to emergency healthcare and emotional support.
- In the **Survivor** phase, individuals are struggling to find their place. Their needs focus primarily on mobility and opportunities for work.
- In the **Citizen** phase, survivors focus more on claiming their rightful place as contributing members of their communities. Their needs turn to external factors, such as equal protection under the law and human rights.

Our trauma recovery research indicates that LSN’s integrated program encompassing **Health**, **Opportunity**, and **Rights** is a dynamic way to meet survivors’ needs, and help them reclaim their lives. LSN’s work addresses the whole person on the journey from injury to recovery.

**HEALTH** We are helping survivors, amputees and their families recover physically and emotionally from trauma through peer support, links to existing services, education, and community support, and fulfilling basic needs such as food and shelter.

**OPPORTUNITY** Jobs and economic independence are intrinsic to recovery. But people with disabilities are often hired last, if at all. LSN is working to change the way employers view people with disabilities and opening doors for survivors to find jobs.

**RIGHTS** Through local, regional, and international advocacy, LSN offers survivors and all people with disabilities training and tools needed to claim their human rights. LSN is working to persuade governments and communities to respect and promote the human rights of all people with disabilities.



There’s work to do.



# Victim

**LSN helps survivors, amputees and their families achieve physical and emotional recovery from trauma through peer support, links to existing services, education, and community support, and fulfilling basic needs such as food and shelter.**

Above: LSN Outreach Worker Ma'moun Abu Hdeib helps Younes Srour Wardat wrap his residual limb, Jordan

# Losing my place

**W**hen a friend told me a nearby olive grove might be available for rent, I had to see the property for myself. While I was walking around the grove, I stepped on a landmine. I laid in the grove suffering and near death for three hours before a driver spotted me. He took me to the nearest hospital — almost an hour away. I was unconscious when we arrived. My foot couldn't be saved.

After the surgery, one question haunted me: **“What will I do from now on?”**

I didn't have insurance, and the hospital was expensive. Worried that I could not provide for my family, I sent my wife and children to live with her family in Syria. I felt useless. Then I met Ma'moun Abu Hdeib, an LSN-Jordan Outreach Worker.

He was walking with such a steady step that I didn't even notice he was wearing a prosthesis. We talked about his injury and mine. I was so eager to speak to somebody like me.

As Ma'moun visited me more and more, I began to feel less and less hopeless. Ma'moun helped me wrap my leg, and then taught me how to do it myself. LSN gave me crutches, ending my confinement.

Ma'moun explained that under Jordan's disability law, I was entitled to insurance that pays for medicine, treatment and prostheses. Ma'moun helped me enroll in the national health insurance plan. Now I receive free medicine and follow-up care.

I was ready for a prosthesis. My insurance covered the cost but none was available at the government hospital. Ma'moun and LSN stepped in again. LSN paid a private service provider to fit me and provide a prosthetic foot.

With LSN's help, I found a job. I feel useful again. Now I have an answer to the question, ‘What can I do from now on?’ I can work, support my family and live a good life.

— Younes Srour Wardat, Jordan

**Individual survivors are at the center of LSN's mission.**

**Worldwide, fewer than 10% of survivors have access to proper medical care. A growing child needs a new artificial limb every six to twelve months. An adult needs a new prosthesis every three to five years.**

**The US Department of State estimates that fewer than one in four landmine amputees is fitted with a proper prosthesis.**

# physical and emotional well-being

## A Time to Heal

Good healthcare is the starting point for trauma recovery. LSN Outreach Workers had an active caseload of 1,990 survivors last year — working to make sure each one has access to the care they need. When a survivor identifies a need that cannot be met by available services, LSN helps to meet the need directly. Such needs include prostheses, doctor visits, medicine, wheelchairs, crutches, shelter and food. In addition, LSN Board and staff have worked to increase funding for victim assistance programs through high-level meetings with government officials and by educating opinion-makers on the need.

### PEER SUPPORT

Last year, LSN Outreach Workers conducted 15,615 hospital and home visits with survivors to assess needs, offer psychological and social support, and educate families about the effects of limb loss.

### LINKS TO HEALTHCARE

Once a survivor’s physical, emotional, social and economic recovery needs are evaluated, LSN links individual survivors and their families to existing services and tracks progress toward improved quality of life. Outreach Workers linked 903 survivors to healthcare services last year.

