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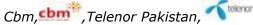


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& HelpAge International,



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AIOU Allama Iqbal Open University

ALSO Afghan Landmine Survivors' Organization

APCD Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability

ASHA ALL Sanghar Handicaps' Association

BPKS Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity

CBID Community-Based Inclusive Development

CBID Network

Pakistan

Community-Based Inclusive Development Network Pakistan

CBM Christian Blind Mission

CIDA Canadian International Development Agency

CRPD *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*

CSO *Civil Society Organization*

DOJF Disability Organization Joint Front

DPO Disabled People's Organization

ESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

GoP Government of Pakistan

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

LCDDP Leonard Cheshire Disability and Development Programme

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

NDWA Nepal Disabled Women Association

PWD Persons with disability

SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SADDI *South Asian Disability and Development Initiative*

SADF South Asian Disability Forum

STEP Special Talent Exchange Program

ToT Training of Trainers

UNESCO The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

WHO World Health Organization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A three day "Leadership Conference of Persons with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID)" was organized by the Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan, andthe South Asian Disability Forum (SADF) in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan through the Ministry of Law, Justice & Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Islamabad, World Health Organization (WHO) Islamabad, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), the Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP)the Light for the World, the CHEF International, Sightsavers, the British Council Pakistan, HelpAge International, CBM & Telenor Pakistan held on 20-22 November 2013at Margala Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan.

More than 100 delegates joined together from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Japan, Germany, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand, & Palestine shared their valuable insights regarding community based inclusive development (CBID) and leadership improvements for persons with disabilities. The presentations of key speakers, panel discussions and the deliberations of the participants in the conference provided a range of perspectives and perceptions about the way forward for an inclusive society especially in Pakistan and then replicate to other countries.

In the end there was a consensus on the notions that persons with disabilities have equal rights to a decent standard of living, economic independence and social acceptance as any other person in each community. Moreover, laws and policies on disability should be harmonized with the principles of CBID, data regarding person will be collected to access the current stature disability situation, persons with disabilities should be equally and positively promoted by media and networking& collaboration on CBID should be strengthened among DPOs and other CSOs, local community people, governments, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies, academic institutions, media and the business sector.

INTRODUCTION

Community Based Inclusive Development

Community-Based Inclusive Development is an aim or goal or an end result to be achieved – of making communities and society at large inclusive of all marginalized groups and their concerns, including persons with disability. The rationale is that no one should be excluded from development for any reason, be it gender, disability, ethnicity, refugee status, sexuality or any other issue. CBR is the tool or strategy to achieve the goal of Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) for persons with disability, just as other interest groups in the community (gender etc.), use their own strategies to make development inclusive of their constituents. CBID is disability focused approached and believes in the leadership of persons with disabilities who have tacit knowledge of barriers and discrimination they face in the community.

Background and Context

Inclusive development means that partnerships and alliances are necessary between different stakeholders, especially between DPOs, families of persons with disabilities and governments. The development of the CBR Guidelines is an example of effective partnerships between multiple stakeholders i-e UN agencies, DPOs, governments, donor agencies and civil society including national and international non-governmental organizations.

CBR was initiated in the early 1980s, with the recognition that in many developing countries, the conventional system of rehabilitation had failed to address needs of persons with disabilities. CBR practice then changed from a medical orientated, often single sector (e.g., health or education), service delivery approach, to a comprehensive, multi-sectoral, rights-based one, focusing on creation of inclusive societies where persons with disabilities have access to all development benefits like everyone in their communities. The CBR Guidelines of WHO (2010) are an attempt to synthesize experiences from across the world to provide a unified understanding of the concept and principles of CBR.

The UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006 is the most significant legal development for persons with disabilities world-wide, illustrating the shift in attitudes and approaches to persons with disabilities, from seeing them as "objects" of

charity and welfare, to viewing them as participating, contributing members of society, where they have the same rights as others in their community, and are capable of making decisions for their lives. The central tenet of the Conventionis non-discrimination; its vision is that of an inclusive society.

The Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, 2013-2022, espouses 10 goals, many of which are intrinsic to CBR programmes and CBID in low and middle income countries.

Participant Details¹

Participants, more than 100, with diverse background including international delegates Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Japan, Germany, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand, & Palestine, the Government of Pakistan dignitaries (Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Director General (DG), the Ministry of Law & Justice and Human Rights and Director General (DG)the Ministry of National Health Regulations Services and Coordination (NHRSC)), the UN agencies (Director/Representative UNSECO&Technical Advisor – Medical Rehabilitation WHO Islamabad), International organization (British Council), National organization and corporate sector (Telenor) contributed in this leadership conference.



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¹ Full details are attached in Reference

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

Inaugural Session

Initial session was emceed by Mr. Atif Shiekh, *President STEP & Deputy International Coordinator CBIDNetwork Pakistan* and Mr. Shafiqur Rehman, *President Milestone society for disabled persons and Coordinator CBID Network Punjab Chapter*. Mr. Atif Shiekh introduced all the guests and invited Dr. Muhammad Shahnawaz Munami, *National Coordinator CBIDNetwork Pakistan*, for welcome note. He praised all the organizers, foreign delegates, national leaders with disabilities, United Nations agencies and the Government of Pakistan and above all, the volunteers for making this event successful. He further mentioned the names of Mr. Atif Shiekh, Mr. Ryuhei Sano & Mr. Akiie Ninomiya from APCD and Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani, International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan & chairperson of Asia-Pacific CBR. He elaborated CBID Network Pakistan that "C" is for community and each community whether it is doctor's community, teacher's community or lawyer's community, it should be inclusive and through inclusive development approach persons with disabilities should be included in all the sectors.

