



## ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Mahavir Kmina is a non-profit organization, established on March 5 of 2007 for the purpose of manufacture and fitting, free of charge, of lower limb prostheses for all type of amputees focusing on vulnerable sectors of the population. Our main objective is the physical recovery of the person with disabilities, fostering the recovery of their human dignity and their return as a useful member to the society **to start again**

As part the Board of Director's compromise with mahavir Kmina they have committed to match any contribution received by Mahavir Kmina, thus, doubling the resources to reach more beneficiaries.

### Our objectives

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- To manufacture and fit, free of charge, lower limb prostheses to amputees.
- To provide expert assistance for the adaptation of the beneficiary to the prostheses and to achieve more comfort.
- To have a statistical record of all the beneficiaries that Mahavir Kmina has assisted.
- To make a post prosthetic tracking in order to ensure the success of the process.

### Our Mission and Vision

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Mahavir Kmina's Mission is to contribute to the improvement of quality of life of low income people who have suffered an amputation. This is achieved by manufacturing and fitting prostheses in order to improve their locomotion and autonomy, giving them new horizons of physical and psychological development promoting as well their reengagement in their normal economic activity.

Our vision is to be a non for profit organization, without political or religious affiliations, specialized in manufacturing and fitting prostheses giving the beneficiary an optimum quality product and helping the rehabilitation and fitness of patients in Colombia and, in the future, in Latin American.

### Beneficiaries

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- Persons who have suffered amputation of lower limbs, without distinction of cause, age, race, religion or creed.
- People of low income, preferably those who are having a prosthesis for the first time.
- Personas with prosthesis in bad conditions.
- Those persons who have been selected and considered suitable and prioritized to benefit from the prosthesis.

## Our Allies

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**BMVSS** (Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti) from India: Is a non-profit foundation that each year fits about 30,000 prostheses. They developed the Jaipur foot, known for its weather resistance, comfort for walking, aesthetics and comfort.



**ISAGEN**: It is a public-private company of public utilities. Its main social purpose is the generation and sale of electricity. Currently we have an agreement to benefit the regions where ISAGEN has influence.

Other partners such as: The Council of the American Enterprises (CEA), FES Foundation, Suramericana Foundation, Nacional de Chocolates Company, Coonorte Transportation Company, Flota Occidental Transportation Company, Codiscos Record Company and Tronex batteries.



## Projection

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We are seeking more partners with whom we can join forces to impact more people in all the Colombian territory. We are looking into partnering with organizations from different sectors (public, private and social) and we'll provide 50% of the value of the prostheses.

## Technical Characteristics

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The Jaipur foot allows not only walking but also running, climbing trees, ascending and descending stairs, dancing, riding bicycle or motorcycle and it can be used in wet environments since it is waterproof. Its useful life in an adult is between 3 to 5 years and in the case of children, it requires annual checks according to the child's growth needs. The Jaipur foot has also a much lower cost than other prostheses, about USD \$1,000, while other models cost between USD \$2,000 to USD



\$4,000. The technical personnel of Mahavir Kmina have been trained in Jaipur (India) directly with the BMVSS Foundation. These technicians are specialized in the fitting and manufacturing of leg prosthesis.



After completing his medical examination prior to the fitting of the prosthesis, the beneficiary can access Mahavir Kmina where all measures will be taken by expert technicians, who will proceed with speed and efficiency to manufacture the prosthesis. A beneficiary can have his prostheses in up to 8 hours, this means to arrive to Mahavir Kmina and leave with the prosthesis the same day. The materials of manufacturing are the same that are used to manufacture the prosthesis in India; they are supplied to Mahavir Kmina by the BMVSS foundation. In addition to this we have professional staff that provides the beneficiary psychological support in the process of adaptation to the prosthesis.

### Achievements

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- Since July 19, 2007 to December 2010 we have benefited a total of 879 people (80% men - 20% women).
- In Colombia we have helped people from 24 departments, with a coverage of the 73% of the national territory. There is a special focus in the departments of Antioquia, Valle, Bogotá DC and Atlantico.
- In an international international level we have helped people from Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Hungary and Panama.
- Our service provision has been inclusive, attending people with different causes of amputation, such as landmines, diseases, traffic accidents, job accidents and violence.
- At present we have an agreement to benefit, with a contribution of 25 prostheses, the regions where ISAGEN influences, including some municipalities in eastern Antioquia, and the departments of Caldas, Santander and Tolima.

### Recognitions Obtained

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- First place in the contest of Exaltation to the Company with the Best Social Projection of the municipality of La Estrella in its fourth version, "Entrepreneur with Human Sense" in 2010, for his management of CSR.
- Recognition by the Departmental Assembly of Antioquia for our work in improving the quality of life of Antioquia's people in situation of disability.

### Testimonials

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Entering to <http://www.mahavir-kmina.org/testimonios.html> you can found the testimonies of those persons benefited.