### HOSPITAL VISITS

Local hospitals alert LSN when new survivors arrive at the hospital. LSN sends trained amputee visitors to meet new survivors. Through interaction with someone who has survived a similar experience and gone on with their life, survivors are given hope as well as the inspirational lifeline of talking with someone who has been there. Outreach Workers persuade survivors to seek additional medical attention as soon as they need it and before a small problem turns into a large one.

### EDUCATION

LSN produces and distributes a variety of acclaimed informational materials in local languages that address a range of issues related to landmines, limb loss and disability. Our materials are designed to help survivors make the decisions necessary for recovery. Already printed in seven languages, our *Surviving Limb Loss* pamphlets were translated into Dari and Pashto last year for distribution in Afghanistan.



#### SURVIVOR NEEDS

Self Acceptance  
Medical Care  
Emotional Support  
Limb Loss Education

#### LSN RESPONSE

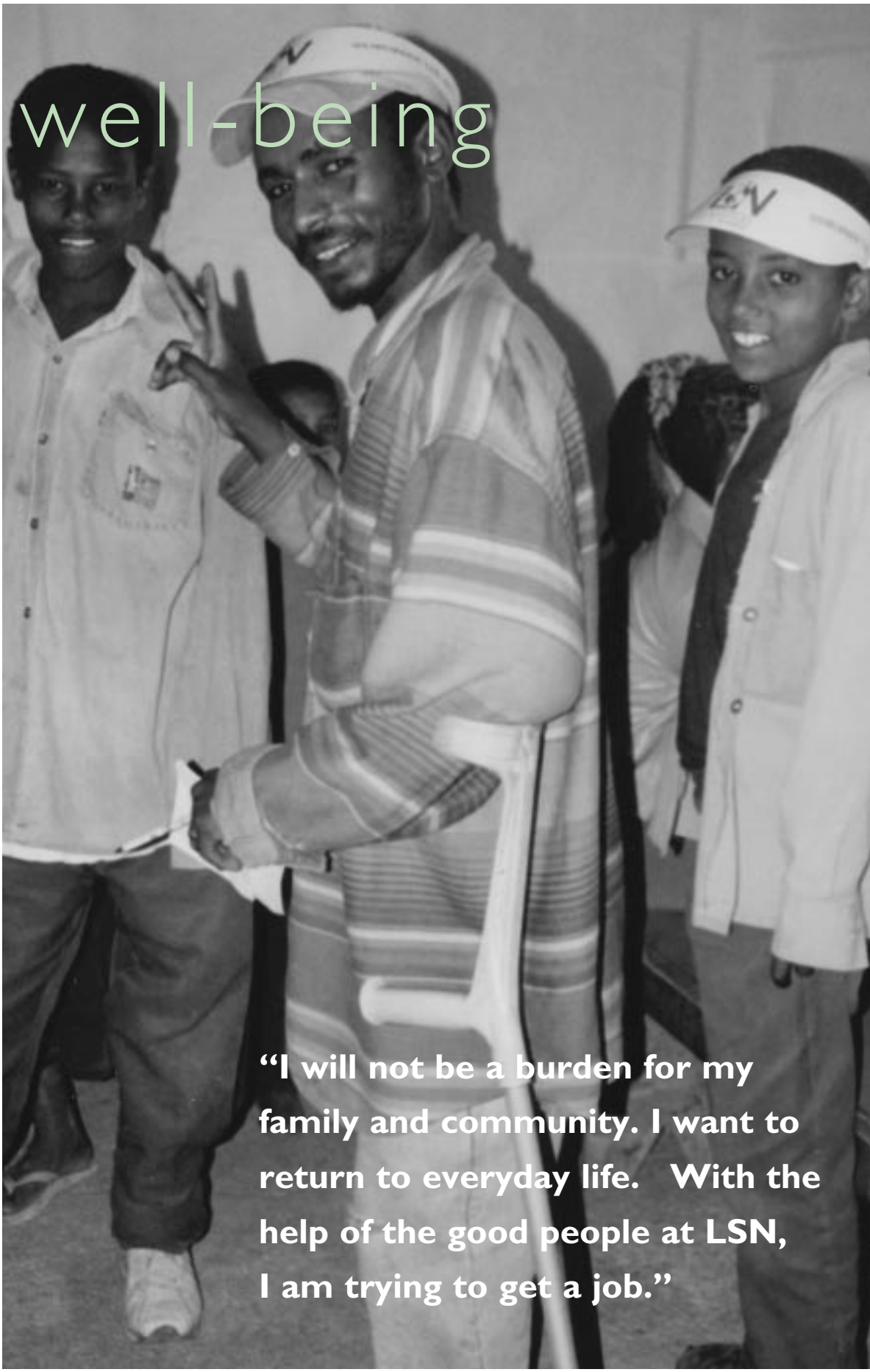
Peer Support  
Links to Healthcare  
Hospital Visits  
Education

#### GOAL

Physical and Emotional  
Well-being

#### OUTCOME

Health



“I will not be a burden for my family and community. I want to return to everyday life. With the help of the good people at LSN, I am trying to get a job.”