Ms. Sadia Rehman, Head of Programs the British Council Pakistan, said that we consider disability as cross-cutting theme and incorporate it in all our matters. British council believes that the opportunity exists for everyone, and such type of conferences give the opportunity to focus on special people who has the potential but need attention and opportunities.

Dr. Imam Yar Baig, Country Director Sightsavers, welcomed all the delegates on this robust gathering. He was optimistic that at the end of the conferencewe would be able to achieve the objectives of this conference and would join hands together to implement the components of UNCRPD.

Mr. Abdullah Abdur Rehman Khan, Corporate Social Responsibility specialist Telenor Pakistan, mentioned that it is in our mandate to include all the people with disabilities. He shared some of the initiative Telenor Pakistan has taken like employment opportunities and disability friendly infrastructure and was hoping to achieve tangible outputs from the conference.

Ms. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson SADF, added on this occasion that she was privileged to be here on the behalf of people with disabilities and women with disabilities. She highlighted "South Asian Disability and Development Initiative 2014-2016" to empower women with disabilities, a tangible result from the "SADF's Strategic Planning workshop November 2013".

Maj General (R) Dr. Farrukh Seir, Member Board of Directors CHEF International, paid tributes to all the participants on the behalf of CHEF International. He added that CHEF International's Vision is to empower people and improve their lives with inclusive approach. CHEF International believes in universal principle of non-discrimination and we include all the people with disabilities in our development projects. He applauded the exceptional efforts made by South Asian Disability Forum and it needs recognition.

Mr. Akeii Ninomiya, Executive Director APCD, said that this is a union of persons with disabilities to create inclusive and right based community for all. He briefly overviewed the world's progress on inclusive development and incorporating it in Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals is a stepping stone to achieve anti-discriminatory society. He further mentioned the other core areas which need to be addressed like ageing problem and women with disabilities.

Ms. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor WHO, stated that this is very timely event as Pakistan is on verge of drafting a Bill for persons with disabilities in Pakistan. Pakistan has undergone devolution of power from federal government to provincial government after passing 18th Amendment in Constitution of Pakistan. Fair efforts are being carried out to take disability movement to the next level by drafting and presenting a bill, may be called "Pakistan Disability Act", hence she was expecting some worthy suggestions from this conference to incorporate these into the bill.

Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, Representative UNSECO Islamabad, welcomed all the participants and mentioned that this is really an international event as I can see many international leaders with disabilities and leaders of disability movements from many countries. We have undergone few meetings on CRPD, and believe that CBID is highly integrated approach covering development and human rights. Human rights cannot be achieved without inclusive development and vice versa. She highlighted that South Asian region is the most dynamic region now a days as in the region a democratic transition is being held in nearly all the countries of this region. She further congratulated Pakistan about successful democratic

transition as one democratic political party handed over government to another democratic political party through elections. She stressed that MDGs cannot be achieved without the development in this region. Moreover she mentioned about the recent progress about Post-2015 MDGs, and presented some core areas to be included in agenda like minimizing the disparity, climate change, disaster risk management, governance and democracy, agenda issues and Peace & Security.

Mr. Shafqat Javed Shiekh, Director General DG Ministry of National Health Government of Pakistan, felt pleasured and honored to speak to this leadership conference. He shared his sentiments that he always has a passion to work with persons with disabilities. He assured that Government of Pakistan is committed with all its zeal and zest to address the problems of persons with disabilities and applying the inclusive approach we welcome all the persons with disabilities to share the valuable thoughts to strengthen the initial draft of bill for Persons with disabilities.

Ms. Nyla Qureshi, Director General Ministry of Law, Justice & Human Rights, acknowledged all the delegates both national and international and also assured the Government's commitment for the cause of persons with disabilities. She highlighted that there is a strong urge to have a platform like this so that issues can be consolidated and address accordingly. She was hopeful that positive outcomes from this conference would be taken into consideration while devising the draft for a bill for persons with disabilities. She argued that although law is important but the most important thing is the implementation of the law.



Signing Ceremony of SADDI 2014-2016

At the end of the opening session, a signing ceremony of "South Asian Disability and Development Initiative (SADDI) 2014-2016" held and signed by four countries including Afghanistan, Nepal, and Pakistan & Sri Lanka and witnessed by Ms. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson SADF, Mr. Atif Sheikh, President, Special Talent

Exchange Program, Pakistan, Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability, Ms. Shazia Khawar, Director, British Council Pakistan and Mr. Sohail Ayaz Chief Executive Officer, CHEF International.

Legislative Framework On Disability In Pakistan

This session was chaired by Ms. Saeeda Iqbal, Senator of Pakistan Senate and co-chaired by Mr. Shafqat Javed Shiekh, DG Ministry of National Health. Other speakers included Ms. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor WHO, Mr. Atif Shiekh, Deputy International Coordinator CBID NETWORK PAKISTAN, and Senator Muhannad Alazzeh, CBM Consultant from Jordan.

This session was primarily designed to discuss the legislative framework on disability in Pakistan with on the grounds of international norms. For the relevancy reasons parliamentarians from Pakistan, government officials, international parliamentarian, DPO's and UN agencies representatives were invited to chalk out a strategy to draft a bill.

Mr. Atif Sheikh opened the session with some facts and figures related to disability movement in Pakistan like establishment of special education ministry and directorate of special education and social welfare in previous decades. He further shed some light on common misconception among the social circle in Pakistan regarding persons with disabilities as they are often denied for being the part of the family.

