



**GLOBAL LMIC  
CEREBRAL PALSY REGISTER**  
CONNECTED THROUGH  
RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

# Annual Highlights 2025



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**Photo Credit:** GLM CPR network.



# AT A GLANCE

## **GLOBAL FOOTPRINT**

- 28 LMICs | 3 Regional Hubs
- 10 new countries joined in 2025
- Regional hubs active in South & East Asia, Africa, and Latin America & the Caribbean

## **WORKSTREAM (WS) 1: RESEARCH/ DATA**

- 3,629+ children registered in 2025 (11,829+ total)
- 9-country early detection study launched (2,500+ high-risk infants to be screened)
- 12 independent, country-led studies currently underway
- 16 papers published, 8+ manuscripts under review

## **WS 2: RESEARCH TRANSLATION/ SERVICES**

- Community of Practice (CoP) for early detection of CP established: 119 professionals, 20 LMICs
- 906+ children reached through community-based rehabilitation
- 305+ children received assistive devices (mobility, feeding, communication)

## **WS 3: CAPACITY BUILDING**

- 114 professionals from 24 LMICs attended regional investigators' meetings
- 176 professionals trained in early detection of CP (77 in GMA, 99 in HINE)
- 5 webinars delivered, engaging 356+ participants from 28+ countries
- 201 professionals and 43 caregivers trained through in-country programs
- 4 resources developed (manual, protocol, advocacy)

## **WS 4: ADVOCACY**

- World CP Day celebrated in 9 LMICs (Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, South Africa, Suriname, and Thailand)
- World Disability Day celebrated in Bangladesh
- Attended the World Health Assembly 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland
- Research showcased at EACD/IAACD Conference 2025
- Community radio advocacy launched in Ghana



# WS 1: RESEARCH/ DATA

*Making children with cerebral palsy visible through data*



- **Cerebral palsy (CP) registers and epidemiology of CP in LMICs:** 10 new LMICs joined the network (total 28 countries). Comparable data on epidemiology of CP were collected for 3,629+ children, bringing the total number of registered children to over 11,829 (Figure 1 and Table 1).



**Figure 1:** GLM CPR network - our community

- **Regional hubs:** Three regional hubs established – South and East Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **Multi-country research on early detection of CP:** Launched across nine LMICs (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand, Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Malawi, and Lebanon), 2500+ high-risk infants to screen.
- **Individual research:** CP Registers have also undertaken research on caregiver wellbeing (Cameroon, Uganda), community-based rehabilitation (Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda), livelihood interventions (Malawi, Bangladesh), low-cost assistive devices (Bangladesh), feeding and nutrition (Bangladesh, Argentina, Ghana, Malawi).
- **Publications:** 16 papers published, 8 manuscripts under review.

**Table 1: Affiliated CP Registers**

Country	Children registered	
	Total	In 2025
<b>South and East Asia</b>		
Bangladesh	4763+	189+
India <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Indonesia	355	-
Nepal	182	-
Philippines <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Sri Lanka	997+	92+
Thailand <sup>*</sup>	-	-
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>		
Argentina	526+	126+
Brazil <sup>**</sup>	2036+	1539+
Colombia	200+	200+
Costa Rica <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Ecuador <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Guatemala <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Mexico	174+	174+
Peru <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Suriname	104+	14+
<b>Africa</b>		
Cameroon	335	300
Ethiopia	349	349
Ghana	572	-
Kenya <sup>*</sup>	-	-
Malawi	778+	240+
South Africa <sup>**</sup>	41+	41+
Tanzania <sup>^</sup>	-	-
Uganda	365	365
Zimbabwe <sup>^</sup>	-	-
<b>Pacific Island Countries</b>		
Tonga <sup>**</sup>	-	-
Vanuatu	52	-
<b>Arab-speaking Countries</b>		
Lebanon <sup>**</sup>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,829+</b>	<b>3,629+</b>

<sup>^</sup>Joined in 2025; <sup>\*</sup>Ethics approval obtained, registration will start soon; <sup>\*\*</sup>Not restricted to age<18y; + indicates registration ongoing.



# WS 2: RESEARCH TRANSLATION/ SERVICES

*Research without service is unethical*



- **Community of Practice (CoP) for early detection of CP:** GLM CPR CoP was established connecting 119 professionals from 20 LMICs to support shared learning and best-practices for early detection of CP. In 2025, seven meetings were held (one in-person at the EACD/IAACD Conference in Heidelberg and six virtual meetings).