Eighty percent of landmine victims are civilians. Twenty-five percent of landmine victims are children. Most survivors and their families live on well under \$1 per day.



there’s still work to do

# LSN Outreach Workers help reclaim lives one survivor at a time. Our Peer Support program has been praised as a public health model.

## Building a Community of Support

Outreach Workers, who are all survivors and amputees, complete a training program specifically designed for them by LSN trauma recovery experts. As former victims turned survivors, LSN Outreach Workers have an intimate knowledge of what each individual survivor is going through. They help each survivor to assess his/her physical, emotional and social needs. They then work together to help each person chart their own path to recovery.

Enquayehu Asres, an LSN-Ethiopia Outreach Worker, lost the use of her left leg when she was three years old. Although Enquayehu considers herself lucky to have been allowed to go to school, she remembers her school years as very difficult and painful. She couldn't run and play like the other kids, but worse than that, her parents were ashamed of having a child with a disability. Except for going to school, she was not allowed out of the house.

Enquayehu had little success finding work until she joined a tailoring organization owned by people with disabilities. Meeting and working with other people with disabilities helped her understand that she was not alone and that she was capable of leading a full life. She is passionate about passing that understanding on to the survivors, particularly the children she meets every day in her work as an LSN Outreach Worker.

Enquayehu has become a best friend to many of the survivors she visits, and says she knows she has made a difference in their lives. "They trust me and I have their acceptance," she said. "I am also learning from them."

"One of the challenges we face is the negative attitude of our families and schools. LSN provides vital information to assist them in understanding and supporting children with disabilities."

— Enquayehu Asres  
LSN-Ethiopia Outreach Worker



Jerry White, Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Her Majesty Queen Noor with members of Sen. Brownback's staff prior to Senate Briefing on Victim Assistance legislation, April 2002.

## Convincing US to Provide Aid for War Victims

**T**he human cost of war is deep and lasting. When nation states start to fragment or implode, nine out of ten of those killed, maimed or forced to flee through war are civilians. Many are women and children. Many are injured or killed by landmines.

Victims of forced amputations in Sierra Leone cannot afford prosthetic limbs; children in Iraq are in great danger unless educated about the threat of landmines; mine victims in Afghanistan, desperately need psycho-social support to reclaim their lives. Who will help these innocent victims of landmines, war, conflict and civil strife?

LSN is reaching out to Members of the US Congress to promote the "International Disability and Victims of Civil Strife and Warfare Assistance Act." The legislation addresses the long-term needs of victims of war. It will establish programs and resources for USAID and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide increased assistance for: medical and rehabilitative services; research, prevention and public awareness campaigns; and facilitation of peer support networks for individuals with disabilities in war-torn nations.

- This important and timely legislation (S. 1777) passed the Senate by unanimous consent on September 13, 2002. Unfortunately, the House of Representatives did not consider the legislation before Congress adjourned.
- In early 2003, an identical Bill was introduced by Senators Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) – S. 742 – and in the House by Representatives Tom Lantos (D-CA) and Frank Wolf (R-VA) — H.R. 1462. At press time, the Bill had not yet come to either the Senate or House for a vote. We are confident the Bill will pass this year.



# Finding my place

**D**uring El Salvador's civil war, I volunteered to help my fellow countrymen as a medic in remote areas where doctors and nurses were not available. We heard a man screaming for help. He had just stepped on a landmine.

Others on the team refused to aid the bleeding man because he was obviously in a minefield. I ran to help. I was lifting him when another landmine exploded. The injured man died immediately and I lost both my legs.

My recovery was long and difficult. I spent seven years in a rehabilitation hospital. I had no money to pay for food so I learned to make small crafts, which I sold for pennies. I longed to leave the hospital and live at home.

I was deeply depressed before I met LSN Outreach Worker José Arias. José understood how I felt, because he is an amputee like me. José motivated me to overcome my difficulties and showed me it was possible to reach my goals. I told José that I once worked in my uncle's bakery. He encouraged me to open a business to bake and sell quesadillas myself. We developed a business plan, and LSN gave me a mixer and a stove to get started.

