

Support services utilised by adults with an acquired disability.

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Explore the support services utilised by adults with acquired physical disability in South Africa.

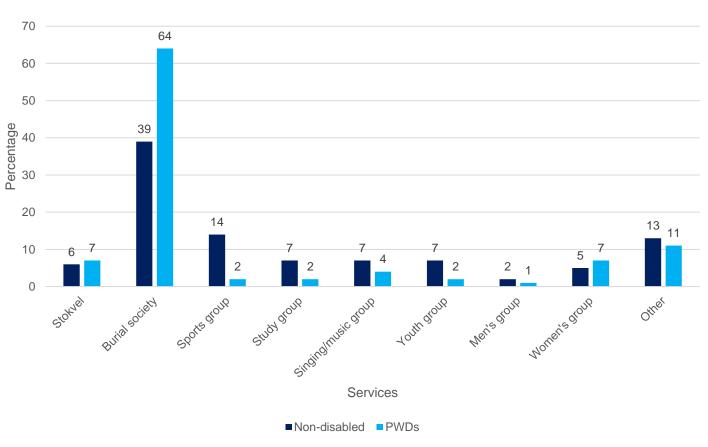
BACKGROUND





GLOBAL SOUTH

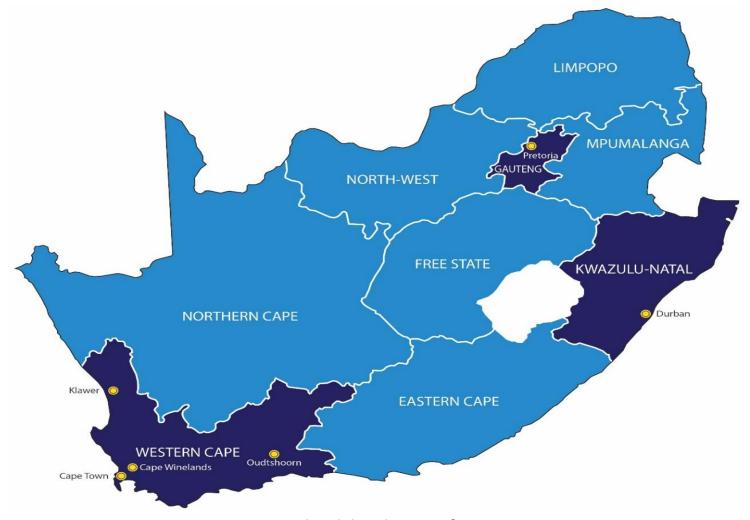
Refer to the regions of Latin America,
Asia, Africa, and Oceania. It references an
entire history of colonialism, neoimperialism, and differential economic
and social change which results in
inequalities in living standards, life
expectancy, and access to resources are
maintained. (Dados & Connell. 2012)



Participation in community organisations (Graham et al., 2014)

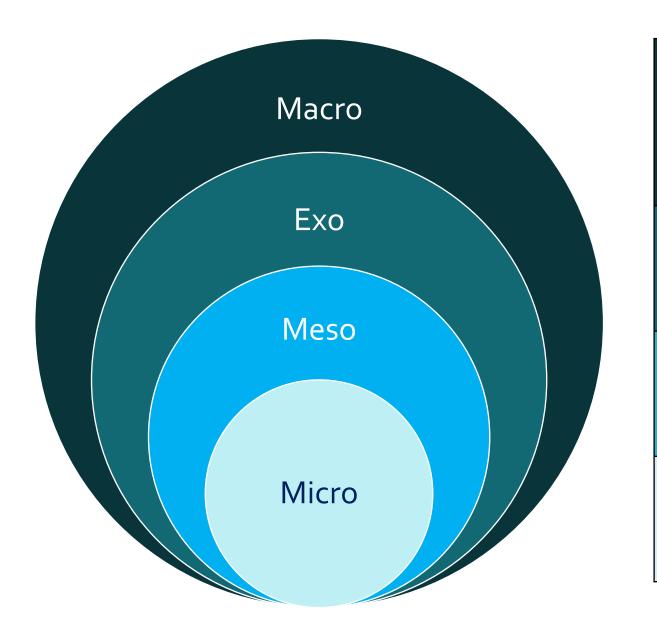
TBI; 1 Stroke; 2 Deaf; 1 TB (Spine); 2 Amputation; 1 SCI; 14 Diving accident; Motor Vehicle Accident; 4 Gunshot; 4 -SCI Cause Bicycle or Motorbicycle Accident; 2 Stabbing; 3 Cause for onset of physical disability (n = 19)

PARTICIPANTS



Geographical distribution of participants (Muller-Kluits, 2020)

