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# Abbreviations and acronyms

- CPD** continuing professional development
- CRPD** Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- GATE** Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology
- ISO** International Organization for Standardization
- ISPO** International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
- SDG** Sustainable Development Goal
- USAID** United States Agency for International Development



# Definitions

## **Appropriate technology**

Systems that provide fit and alignment that suit the needs of the individual and can be sustained by the country at the lowest price. Proper fit and alignment should be based on sound biomechanical principles (1).

## **Assistive products**

Any external product (including devices, equipment, instruments and software), specially produced or generally available, the primary purpose of which is to maintain or improve an individual's functioning and independence and thereby promote their well-being. Assistive products are also used to prevent impairments and secondary health conditions (2).

## **Assistive technology**

Organized knowledge and skills related to assistive products, including systems and services. Assistive technology is a subset of health technology (2).

## **Disability**

An umbrella term for impairments, limitations of activity and restrictions on participation resulting from the interaction between people with health conditions and the environmental barriers they encounter (3).

## **Health condition**

An umbrella term for disease (acute and chronic), disorder, injury or trauma. Health conditions may also include circumstances such as pregnancy, ageing, stress, congenital anomaly or genetic predisposition (4).

## **Impairment**

Loss of or abnormality in a body structure or physiological function (including mental function), where "abnormality" is used to mean significant variation from established statistical norms (1).

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