Today, I bake quesadillas, and my mother sells them to workers at a nearby factory. My special recipe is quite popular. I am pleased to say the business is doing well. LSN helped me find a wheelchair-accessible home close to a busy main road. I can now sell more quesadillas to more hungry people. I am writing a new business plan to expand my business, and plan to train and hire other survivors to work with me.

— Juan Antonio Carbajal, El Salvador

Like Juan, many mine-injured men, women, and children struggle to make ends meet. Unable to earn a living, many are cast out into the streets by family members and forced to beg. The barriers survivors face in finding employment are often more disabling than the landmine injury itself.

## Survivor

**LSN is expanding and deepening our economic integration program to provide skills training, open up more jobs, and encourage small business development in mine-affected countries.**

# economic integration and livelihood



**SURVIVOR NEEDS**

- Family Acceptance
- Rehabilitation and Mobility
- Recreation and Exercise
- Job Skills Counseling

**LSN RESPONSE**

- Peer Guidance
- Role Models
- Home Visits and Family Education
- Vocational Training

**GOAL**

- Economic Integration and Livelihood

**OUTCOME**

- Opportunity**

## Opportunity

LSN programs are based on the belief that by helping survivors forge their own path toward recovery, survivors can take a more active role in finding their place in society. Last year, LSN helped survivors create more than 280 small businesses. We provided start-up equipment such as sewing machines, saws, cobbler tools and baking supplies. We helped survivors acquire livestock to produce eggs, honey, dairy products, and wool.

**PEER GUIDANCE**

LSN promotes group activities like amputee sports, international competitions, and recreational and educational activities to help survivors build self-confidence, forge relationships within communities, and reach out to other survivors from regions previously in conflict.

**ROLE MODELS**

LSN hires staff and trains them to be role models. Survivors meet an LSN Outreach Worker and say, “If he can make it, so can I.”

**HOME VISITS AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

Families are frequently involved in Outreach Worker visits to a home. It is important for families to hear the same messages as survivors, and to understand the survivor does not have to remain a victim. Outreach Workers use our *Surviving Limb Loss* pamphlet series in meetings with family members. One of the pamphlets, “Information for Families,” is written specifically for this purpose.

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

LSN works with local employers to help people with disabilities find job opportunities. In Jordan, LSN paid for survivors to take computer courses. In Bosnia, LSN Outreach Workers provide small business development training in collaboration with other international NGOs. One survivor’s LSN-supported auto repair business was so successful he had to hire an assistant — and he hired another survivor. LSN survivors are working in tailoring and shoe repair businesses, as locksmiths and a host of other occupations.

there’s still work to do



“I want to work in any job. I need to feel valued, that I am human.”



In 2002, LSN employed survivors and amputees for key managerial and all outreach staff positions.



People with disabilities encounter enormous barriers when attempting to compete in sports or even develop a personal exercise program.

“Sports are a natural way to break the isolation survivors often feel.”

— Plamenko Priganica, Director  
LSN-Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Sports and Recreation

LSN Networks promote sports for people with disabilities, as well as a wide variety of social activities to help survivors integrate into their communities.

### SPORTS

As they do for people without disabilities, sports improve physical and psychological well-being for many people with disabilities. Last year, LSN-El Salvador sponsored 30 players on an **Amputee Soccer Team** by providing equipment and uniforms. LSN-Bosnia and Herzegovina held two international tournaments — the LSN Second Annual **Wheelchair Basketball** Tournament and the Fourth Annual Princess Diana Memorial **Sitting Volleyball** Tournament. LSN-Jordan sponsored a **Table-Tennis** team, a **Sitting Volleyball Team**, and an **Amputee Swim Team**.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

LSN promotes group activities to help survivors increase contact and build relationships among other survivors and within their communities. At LSN-Bosnia and Herzegovina, structured Peer Support Groups meet regularly for a six-month period. Each group has eight survivors in different stages of recovery: two who are new to LSN and in the Victim phase of their recovery; four in the Survivor phase; and two in the Citizen phase. During meetings, survivors discuss a variety of topics including jobs, phantom pain, and self-image. Many groups work so well they continue to meet with each other on their own after the group’s cycle is over. One group in Banja Luka founded its own organization, the Association for Amputees.

At LSN-Ethiopia, small groups of survivors meet monthly to talk about issues of interest. **One group is specifically for children**, and is a way for them to talk about their experiences in a safe environment. At the end of their discussions, they play table-tennis and other team sports. LSN-Mozambique celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd by organizing a day-long event that included games and sports such as wheelchair races and sack races. LSN-Jordan held a Ramadan breakfast for survivors. This holiday activity was chosen because it is a special time for gathering with families, and people with disabilities are often left out of these important social gatherings.



