

We've tested the LFC with wheelchair riders in Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam since 2008. Their feedback has helped us to improve the design and their stories helped to motivate our progress.



Vanette Les Cayes, Haiti

“I like this chair the best because I can go around outside. I can go by myself. With others, I cannot.”

When a tropical fever left her immobile, Vanette was suddenly stuck at home. Unable to visit her friends and family, she had to wait for them to come and see her. Since receiving an LFC in our 2012 Haiti pilot, she has been propelling herself independently and visiting her neighbors on her own schedule.



Ashok Jaipur, India

“After I came back from the hospital, I gained confidence... I rested for a day at home, and the next day I went to my shop. Now everything is back to normal.”

After sustaining a spinal cord injury when he fell from a tree, Ashok was unable to travel from his home to his tailoring shop because his hospital-style wheelchair was too hard to push. He was forced to close his business. The day after receiving an LFC, he propelled himself to his shop and reopened it. He is once again independent and able to provide for himself and his family. Ashok received an LFC in our 2011 Indian field trial.



Abdullah Moshi, Tanzania

“It is strong and stable in African terrain, and you can travel long distances and uphill without using too much energy... I would say that we have [a] life saver ... I just call it my little angel machine.”

Abdullah has been in a wheelchair since he sustained a spinal cord injury in 2000 as the result of a motor vehicle accident. He spent 8 months in rehabilitation at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC), during which he learned about a new wheelchair technology training program. Abdullah was one of the first graduates of the program and went on to establish a wheelchair workshop at KCMC. He was one of the first people to test the LFC. We flew him to Boston to get his feedback on the design in 2008 and in 2009 he received an LFC in our East Africa field trial.