Ms. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor WHO, stated that we are in pursuit of drafting the bill for person with disabilities in Pakistan for the past 3 years; initially we were facing many problems as there was no collective platform to discuss this but now we have CBID Network Pakistan, the government agencies, the UN agencies. She added that the bill shall be in line the conjunction of UNCRPD and the national policy of persons with disabilities. She was also expecting all these efforts not in vain but be implemented in its true spirit. She further opened up the discussion whether we should opt a unified law by federal government of Pakistan or separate law should be initiated in each province to effectively address the miseries of persons with disabilities. She proposed that Pakistan must have "Pakistan National Council for Disabilities".

Mr. Shafqat Javed Shiekh, DG Ministry of National Health, then pushed for holding a census activity so that a clear counted picture of persons with disability can be measured. He

suggested mass awareness campaigns should the aired and religious scholar shall be highlighting this issue in their sermons as well.

Ms. Saeeda Iqbal, Senator of Pakistan senate, motivated all the participants that having a law is always better than not having a law and if you have a law, not implemented, then fight for your right, look for the like-minded people and do it as group if an individual can't do it.

Mr. Muhannad Alazzeh, Senator in Jordan Senate, mentioned that persons with disabilities have a right to be the part of legislative process and if persons with disabilities are not included or consultant then consider it an exclusion. He mentioned success stories of Jordan and then suggested that persons with disabilities should some technical skills to link the legislation process with UNCRPD.



Mr. Muhannad Alazzeh, Senator in Jordan Senate

After few questions from the audience and other participants, Dr. Shiekh closed the session with a hope to make the right real.

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Practices In Other Countries

This session was dedicated to community based inclusive development (CBID) practices in other neighboring countries of Pakistan and how these practices can be replicated in Pakistan.

Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director APCD, chaired these two sessions and co-chaired by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani, International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan. Other speakers were Ms. Etsuko Ueno, Japan, Ms. Ashrafunnahar Misti, Bangladesh, Ms. Duptho Zangmo, Bhutan, Mr. Moussa Charafeddine, Lebanon, Ms. Rama Dhakal Shilpakar Nepal, and Ms. Manique Kishara Hendawitharana Gunarantne, Sri Lanka.

Ms. Etsuko Ueno², Japan, started her presentation with some astonishing facts like increasing trend in mortality rate of Japan due to no community participation. Moreover, she also reviewed the ongoing legislative work and current status of disability movement in context of community based inclusive development in Japan.

Ms. Ashrafunnahar Misti, Bangladesh, shared the struggle of person with disabilities especially women with disabilities in Bangladesh and then quoted that now persons with multiple disabilities are being offered employment opportunities in NGOs, INGOs and in government sector. She mentioned her personal experience that she was turned down in

² Full Presentation is attached in Presentations.

participating in report writing training, but she was the part of CIDA report writing team and effectively performed her tasks. Recently we (Persons with disabilities) were trying to get this issue of our inclusion in budget speech as well but unfortunately could not succeed.

Ms. Duptho Zangmo, Bhutan, on the same note she praised her family for their support all the way through to get me educated and mentioned further the Bhutan's situation regarding the community based inclusive development.

In the final session for the day, Mr. Moussa Charafeddine, Lebanon, Ms. Rama Dhakal Shilpakar Nepal, and Ms. Manique Kishara Hendawitharana Gunarantne, Sri Lanka shared the brief history of CBR and how these countries effectively implement the CBR guidelines and CBR matrix respectively as all these countries are war prone. Mr. Nizamani concluded the session with his remarks that Pakistan can be pioneer to replicate CBID practices to rest of region.

Community Based Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (CBIDRR)



Panelists for the session of COMMUNITY BASED INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CBIDRR)

This panel discussion was about community based inclusive disaster risk reduction (CBIDRR) primarily focused on how disaster risk can be mitigated with the help of community based inclusion. Session was chaired by Mr. Moussa Charafeddine President, Friends of Disabled Association, Honorary Life Member Inclusion International, Lebanon, and co-chaired by Ms. Shirin Akhter Chairperson, SADF, Bangladesh and panelists were Mr. Talal Waheed, Ageing & Disability Task Force (ADTF) Coordinator, HelpAge

International, Ms. Abia Akram Director Programs, STEP, Mr. Sohail Ayaz CEO, CHEF International, Mr. Anwar Sadat, DRR Coordinator, HelpAge International, and Mr. Farooq Masih Inclusion Advisor Handicap International (HI).

Mr. Talal Waheed ADTF coordinator highlighted about the history of ADTF. He said that in September 2010, 11 likeminded national, International and disable people organizations (Expert organizations primarily facilitating older persons and/or persons with disabilities through their programs) joined their hands and formed Aging &Disability Task Force to make the difference in the lives of older persons and persons with disabilities in, during and after any form of disaster. ADTF is also working as sub cluster under protection cluster in Pakistan since its inception. Mr. Talal further said that now the secretariat of ADTF is hosted by HelpAge and we are making difference in Pakistan not only through advocacy but also through capacity building of stakeholders.

Ms. Abia emphasizes on the inclusion of women with disabilities during the disasters and making disaster management gender sensitive because women with disabilities have specific issues those other often neglected during disasters. She stressed on the personal privacy matters of women with disabilities during the disasters.