Inaccessible facilities top the list of barriers to sports participation for many people with disabilities.



# Claiming my place

I know the sting and stigma of a landmine injury. When I was 12 years old, I found a landmine on the banks of a river. It blew up in my hands. I lost an eye and both hands. Little did I know, but in that instant I lost my family too.

After three months in the hospital I was sent home to my family. I was happy to come home, but was devastated and unprepared for my father's reaction to me. He was very angry with me. He seemed to hate me and couldn't accept the damaged son standing before him. In a fit of anger, he chased me out of the house and tried to kill me with his pistol. Probably, if he had killed me, the crime would have gone unpunished.

I was abandoned by my family and had to learn to fend for myself. My hands were gone, but somehow I convinced myself to make the best of the situation. I had to.

I found a job as an apprentice in a factory that employs people with disabilities. It was a turning point in my life. I was trained in sewing and office work, pursued my education and completed high school. I had the confidence to pursue a new interest — photography. I bought a small camera and was able to make enough money to support eight family members and build my own house. I came to LSN, and was hired as the official photographer of LSN-Ethiopia. Everyone there accepts me, and other survivors tell me they are proud to know me.

— Seleshi Beyene, Ethiopia

**Ninety-eight percent of children with disabilities in the developing world are denied formal education.**

**In some countries, people with disabilities cannot inherit property, hold passports, marry, give evidence at trials or be legal guardians of children.**

## Citizen

**“Citizenship is man's basic right, for it is nothing less than the right to have rights.”**

— EARL WARREN, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE, US SUPREME COURT

Six hundred million people — almost 10% of the world's population — live with disabilities. Many do not have the chance to work.

# social integration and access

## Rights and Responsibilities

**L**SN's local, regional and international Advocacy Programs help survivors and people with disabilities know their rights, understand laws and policies and campaign to effect change in their own countries. These programs are helping to secure the human rights of all people with disabilities.

### PEER LEADERSHIP

*Raising the Voices*, a collaboration between LSN and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), is a human rights and leadership training program that empowers survivors to build the skills, knowledge, and capacities to become advocates for themselves and others. In 2002, survivors from ten African nations participated. Margaret Arach, a *Raising the Voices* graduate from Uganda, is now Co-Chair of the ICBL Working Group on Victim Assistance. *Raising the Voices* is also being offered to survivors from Asia (2003) and the Middle East (2004).

### RIGHTS AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

LSN is building a global community to promote and protect the rights of landmine survivors and people with disabilities. We are reaching out to schools, interfaith denominations, and the media. For example, in 2002, students at 75 US International Baccalaureate schools researched needs of landmine survivors and raised more than \$30,000 for victim assistance.

LSN is a leader in a growing coalition of disability, human rights, relief, development, and faith-based groups who are campaigning to secure a UN Convention that will promote the human rights of people with disabilities. LSN Co-Founder Ken Rutherford issued a call-for-action at the Disabled Peoples' International World Assembly in Sapporo, Japan. The Conference voted unanimously to endorse the Convention. LSN has launched a new website, **www.rightsforall.com** in both English and Arabic. LSN is working to engage governments, the United Nations and NGOs in the Convention process.

LSN has organized workshops and conferences in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East to empower survivors and encourage people with disabilities to become strong advocates for laws and policies that positively affect their lives. LSN was instrumental in organizing a World Bank conference on disability and poverty reduction where LSN Patron Queen Noor and World Bank President James Wolfensohn announced new efforts to address the issue of disability, poverty eradication and rights.



- CITIZEN NEEDS**
- Community Acceptance
  - Barrier-Free Access
  - Equal Treatment Under the Law
  - Employment Opportunities

- LSN RESPONSE**
- Peer Leadership
  - Rights Awareness and Advocacy Campaigns
  - Business Community Partnerships

- GOAL**
- Social Integration and Access

- OUTCOME**
- Rights**

there's still work to do



**“My wish is...that no one suffer like this, and have to depend financially on someone else because they cannot work.”**



People with disabilities often live in poverty, dependence and social exclusion. Their potential contribution is lost — to their own livelihood, to their families, to employers, and to society as a whole.



LSN believes people with disabilities cannot exercise their human rights unless they have equal opportunities for productive and gainful employment.

**The Right to Work**

Fewer than 25% of women with disabilities are employed and paid a salary.

