



OFFICIAL PRESENTATION

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7. **Information on legal status:** Under the registration No. 294, dated 24.06.2002.
NIPT:L61318451S
8. **Goal and mandate of organization:** non-governmental, non-profit, association works at the national level.

Background

The Association of Para & Tetraplegic Invalids of Albania is a voluntary union of paraplegic and tetraplegic individuals, created due to the initiative of a group of disabled people from Tirana. In addition, we are supported by some intellectuals sympathetic to the community. We were created as legal association in 1992, under the registration No. 294, dated 24.06.2002. Our goal is to empower people with disabilities to exercise their civil rights in becoming active, productive members of our community. PTAA is a non-governmental and non-profit association working at the national level composed by 1,500 individuals (Para & Tetraplegics). It is fully run, controlled and represented by Para and Tetraplegics individuals working hard to promote values and needs as a community with different abilities.

Mission

We work to champion the rights of Para & Tetraplegic individuals in Albania, and help them living in a barrier free environment with full realization of rights (civil, economic, political, cultural and social) and dignity.

Vision

Inclusive society with full recognition and respect for the rights of pre-tetraplegic individuals and the provision of equal opportunities.

The key Activities are:

Awareness and sensitization

Advocacy and protection of Human rights of pre-tetraplegic individuals

Capacity Building and Networking

The aim of our work is:

- Representing and supporting all pre-tetraplegic individuals nationwide;
- Identification of pre- and post-tetragic persons throughout the country and listing their specific needs;



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- Advocating and lobbying for the rights of all pre-tetraplegia individuals in the country, demanding changes and the implementation of domestic legislation and international conventions ratified by Albania;
- Provision of services to its members, through the network spread throughout Albania;
- Working with international partners and local institutions to improve the living and income situation for this category of population.

The following are the projects implemented:

September 2020-February 2021: Project supported by: "Strengthening Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to promote social inclusion in Albania" issued by UNDP in the framework of The United Nations Joint Program "Let no one be left behind" (LNB), implemented in cooperation with the Albanian Government and funded by the Swiss Government

April 2018-December-2020: "Better Health, Better Life - Improving access to health services and health care education for vulnerable groups in Albania", funded by the European Union, represented by the European Commission in Albania, April 2018-December-2020.

September 2016-January 2017: Project supported by; United Nations Joint Programs, UNDP "Reorganization of the Association of Pre-Tetraplegic Individuals and re-establishment of structures in 5 Regions of the country.

2007: Courses for English Language Learning- funded by SOROS.

2006-2007: Establishment of a rehabilitation centre for Para and Tetraplegics individuals in Tirana- funded by ABILIS.

2003-2005: National Basketball Championship for Para and Tetraplegics individuals- funded by the British Embassy.

2004: Training on basic computer programs and graphics and design works - funded by CAFOD

2002: Project design and management training- funded by SOROS.