Mr. Sohial Ayaz CEO of CHEF highlighted CHEF projects and programs. He said that CHEF is disability focused organization and we believed in inclusion. CHEF has been involved in promoting mainstreaming disability in disaster through its development initiatives since 2010 after flood. The CHEF also recognizes that for mainstreaming disability in disaster, there is a need to include disability perspective while planning for disaster risk reduction. Based on its past experience the CHEF International, in the coming five years will develop a comprehensive inclusive development programs integral to organization's approach to promote inclusiveness in all its initiatives. CHEF International will continue to play its role in mainstreaming disability not only in disaster but will also advocate promotion of rights of person with disabilities and their empowerment with other stakeholders like CBID Network Pakistan.

Mr. Anwar Sadat from HelpAge told that HelpAge International helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. We are witnessing an increasing frequency of natural disasters, coupled with climate change. We work to get recognition for older people's vulnerabilities and their invaluable knowledge in coping with disasters. We have developed

Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Technical Guidelines for older people and people with disabilities those will be launched at the end of this conference.

Mr. Farooq from HI said that we are working Pakistan since the emergency in 2005 earthquake to help those newly persons with disabilities as a result of earthquake related injuries and to support those previously with disabilities whose needs were being overlooked by the relief effort. Once the emergency phase was over Handicap International remained to carry on its work and to address the needs of people with disabilities as the development phase began.

At the end of session, ChairMr. Moussa and Co-Chair Ms. Shirin also told briefly about human made and natural disasters in Lebanon and Bangladesh. They focused on inclusion of person with disabilities in planning process in both countries.

Community Based Inclusive Education Initiatives

This panel discussion on community based inclusive education initiatives was chaired by Dr. Imam Yar Baig, Country Head, Sightsavers, and jointly co-chaired by Ms. Humaira Amir Naseer, Joint Program Support Officer-Education UNESCO Islamabad. Other panelists included were Dr. Tanzila Nabeel, Associate Professor, Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, Mr. Zahid Majeed, Assistant Professor, Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, Mr. Ali Shabbar, STEP, Pakistan and Dr. Muhammad Shahnawaz Munami, National CoordinatorCBID Network Pakistan.

Mr. Zahid Majeed and Ms. Tanzila Nabeel³ presented a detailed presentation over the education initiatives Allama Iqbal Open University has taken so far for inclusion of people with disabilities and also answered various challenging question with firm determination.

Dr. Muhammad Shahnawaz Munami, National CoordinatorCBID Network Pakistan, discussed about the experiences and phases of inclusive education(Presentation is attached)in details.

At the end of this session, a rigorous question and answer round was held and the panelists answered the question with knowledge and wisdom.

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³ Presentation is attached

3 Years Strategic Planning By CBID Network Pakistan4

This was the final & most important session in which panelists discussed what would be the strategy of CBID, how it would be strengthen in Pakistan and how other organization, DPOs, NGOs going to join CBID.

Final session was chaired by Dr. Maryam MalickTechnical Advisor, WHO Pakistan and cochaired by Mr. Ryuhei Sano Acting General Manager, APCD Thailand. Other speakers included, were Mr. Imran Nazir Executive Director, Leonard Cheshire Disability and Development Programme LCDDP, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani International Coordinator, CBID Network Pakistan, Coordinator of ASHA and Mr. Shafiqur Rehman President, Milestone Society for Disabled Persons. Mr. Imran presented a comprehensive presentation of three year CBID Network Pakistan strategic planning. Mr. Shafiq discussed how the idea of strategic planning developed and all stakeholders worked together for the development of three years strategic planning. Mr. Nizamani focused on silent features of strategic planning and successful implementation before launching of the CBID Network Pakistan strategic planning document. Mr. Sano wrapped up the discussion and included all points discussed during the session.

At last session of the dayMr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani read out the Islamabad recommendation after the inclusion of amendments and suggestion brought up through this conference. In the end "Islamabad Recommendations on CBID5" were unanimously adopted with huge round of applause from the participants and delegates.

⁴ Details are attached in presentation section

⁵ Original text in the reference section

Launching Ceremony

The launching ceremony of "Islamabad Recommendations on CBID", "A strategy Plan for CBID Network Pakistan⁶" and "Inclusive DRR guidelines-CADR-HelpAge International" was held on 22 November 2013, the final day of "Leadership Conference of Persons with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID)".

On this auspicious moment, Chief Guest Honorable Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Murtaza Jawed Abbasi delivered his speech⁷ and showed commitment of the government to present a bill for people with disability. Guest of Honor Mr. Shoaib Mir, Joint Secretary Ministry of Law, Justice



Mr. Shahnawaz Munami - National Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan & Mr. Muhammad Atif Shiekh- International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan are presenting a souvenir to Chief Guest Honorable Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Murtaza Jawed Abbas

and Human rights Government of Pakistan also promised the same note.



Ms. Tanja Karen - CBM Germany

Other speaker both national and international delegates including Ms. Saeeda Iqbal, Senator of Pakistan Senate, Dr. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor Disabilities and Rehabilitation, WHO, Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata-UNESCO, Ms. Rima Canawati Director, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Palestine, Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director-APCD, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani-CBR Asia-Pacific Network/ CBR Global Network, Mr. Muhammad Atif Shiekh- International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan, Mr. Shahnawaz Munami - National Coordinator CBID

Network Pakistan, Ms. Tanja Karen - CBM, Mr. Amanullah Khan -on the behalf of CHEF International and Dr. M. Babar

Qureshi Director, CBM Pakistan, shared their final sentiments regarding full inclusion and mainstreaming the persons with disabilities through Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID).

⁷ Full speech in reference section

⁶ www.cbidn.org.pk

Ms. Zahida Hameed Deputy National Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan, read out the "Islamabad Recommendations on CBID".