All people are born free and equal with dignity and rights. One area where people with disabilities must be empowered to exercise their human rights is the right to work. This community must have equal opportunities for productive and gainful employment.

**BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

LSN offers programs including job training and small business development that will lead survivors to economic independence. With the help of University of Michigan Business School graduate students, LSN is researching market opportunities and developing economic integration models to expand our ability to help survivors get back into the workforce.



Justin Dart (seated, center) with LSN Staff, and Rosangela Berman-Bieler (USICD), Marca Bristo (NCD) and Yoshiko Dart at “A Call for Worldwide Recognition of the Human Rights of People with Disabilities,” June 12, 2002.

**UN Convention on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities**

**LSN**-Jordan Director, Adnan Al Aboudi was the only person with a disability from the developing world to address the first United Nations Ad Hoc Meeting discussing a Convention on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities. Eighty percent of the 600 million people with disabilities live in the developing world. Mr. Al Aboudi believes it was both a privilege and responsibility to represent them.

Over the past year, LSN has been a catalyst for a global campaign for a UN Convention on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities. One critical aspect of our work is to engage, offer access and train people with disabilities to participate in the process. We are working to organize civil society, mobilize public opinion, and create political will to secure the Convention by 2007.

In the Spring of 2002, LSN and the National Council on Disability, organized a US conference to build consensus that disability rights are human rights. Leaders in the disability and human rights communities formed a broad coalition. Keynote speaker, the late Justin Dart (1930-2002), often referred to as the father of the US disability rights movement, issued a call to action in support of the Convention, saying: “If we want a meaningful Convention, we must give up business as usual and fight as if the lives of millions depended on it, because they do.”

The UN Convention will protect and promote the rights of people with disabilities. This legal framework will help LSN empower survivors to rebuild their lives.



Fewer than 45 of 189 UN Member States have any form of anti-discrimination law for people with disabilities.





# Raising the Voices Graduates at work in Africa

**JEAN-CLAUDE BASSENE, SENEGAL**

In Senegal, many children with disabilities do not go to school because superstition says that a disabled child brings shame and bad luck to the family. Mr. Bassene works to integrate children into the school system. He speaks with parents to convince them that a child with disabilities can be a productive member of the family – but only with an education. He works closely with Handicap International, which provides scholastic scholarships.

**TEDLA GEBREHIWET, ERITREA**

In Eritrea, most buildings are inaccessible and there is no national-level policy addressing physical access. After his *Raising the Voices* training, Mr. Gebrehiwet went to the Ministry of Public Buildings to discuss ways of incorporating accessibility into designs and construction of new buildings. The Ministry circulated a memo written by Mr. Gebrehiwet to the Association of Architects and Engineers. It outlined specific measures that resulted in the plans to modify projects currently underway, including a bank, a shopping mall, housing for ex-combatants, and a new hospital.

**GEBRESELASSIE GEBREMARIUM, ETHIOPIA**

Many people in Addis Ababa, including landmine survivors, set up small, mobile shops by the roadside to make ends meet. But permits to do this are often denied. Mr. Gebremarium is working toward equal opportunity by advocating for special permits for persons with disabilities to set up roadside shops. He formed a coalition of disability groups to approach the local government. The city is now reviewing its licensing policy.



*Raising the Voices empowers survivors to represent, organize and advocate on behalf of landmine survivors and other people with disabilities in their home countries and internationally.*



# Raising the Voices

*Raising the Voices* is a campaign to provide the training and tools to equip survivor leaders from mine-affected countries to contribute to their societies by taking their rightful place in the social structures.

Above: *Raising the Voices* participants in Geneva, Switzerland for International Mine Ban Treaty implementation meetings, September 2002.



# Goals for the future

LSN will develop and deliver quality trauma recovery services to improve the **Health** of thousands of survivors in mine-affected countries; create **Opportunity** and provide services to build economic independence for survivors worldwide; and, build an international campaign to promote the **Rights**, dignity and social integration of survivors and other people with disabilities.

there's work to do

## More work to do

LSN commits to future projects based on our expectations for making a positive impact on the lives of survivors and their communities.

### VIETNAM NETWORK

Vietnam is littered with well over three million landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) leftover from the Vietnam War. It is estimated that 2,000 people are injured each year by this deadly debris. Most victims have limited access to medical assistance.

LSN launched our newest network office in Quang Binh Province, in central Vietnam. The Bo Trach District in Quang Binh Province is located along the former demilitarized zone, one of the most heavily mined areas during the Vietnam War.

