Founded by Ralf Hotchkiss in 1980 after his travels in Nicaragua working with local wheelchair users to design durable, useable wheelchairs.
Meru, Kenya - 1996
Serafin in Mindanao, Philippines
This woman in India can’t participate in family activities because her chair is inadequate.
• Employment
• Evolving design
• User participation

Double amputee building wheelchairs in Nicaragua – circa 1995
• Employment
• Communication
• Cohesive community
• Collective action

Women wheelchair riders building wheelchairs in Uganda – circa 1998
St. Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs, Haiti – 2010

Design Trade-offs
Who should make them?
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