The concluding remarks were delivered by Mr. Shahnawaz Munamion behalf of CBID Network Pakistan in which he thanked all the organizers from Pakistan and delegates from other countries, disabled people's organizations (DPOs) & other civil society organizations (CSOs), the Government of Pakistan, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies and the business sector for their support and participation in making this event productive and historical.

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We, the representatives of persons with disabilities from Pakistan and other countries, disabled people's organizations (DPOs) and other civil society organizations (CSOs), the Government of Pakistan, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies and the business sector, over 100 persons, participated in the Leadership Conference of Persons with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) held on 20-22 November 2013, in Islamabad, Pakistan;

Noting that the majority of persons with disabilities are subject to social exclusion on a daily basis, which affects negatively their rights to access to equal opportunities;

Noting further that persons with disabilities have equal rights to a decent standard of living, economic independence and social acceptance as any other person in each community;

Recognizing the significance of the international and regional instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Guidelines and the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real", 2013-2022;

Believing in CBID which is essential for persons with disabilities to live independently with dignity and equality in each community;

Hereby unanimously recommend as follows:

- 1. Laws and policies on disability should be harmonized with the principles of CBID;
- 2. Development policies and programmes at all levels should be designed, implemented and monitored from the perspective of CBID;
- 3. The engagement of persons with disabilities in political participation at all levels should be enhanced;
- 4. Disability-specific data should be collected for a better planning and implementation of community services for persons with disabilities;
- 5. Persons with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, persons with severe disabilities, children with disabilities and their families should be included in community activities;
- 6. Persons with disabilities should be equally and positively promoted by media; and
- 7. Networking and collaboration on CBID should be strengthened among DPOs and other CSOs, local community people, governments, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies, academic institutions, media and the business sector.

Presented and unanimously adopted at the Leadership Conference on Community Based Inclusive Development 22 November 2013

Conference Rundown

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVE	MBER 2013	
09:00-11:00	Opening Ceremony M/C Mohammad Atif Shaikh/Shafiqur Rehman (President Milestone society of persons with disabilities)	
	Recitation from the Holy Qur'an	
	Welcome Note Dr. Shahnawaz Munami, National Coordinator-CBID Network Pakistan	
	Ms. Sadia Rehman Head of Programs, British Council Pakistan	
	Dr. Imam Yar Baig, Country Director Sightsavers Pakistan Office	
	Mr. Abdullah Abdur Rehman Khan, CSR Specialist, Telenor	
	Ms. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson SADF	
	Maj General (R) Dr. Farrukh Seir , Member of Board of Directors, CHEF International	
	Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director-APCD	
	Dr. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor Disabilities and Rehabilitation, WHO	
	Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, Director/Representative-UNESCO Islamabad	
	Mr. Shafqat Javed Shiekh, DG Ministry of National Health	
	Ms. Nyla Qureshi, DG, Ministry of Law, Justice & Human Rights	
	Signing Ceremony of SADDI 2014-2016	
11:00-11:30	Refreshment Break	

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION - 1

Legislative Framework on Disability in Pakistan		
Chair	Speaker	Co Chair
	Dr. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor Disabilities and Rehabilitation WHO	Mr. Shafqat Javed Shiekh, Director General, Ministry of National Health, Government of Pakistan
Dr. Saeeda Iqbal Senator, Senate of Pakistan Government of Pakistan	Mr. Muhammad Atif Sheikh Deputy International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan	
	Mr. Mr. Muhannad Alazzeh Senator in Jordan Senate	

01:00 - 01:30 PM Discussion/Q&A 01:30 - 02:30 PM Lunch Break

02:30 AM - 03:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION - 2

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Practices in Other Countries		
Chair	Speaker	Co Chair
Mr. Akiie Ninomiya APCD	Ms. Etsuko Ueno Japan	Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani, International Coordinator, CBID Network Pakistan

Ms. Misti Bangladesh	
Ms. Duptho Zangmo Bhutan	

03:30 - 04:00 PM Tea Break

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION - 3

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Practices in Other Countries		
Chair	Speaker	Co Chair
	Mr. Moussa Charafeddine Lebanon	
Mr. Akiie Ninomiya APCD	Ms. Rama Nepal	Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani, International Coordinator, CBID Network Pakistan
	Ms. Manique Sri Lanka	

04:30 - 05:00 PM Discussion/Q&A

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2013

09:00 - 10:30 AM PANEL DISCUSSION - 4

Community Based Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (CBIDRR)		
Chair	Speaker	Co Chair
Mr. Moussa Charafeddine President, Friends of Disabled Association, Honorary Life Member Inclusion International, Lebanon	Mr. Sohail Ayaz CEO, CHEF International	
	Mr. Talal Waheed Ageing & Disability Task Force Coordinator, HelpAge International	Ma Chinin Alchton
	Mr. Farooq Masih Inclusion Advisor Handicap International	Ms. Shirin Akhter Chairperson, SADF, Bangladesh
	Mr. Anwar Sadat, DRR Coordinator, HelpAge International	
	Ms. Abia Akram, Director Programs, STEP	

10:30 – 11:00 AM Discussion/Q&A 11:00 – 11:30 AM Tea Break

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION - 5

Community Based Inclusive Education Initiatives		
Chair	Speaker	Co Chair
	Mr. Zahid Majeed, AIOU	Ms. Humaira Amir Naseer
Dr. Imam Yar Baig Country Head Sightsavers	Dr. Shahnawaz Munami, National Coordinator-CBID Network Pakistan	Joint Program Support Officer- Education
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01:00 - 01:30 PM Discussion/Q&A 01:30 - 02:30 PM Lunch Break 02:30 - 03:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION - 6