LSN is meeting with landmine survivors on a commune-by-commune basis. We are working with Vietnamese officials to better identify and address the individual needs of survivors.

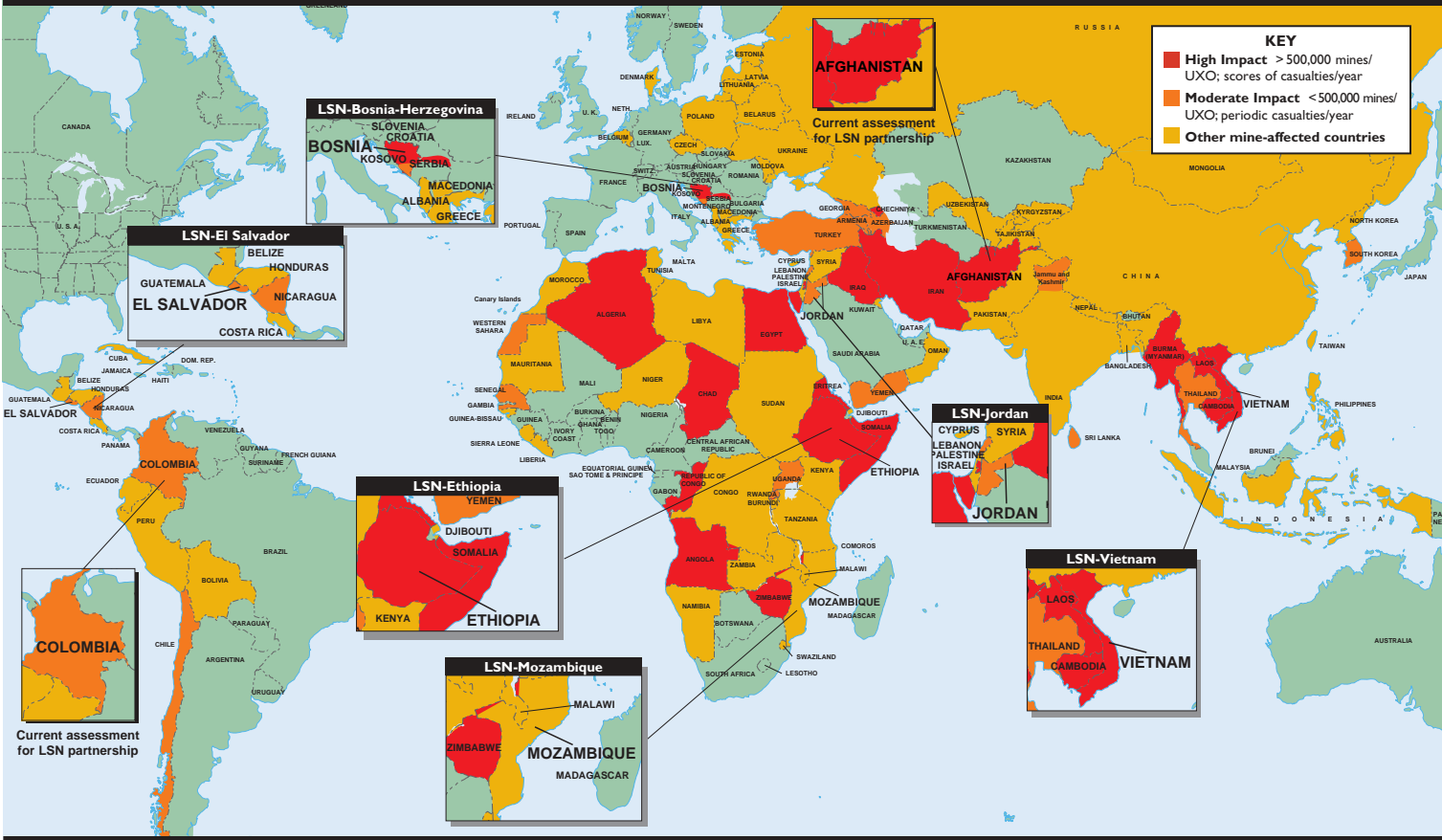
### AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan's landmines are a legacy of 23 years of civil war and Soviet occupation, and kill or maim 150 to 300 people a month; 70% of them are civilians. LSN is determining how best to reach out to landmine survivors in post-conflict Afghanistan. We translated our *Surviving Limb Loss* pamphlet series into Pashto and Dari and will distribute them in 2003.