SUPPORT SERVICES USED



Microsystem	Spousal/partner subsystem
	Parental sub-system
	Sibling sub-system
	Child sub-system
Mesosystem	Extended family
	Friends and peers
	Health professionals
Exosystem	Social work/Welfare Organisations
	Health facilities
	Other community facilities
Macrosystem	The SA Health Care System
	Other support services
	Financial assistance

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES USED (COHORT ONE)	SOCIAL WORK SERVICES OFFERED (COHORT TWO)
support grouppeer supportcounselling	 therapeutic services counselling (empowerment, rehabilitation, grief) psychosocial support services support groups to PWDs and families support to families of PWDs
assistance with job opportunities	 referrals to day hospitals, other health professionals, work assessment life/work skill training protective workshops assistance with job opportunities available to PWDs community reintegration of PWD
• food parcel	 food (meals) health monitoring residential care placement application for assistive devices training to family caregivers of PWDs mediation advocacy community awareness (sensitisation)

They are always there ... they are cool ... They give me strength sometime ... give me advice. – C1Po8

People don't know where to go – C1P1

There is no cushion that is softer in the unit ... Where you can lay your head and breathe better ... Then the social worker was there and when one speaks to her it is like taking a breath. — C1P13

I do not know where to look for it (social work services). — C1P13

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

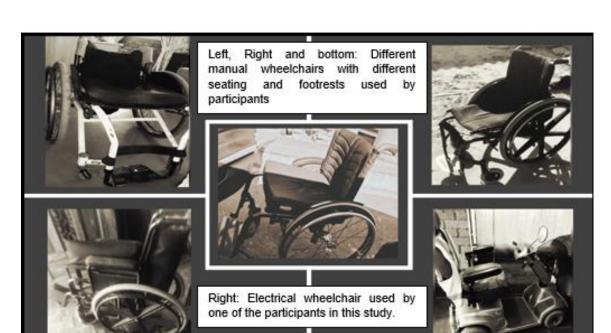
The social worker is just like an estate agent ... They saw my criteria ... and found me a "house" according to my criteria ... Gave me the keys... - C1P17

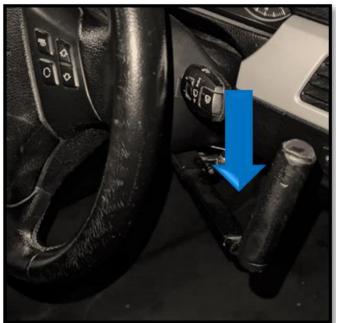
I don't know of social work aimed specifically at us (PWDs) ... I am maybe not aware of what is going on outside and what they can do for a guy. – C1P14

The best social worker helped me with mindset change and so it got better every day. – C1P15

What does a social worker do? – C1P18

EXAMPLES OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES USED





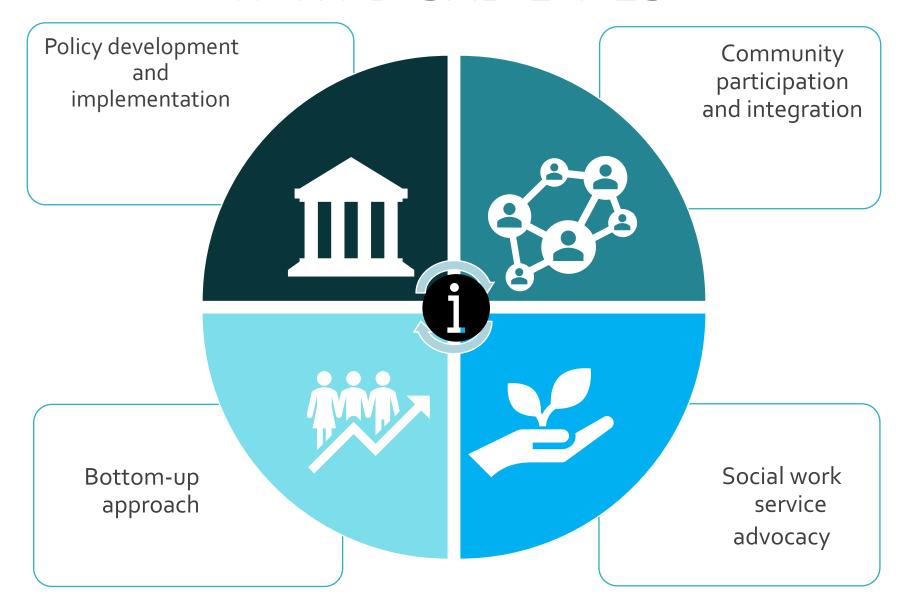




↑ An example of a car that was adapted for one participant.

→ An example of some of the assistive devices used by one participant to assist with fine motor skills.

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ThankYou

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