3 Years Strategic Planning By CBID Network Pakistan		
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03:30-04:00 PM Discussion/Q&A

04:00-04:30 PM Conference Recommendations

04:30-05:00 PM Discussion/Q&A

Friday, 22 NOVEMBER 2013

10:00 - 12:00 LAUNCHING CEREMONY M/Cs ShafiqurRehman/Asim Zafar

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3	Mr. Muhammad Atif Shiekh- International Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan
4	Mr. Shahnawaz Munami - National Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan
6	Ms. Tanja Karen - CBM RO EMR
7	Dr. Maryam Malick, Technical Advisor Disabilities and Rehabilitation, WHO
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9	Ms. Rima Canawati Director, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Palestine
10	Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata-UNESCO
11	Dr. M. Babar Qureshi Director NTD, CBM Pakistan
12	Recommendations: Ms. Zahida Hameed Deputy National Coordinator
13	Ceremonial Launching of CBID Strategic Planning & inclusive DRR guidelines by Mr. Anwar Sadat DRR Coordinator, HelpAge International
14	Guest of honor: Mr. Shoaib Mir Joint Secretary. Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights.
15	Ms. Saeeda Iqbal, Senator of Pakistan Senate
16	Speech by Chief Guest, Mr. Murtaza Jawed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly.

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Presentations & Speeches

Practices of CBID in Japan by Ms. Etsuko Ueno

Practices of CBID in Japan revised

November 20, 2013
Etsuko Ueno
Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with
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Vice Chalr, CBR AP Network

Outline of Japan

Population: 128,060,000 (National Census in

2010)

Since 2005 population has been decreasing in

Aging society (number of those who are over 65)

2010: 23%, 2035: estimated as 33.4%

Rerative poverty rate : second in the world

a mother-child family

(Expectation toward mutual support in the

Disability

Disabled Population:654 million (5%)

Disablee Population:524 million (54 MP)
Three disability-related laws have been revised/established.
1. Revision of Fundamental Law for Persons with
Disabilities
2. Establishment of Prevention of Abuse Law
3. Establishment of Law for Elimination of
Discrimination for Persons with Disabilities

Ratification of CRPD

Issues to be challenged

- -Recovery from Tohoku Great Earthquake and Tsunami on March 11, 2011
- -Economic globarization
- Increase of part time workers, especially in younger generation.
- -Gap in income
- Relative poverty rate is the second in the world. A-mother-child family suffers most.

Various challenges in disability

UN level: Towards Post MDGs and Disability

From Welfare to social work with development

- •Innovative approachs like community business are seen.
- •Revitalization of community

Green revolution of decentralization

Review of activity in Japan with CBR Matrix

Two expriences of the use of CBR Matrix to review the community-based activities in Japan

•July 13, 2013 in Nagoya city

2/3 did not know CBR but most of them are engaged in CBR like activity in the community.

October 27, 2013 in Tokyo Participants have heard of CBR.

Both cases with the use of CBR Matrix, participants became active in discussing and learning each other although their background is different.

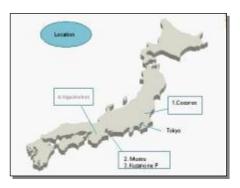
CBIDの日本の事例

Community-based approach
 Cocoron (mental disability, support for living and income generation), Fukushima

Musou(comprehensive support for personal attendant, living and income generation, housing)

Kusanone(Grassroots) Mutual Support Project (SHG, out reach, study meetings, Soft type services)

Higashiohmi city (Cityzons' involvement, lots of networks, disability is incorporated)



Cocoron, Fukushima Pref.

Key words: mental disability, use of community resources, support for living and work/income generation

Started in 2002 as NPO

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Introduced in CBR Guidelines(Supplementary) as a good practice.

Case 1: Cocoron

- Target: people with psycho social disabilities, their family and community
 With Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act, it organizes community Activity Support Center, Multi-Functional Type service and Group Homes for persons with psycho social disabilities.
- disabilities.
 Organize art exhibition, concert, color therapy and a lecture on issues of psycho social problems
 It obtained the status of Social Welfare Cooperation in Oct.2011
 Cocoron is introduced in CBR Guidelines as an example of Japan

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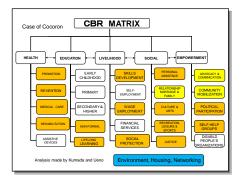
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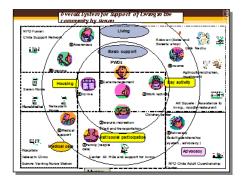


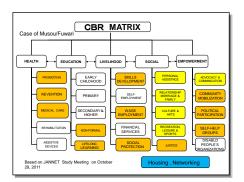
Musou, Handa city, Aichi Pref.

Keywords: intellectual and developmental disabilities, personal care service, comprehensive approaches including living and work, connection with people and resources in community

Started in 2000 as NPO Fuwari

- Main activity
- •At the biginning





Higashiohmi city, Shiga pref. (near Lake Biwa)

Keywords: community, human resources and networking, involvement of local government

Population:110,000, Forest:56%

Birth place of Ohmi merchants with Sampo Yoshi

Sprit (three party satisfactory: sellers, buyers and community) Charecteristics : good linkage of people and social resources, human networking,

Aim of the city: sustainable society, support cityzens challenging issues of the community

Started Welfare Moll from April 2012

3rd CBR Asia Pacific Congress

Time: September 1-3, 2015, Japan

Venue : Keio Plaza Hotel, Shinjuku, Tokyo

Co-organizers: CBR AP Network, Two local counterparts(JANNET, JSRPD), APCD

Collection of Good practices of CBID will be

presented and distributed.

