



Newsletter Enablement No 6, December 2007

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Reflections on the year 2007

The year 2007 has been a busy and important year for Enablement. Assignments included:

- An evaluation of a large CBR programme in South India: an interesting, extensive and important programme which is managed by The Leprosy Mission India.
- The now annual CBR course in Nepal was carried out with a group of 18 participants coming from a large number of different countries.
- A short mission to Ghana in preparation of a large NUFFIC – funded project in the field of academic development and capacity building in the field of disability and development.
- As part of new policy developments within the Netherlands Leprosy Relief a series of assignments have taken place and will take place during 2008 in order to introduce, implement and assist in the implementation of new rehabilitation programmes for people with disabilities (mainly due to leprosy) in a number of countries.
 - A CBR training in Jakarta
 - A fact finding mission to Nigeria including the development of a strategic plan as well as initiatives to start 2 pilots in 2 different states of Nigeria

4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation

This course attracted in total 14 participants from 4 different continents and 11 countries: The Philippines, China, Japan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Ruanda, Malawi, Nicaragua, Mexico, Germany and The Netherlands. The following quote taken from an e-mail that we received

just after the course speaks for itself “*Although some are tired, no doubt when we have slept enough we shall become a fully operational international dynamic team for positive change.*” Thanks to all lecturers and facilitators who made this course a success.



Symposium HIV-AIDS in Community Based Rehabilitation

At the end of the International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation October 12, 2007 a symposium was held about the place and position of HIV-AIDS in CBR programmes. This symposium was organized by Enablement in collaboration with the Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development (DCDD). The symposium was well attended by experts from the field of disability as well as HIV-AIDS.

Key note paper at the 2nd regional conference of WHO-CAN in Johannesburg, South Africa.

A key note paper was delivered at the 2nd regional conference of WHO-CAN in Johannesburg, South Africa and well received by most of the participants. The paper looked critically at policy and praxis of disability and CBR legislation in Africa. The subtitle of the key note provided sufficient room for a critical analysis of what governments and international bodies have achieved in the field of CBR: ***UNConvention4ALL Community Based Rehabilitation***. The main conclusion was that policies and legislation in itself do not form a guarantee that rights are fulfilled. The conference participants were in spite of the critical review motivated to work towards sustainable and much needed CBR programmes. Following the key note the participants received a reminder of 10 important points – in fact a guideline for policymakers and planners – on a foldable business card, using the acronym DISABILITY and giving the message that DISABILITY shouldn't be seen as the problem, but rather as the solution. (Copies of this guideline can be requested)

YOU

- Everybody is somehow different
- Integrating the truth of diversity and disability in your own life is liberating.



■ **You can make a difference!**

Continuing and new developments during 2008

- January 2008: CBR course in India in association with The Kugler Memorial Physiotherapy Degree College in Gunter followed by a 2-day symposium



- January 2008: 2 day invitational pre-congress workshop of the International Leprosy Congress in Hyderabad, India
- March 2007: CBR course in Nepal in association with BIKASH training centre.



- March 2008: assignment for the Netherlands Leprosy Relief – Nepal
- April 2008: mission to Nigeria for the Netherlands Leprosy Relief
- June/July 2008: CBR training in Pakistan for ICCO-Kerken in Aktie
- August 2008: Training of Trainers in CBR, The Netherlands
- September-October: 4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation
- November 2008: CBR course in Ethiopia, ALERT training centre (24-11-288 to 05-12-2008)



The 2008 CBR Management course in The Netherlands

Enablement is pleased to inform you that in September-October 2007 a 4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation is being offered to rehabilitation professionals and disability and development workers and activists. For more information visit www.enablement.nl Proposed dates: 15-09 -2008 to 10-10-2008

Two week Training of Trainers in CBR programme in The Netherlands

Enablement (Alphen aan den Rijn) in collaboration with a number of training experts are in currently developing a new course: **TOT in CBR**. The course is scheduled for the 25th of August to the 5th of September. This course is of particular importance if you want to know more about training and education with a special focus on training staff in CBR. Besides some theoretical background the course in particular will focus on practical applications; participatory methodologies; case study writing; group dynamics and facilitation skills.

More information will follow. If you do have an interest to participate please do contact Huib Cornielje.

Follow-up on workshop HIV-AIDS and Disability

It is hoped to organize during 2008 a follow-up workshop as well. More information will be announced through the various websites of Enablement (www.enablement.eu) and PHC-Consultants (<http://www.phc-amsterdam.nl>)

New courses to be developed during 2008

- Dealing with Child Abuse in Development Cooperation
- Disabled Children, Conflict and Violence
- Training of Trainers in CBR

To be published soon!

March 2008! A special issue of the Leprosy Review on disability, leprosy and CBR with the following articles:

- Locus of Power: The role and position of disabled people in rehabilitation programmes
- Integrating Community-based rehabilitation and Leprosy rehabilitation services into an inclusive development approach

- Evidences of effectiveness of CBR in low income countries
- Self-care in Leprosy and beyond
- CBR programmes: monitoring and evaluation in order to measure results
- The participatory development of international guidelines for CBR
- Community-based rehabilitation: a strategy for social inclusion of disabled people in family and community life
- Measuring Disablement: Collecting Statistics for Action
- Global trends in Disability, Rehabilitation and their implications for leprosy programmes
- Changing roles of rehabilitation workers

The Enablement Forum

The Enablement forum has been terminated because of large amounts of spam. You can register (again) as we now have a new and hopefully a better system, which requires approval to become member of the forum. There is also a closed forum for the participants of the recent 4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation.

Finally

I would like to thank you all for your trust, collaboration and friendship during the past year. I hope that this collaboration will continue during 2008 and would like to wish you all a prosperous 2008 and for those for whom Christmas is a special moment I wish you all a blessed Christmas.



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