In July 2002, Afghan President Hamid Karzai agreed to join the Mine Ban Treaty. LSN facilitated survivors' role in this historic moment. In a July 2002 letter to President Karzai, survivors wrote: "As Afghans who have suffered landmine accidents, we look forward to the day, God willing, when we will celebrate a landmine-free Afghanistan — an Afghanistan where all people have the opportunity to live and work in peace and dignity." President Karzai invited LSN staff and Afghan survivors to stand behind him at the signing ceremony in Kabul.



WORKING WHERE WE'RE NEEDED MOST



Tens of millions of mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) are buried in 90 mine-affected countries. LSN programs are reaching out to survivors in 21 of the 41 most-affected nations and territories.

**HIGH IMPACT:** Nation or territory with more than 500,000 buried mines/UXO inflicting scores to hundreds of casualties each year.

Afghanistan	Cambodia	Croatia	Iran	Myanmar (Burma)
Algeria	Chad	Egypt	Iraq	Somalia
Angola	Chechnya	Eritrea	Laos	Vietnam
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Congo	Ethiopia	Mozambique	Zimbabwe

**MODERATE IMPACT:** Nation or territory with 500,000 or fewer mines/UXO inflicting ongoing casualties.

Armenia	El Salvador	Korea	Palestinian Authority	Thailand
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Kosovo	Rwanda	Turkey
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LSN NETWORKS LSN PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES LSN SURVIVOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING INITIATIVES

Financial Summary 2002

In FY 2002, LSN’s overall revenue increased by nearly \$1 million, to more than \$6 million, reflecting a 17% increase from the previous year. Individual donations, foundation investment and government support all increased.

Expenditures totaled \$4.5 million during 2002, an increase of 32% over the previous year. Program activities represent 86% of total expenses. Program-related activities include:

- a) strengthening and expanding LSN’s international survivor networks;
- b) conducting research in the field of trauma psychology to determine those factors most helpful in recovery and to utilize findings in the design of LSN outreach programs;
- c) training survivors from mine-affected regions on disability and human rights and supporting their efforts to plan and execute projects to advance those rights; and,
- d) providing seed support for survivor-run small businesses.

The remaining 14% of expenditures cover general and administrative costs and development costs, 8% and 6% respectively.

With most of LSN’s networks expanding their outreach activities in the coming year, with additional country initiatives and an ever-increasing profile on the international advocacy front, LSN is projecting an \$8 million budget in 2003. This will be possible not only with ongoing support from governments and foundations, but also through an expanded individual donor program in 2003 and beyond.

In all of our efforts, LSN strives to establish annual programmatic objectives that are fiscally achievable, while delivering direct and measurable benefits to the lives of survivors, their families and communities.

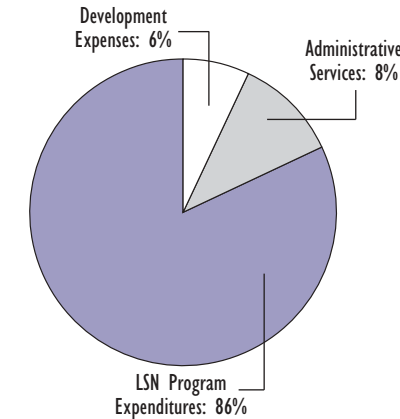
Since its inception, LSN has been audited annually by the DC-based accounting firm Raffa & Associates, P.C. Copies of audited financial statements and LSN’s 2002 Federal Form 990 are available upon request.

Your support is crucial. There is much work to do to address the rights and needs of a growing number of landmine and war victims worldwide.

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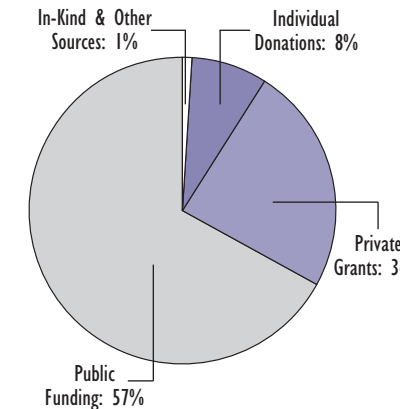
LSN 2002 EXPENSES

EXPENSE	2002
LSN Program Expenditures	\$3.8M
Administrative Services	.4M
Development Expenses	.3M
Total Expenses	\$4.5M



LSN 2002 REVENUE

REVENUE	2002
Individual Donations	\$5M
Private Grants	2.1M
Public Funding	3.4M
In-Kind & Other Sources	.1M
Total Revenue	\$6.1M*



\*Note: The majority of excess revenue over expenditures in 2002 is earmarked and restricted for use in 2003.

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