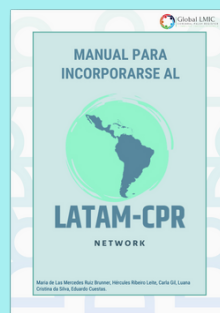
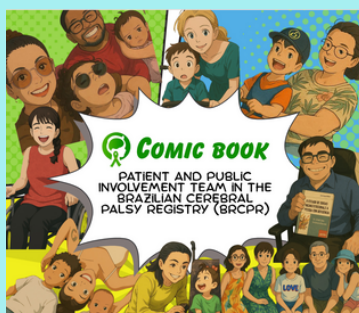
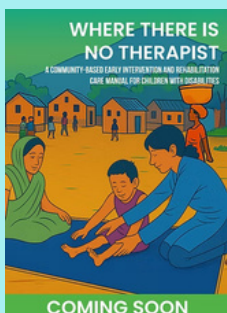
- **Early intervention and rehabilitation services:** CP Registers in Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda, Ghana, and Vanuatu delivered community-based rehabilitation and free clinics, reaching 906+ children. In Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico, children received tailored rehabilitation services through routine care at participating centres.
- **Assistive devices:** CP Registers in Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda, and Vanuatu distributed customised wheelchairs and assistive devices, supporting mobility, feeding, communication, and daily functioning for 305+ children.



# WS 3: CAPACITY BUILDING

*Strengthening skills through international collaboration and training*

- **GLM CPR regional investigators' meetings:** Three Regional Investigators' Meetings were held in Bangladesh, Malawi, and Argentina, bringing together 114 professionals from 24 LMICs from South and East Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
- **In-person training on early detection of CP:** 77 professionals trained in General Movements Assessment (GMA) and 99 in the Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination (HINE).
- **GLM CPR webinar series 2025:** Five webinars reached 356+ professionals from over 28 countries, supporting shared learning on CP registers, early detection, early intervention, feeding and nutrition in LMIC settings.
- **In-country capacity-building initiatives:** CP Register teams organized targeted trainings/ workshops on: (i) identification of children with suspected CP (Ghana); (ii) rehabilitation techniques – Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda; (iii) orthotics – Bangladesh; (iv) paediatric epilepsy management – Malawi; (v) feeding and nutrition – Bangladesh, Argentina, Ghana; (vi) grant writing – Malawi (for GLM CPR regional investigators – Africa), Ghana; (vii) standardized documentation using the CP Register Case Record Form – Thailand, Lebanon, South Africa. A total of 201 professionals and 43 caregivers participated.
- **Resources:** Developed manual on community-based rehabilitation (*Where There Is No Therapist*), protocol for joining the Latin American CP Register, and comic-based resource on *Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)* in Brazil.
- **Research students:** Six PhD students [Brazil (n=2), Argentina (n=1), Ghana (n=1), Kenya (n=1), South Africa (n=1)] and three master's students [Malawi (n=2), Zimbabwe (n=1)] are using data from their respective CP registers.



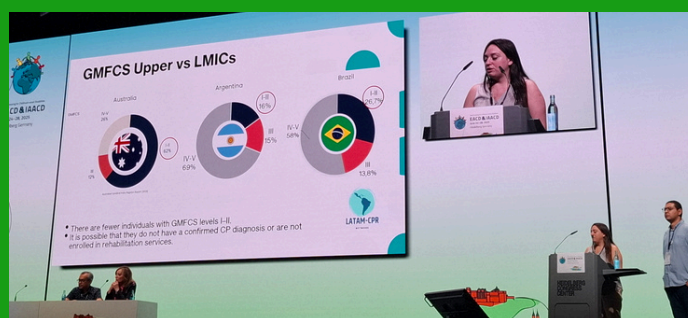


# WS 4: ADVOCACY

*Driving awareness and policy change for Cerebral Palsy*



- Celebrated World CP Day (6 Oct 2025) in nine LMICs - Bangladesh, Thailand, Malawi, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Suriname, Mexico, and Lebanon. Activities included day long programs, movies for children with CP and their families, virtual sessions and awareness raising activities including social media presence, radio and TV programs.
- Celebrated World Disability Day (3 Dec 2025) in Bangladesh with a full-day fair featuring sports and cultural activities for children with CP and other disabilities, families, and friends.
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Australia became a member of the WHO Disability Health Equity Initiative.
- Participated in the World Health Assembly 2025 in collaboration with CP360.
- Led/participated in six pre-conference sessions/ Focused symposium at the EACD/IAACD Conference 2025, 19 members from Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Malawi, South Africa, Lebanon, Vanuatu, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico attended the conference.
- GLM CPR working group members, CP register team leads, and global partners met in-person for a working dinner in Heidelberg, Germany post-EACD/IAACD conference.
- Ghana CP register initiated community radio programmes (four sessions held) to promote awareness and advocacy.



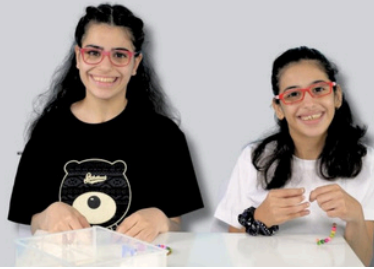




Cerebral palsy  
doesn't define me,  
it strengthens me.

**WORLD CEREBRAL  
PALSY DAY**

October 6th



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Your story helps  
shape the world's  
understanding of CP.



SA-Child: This October 6, we stand with children and families living with cerebral palsy your story shapes the world's understanding of CP. Celebrate strength, dignity and belonging; listen, learn, and share to make...

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