You are most welcome to the Congress in 2015!

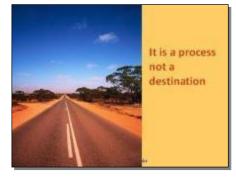
What will be held in 2015?

-March, International Conference on Disaster Preparedness in Sendai, Japan -UN will adopt the Post MDGs as the new framework of development Disability should be included.

September 1-3, 3rd CBR AP Congress in Tokyo We look looking to meeting all of you and discuss with you the way we move forward on for the sustainable development for all.

Inclusive Education by Mr. Shahnawaz Munami









Inclusive Education

When every child is welcomed and valued regardless of ability or disability.

Inclusive Education is an attitude

- It means the doors to schools, classrooms and school activities are open to every child
- The focus is on giving every child the help s/he needs to learn.

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Photos of technology Photosics

Inclusive Education 5 Phases

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Phases of Inclusive Education



Raising Awareness

- Community
- Parents
- Social Organisations
- DPOs
- Local Authority
- □ Peer Group

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Phases of Inclusive Education











Community Based Inclusive Education Initiative by Mr. Zahid Majeed and Ms. Tanzila Nabeel









OBJECTIVES

• To provide support in developing and delivering training to teachers, district office staff of AJK
•To Mobilize the community to inclusive staff

Procedural Activities Planning Meetings: July 2008 Project Launched September, 2008 Mentor Teachers' Training Trainee Teachers Training Cluster Meetings (fortnightly) Schools' Visits by Mentor Teachers and Team Collaboration with education department's at AIK Community Awareness and Networking of Resources

Project Activities...

- Collection of Base Line Data from Bagh on Disability among Children

- Establishment of Office at Bagh.
 Development of Training Manuals
 –Inclusive Education (Special Need Education)
- -Science -English
- -Social Studies
- Identification and Selection of personnel at

Project Team

AIR Team

- Mr. Jerry Mindes Dr. Susan Caceres Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter
- AIOUTeam

Lead Consultant (Dr. M. Awan) Consultant I (Dr. Tanzila Nabeel) Consultant II (Mr. Zahid Majeed)

Technical Consultant (Mrs. Rubina Mahmood) Coordinator Bagh Office (Mrs. Saiqa) Office Assistant, Bagh Office (Mr. Shafique)

Office Boy, Bagh Office (Mr. Munir)

Bagh Office

- Coordinating Project Activities
- Arranging Cluster Meetings
- Collecting Data
- Managing Project Record Reporting to ORGONE, Islamabad and Project Lead Consultant.
- Arranging and Conducting special needs children parents.
- Coordinating the resources existing in community
- Awareness creation activities

Project Team: Role and Responsibilities

- Planning and Implementation
- Coordinate all project activities
- Development of Training Material and Teacher Resource Kit
- Arrangement, conduct the workshops Training of Mentors and Teachers
- School Visits
- Provision of resources

Mentor Teachers: Role and Responsibilities Work with primary teachers in Bagh for reinforcement

- School Visits
- On spot problem solution
- On spot procers sociation
 Observing and Recording children progress
 Provide technical assistance
 Attend cluster meetings
 Guidance & Counseling to parents' of
 children with special needs
 Motivate the community for inclusive

- education



Selection of Schools and Children 19 Schools were selected on the recommendations of RISE 25 Teachers from the schools having special need students Male: 13 Female: 12 Special Need Children: 48 Children with visual Impairment: 8 Children with Physical Handicaps: 10 Children with Intellectual Deficiencies: 14 Children with Emotional Disturbances: 02 Children with Multiple Handicaps: 02

Operational Phase Project Work Plan by AIR, ORGONE and Project Team. Selection and Recruitment of Mentor Teachers. Selection of Trainee Teachers. Adaptations in curriculum for Math, English, Social Studies and Science. Training of "Mentor Teachers".

Quarterly training provided by Project
Team and AIR regarding the content of the
training, implementing the IEP and using
the Teacher Resource Kit.
Establishment ORGONE office at Bagh
3 & 6 days Trainings at Bagh.
Cluster Meetings fortnightly.
Schools visits by Mentor Teachers twice in
a month.

Sharing of experiences and guidance to teachers in cluster meetings by project team Project Team schools visits.

Medical professionals visits to Bagh for screening and assessment.

Community mobilization.

Meetings with School Management Committees.

Guidance and Counseling to Special Needs Children Parents.

Encouraging involvement of District Education Officers.

Training: Mentor Teachers Special Needs Identification Special Education Inclusive Education Inclusive Classroom/Child Friendly Schools Multi-Grade Classroom Teaching Teaching Science Teaching English Teaching Mathematics Teaching Social Studies

Teacher training and school based activities Selection of Trainee Teachers completed RISE training and with special need children in their classrooms. Two (3 8.6 Days) teacher training workshops for 25 primary school teachers. Training assisted the teachers to apply active learning strategies to teach Math, English, Social Studies, and Science in inclusive classroom setup

Strengthen teachers' ability to address the needs of a diverse group of students.
Ongoing support to primary teachers in Bagh through day-long sited visits to primary schools by "mentor teachers."

- Responding the queries of Mentor Teachers. In the early phase, project team members accompanied the "mentor teachers" to school-sites.
- During the first and last quarter of the project, mentor teachers collected data to measure project impact on enrollment and other indicators (parents and community involvements)



Initial 3 Days Workshop Activities . Children-II Saturda 01-11-200 Math II Sunday (2-11-2008 for Inclusive for Inclusive for Inclusive



Cluster Meetings

- Most important and successful part of the project
- Cluster meetings for primary school teachers arranged and conducted fortnightly
- Trainee teachers share, discuss their experiences, children's progress and challenges.
- Project Team/Mentor teachers facilitated the cluster meetings' discussions.

Community Mobilization

- Mentor Teachers office staff mobilized the community through meetings and personal visits at their homes.

 Trainee Teachers visited nearby community to create awareness.

 Trainee teachers arranged get together at their schools to promote inclusive education.

 Mentor Teachers, Trainee Teachers and office staff conducted a small scale household survey on special needs children.

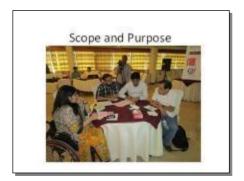
 Project team and mentor teachers visited district education officers to seek their collaboration and cooperation.

3 Years Strategic Planning By CBID Network



Strategic Planning CBID-N 2013-16

(3 Years)

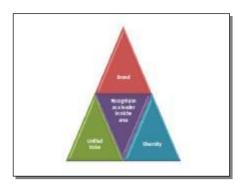


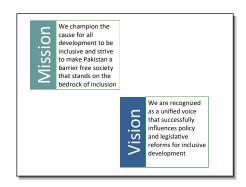




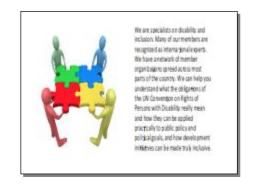




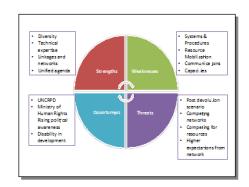




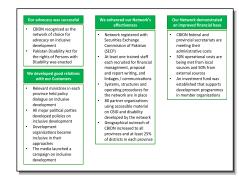


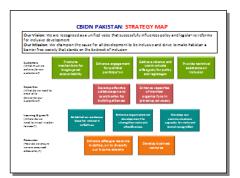


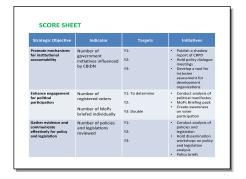


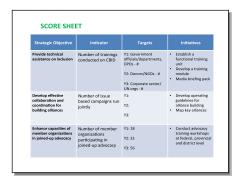


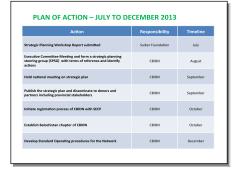
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Speech of Honorable Deputy Speaker National Assembly Pakistan Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi

Distinguished Dignitaries, International delegates, My Pakistani Brothers and Sisters,

Aslamoalaikum,

It is indeed a matter of pleasure and privilege for me to join launching ceremony of Strategic Planning of CBID Network Pakistan and Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Technical Guidelines of HelpAge is taking place at closing ceremony of Leadership Conference of Persons with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID).

AS deputy speaker of National Assembly (lower house of legislative assembly) On behalf of the Parliament and People of Pakistan – and on my personal behalf please accept my heartiest felicitations and warm wishes on this happy occasion. I have heard you all working hard since last week and had three days extensive discussions and wisdom is shared in Leadership Conference of Person with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID). This Conference has brought international leadership of people with and without disabilities, especially Women with Disabilities.

Dear Guests,

We can understand the pain of our fellow Pakistanis with disabilities and barriers they are facing in daily life. As you know Pakistan is facing many issues including terrorism and natural disasters. These are not only disturbing our daily life but also creating new disabilities. This situation is raising concern among ourselves because we are representatives of people of Pakistan and we are trusted with vote.

I was listening your recommendations, carefully! I will ask CBID Network Pakistan to have meeting with us and come up with proposed law for people with disabilities. We will do our best to bring a law for people with disabilities through this parliament as they may live a meaningful and productive life and contribute in National Development rather than depending on welfare.

I am again thankful to CBID Network Pakistan and organizers of this conference for inviting me and providing opportunity to be among such excellent community that is working towards a cause for universal development of communities.

Media Coverage

PRESS RELEASE DETAILS

Special Persons are Important Part of the Society: Says Acting Speaker NA Friday, 22nd November, 2013

Islamabad November 22, 2013: Acting Speaker National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi has said that the government is cognizant of the problems being faced by special persons and is working to empower them and to address their problems. He expressed these views while addressing the concluding ceremony of a 3-day International Conference on Person with disability organized by Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) at a local Hotel, Islamabad today.



Acting Speaker, NA Murtaza Javed Abbasi addressing closing Ceremony of International Conference of Persons with disabliity on Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) on 22nd November, 2013.

The Acting Speaker said that special persons are important part of the society. He said that to take care of their needs and to eliminate the barriers they were facing in their daily life is the responsibility of every citizen. He further said that country was facing challenges like terrorism, poverty and natural disasters and these problems not only disturbing our daily life but also increasing the risk of disability. He assured that all possible measures will be taken to overcome these problems.

He appreciated the endeavours of CBID management for organizing such an important and fruitful conference. He assured them all out support to enactment of laws for the people with disabilities to make them useful and productive citizen of the society. He also eulogized the contributions of National and International Scholars which participated in the Conference and expressed hope that this Conference will prove an important milestone in highlighting the problems faced by the special person and devising the policies for them.

http://www.na.gov.pk/en/pressrelease detail.php?id=710