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THE COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR) PROGRAM
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To;

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Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development,
Kampala

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program was started in Masaka District in the F/Y 2009/2010. CBR is a national strategy within Community Development focusing on the Rehabilitation and Social Inclusion of, Equalization of opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and other Special needs in the family and Community. It also enhances the quality of life for PWDs through improved service delivery in the Community.

1.1 OBJECTIVES OF CBR PROGRAMME

- To raise awareness among civic and political leaders, and communities about disability issues;
- To advocate for, and promote effective service delivery to PWDs across all sectors;
- To promote collaboration between District and NGOs in delivery of services to PWDs;
- To build the capacity of PWDs, their families and communities for prevention and management of disability; and
- To equip PWDs with skills so that so that they participate in development process;

On the other hand, Special Grant Program which began in the F/Y 2009/2010 aims at supporting Income generating Activities (IGAs) of PWDs who are in organized groups so as to provide Employment, Improve their income status and ultimately the Quality of life of PWDs.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Social Rehabilitation Department has been able to implement the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program and Special Grant Program co-currently in Masaka District.

At the beginning of this F/Y 2010/2011, Masaka District was reduced to 5 Sub Counties and 3 Divisions which includes; Bukakata, Buwunga, Kyanamukaka, Kabonera, Mukungwe, Kimanya/ Kyabakuza Division, Katwe/ Butego Division and Nyendo/ Ssenyange Division.

In this report, we are combining the CBR Program and the Special Grant Programs, which all aim at ensuring the lives of Persons with Disabilities in the rural areas, are improved for better. The report shall enlighten on the key achievements, challenges and recommendations.

3.0 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 CBR PROGRAM

3.1.1 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Talent promotion through sports among PWDs.

The Department supported two (2) PWD Associations namely Masaka Association for the Deaf and Masaka District Association to participate in the international events like White Canes' day (Blind) and Deaf Week (Deaf). Here the PWDs were able to participate in Goal ball (blind) and volley ball (deaf), hence creating public awareness on disability.

2. Capacity building on CBR to stakeholders in the Sub counties of Kyanamukaka, Buwunga, *Mukungwe, Bukakata and Kabonera.*

The activity aimed at creating awareness on Disability, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program, establishment of CBR Sub county steering committee and identification of CBR volunteers per village in the above Sub counties. The CBR Coordinator together with USDC Field Coordinator held the orientation workshops at the respective Sub County headquarters and the councils blessed the CBR program. The members were first enlightened on the definition of Disability, types of impairments causes, effects and challenges PWDs face in the community. This helped the members to open up their minds and to understand better what CBR is all about. Members were also given full understanding of the CBR program, its goal, objectives and activities to be implemented in their respective sub counties. The committee members were given an assignment of selecting CBR volunteers from their respective parishes, who will also undergo an intensive training on Disability and CBR. Already the names of the volunteers have been submitted to the CBR coordinator.



Members after being trained in CBR

3. Data Collection

CBR leaders in the Sub County of Katwe/ Butego Mukungwe, Kabonera, Buwunga, and Kimanya/ Kyabakuzza and were facilitated to enable them in data collection of PWDs in their respective Sub Counties.

4. Mobility Appliances

Two groups of parents for Children with disabilities (Kakunyu Parents Support Association for Children with Special Needs, Butale Parents' Care Group for PWDs) were facilitated to acquire appropriate assistive devices (1 tricycle, 2 wheelchairs, 6 pairs of clutches, 7 white canes) for Children with disabilities.



A carpentry student at MVRC receiving a pair of crutches donated to him. Besides him is the VSO volunteer, Mr. Swami.

The Department also received 7 wheelchairs and 7 tricycles from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, which also boosted the mobility of PWDs in rural areas. The handover ceremony was done by the District LCV Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Kalungu accompanied by the District Council and Chief Administrative Officer.



The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Masaka (in coat) speaking during the assistive device handover ceremony at the District headquarters, Ssaza

5. Reproductive Health for the young deaf

The Department in partnership with Ka Tutandike Uganda, are implementing a REHDY Project in Masaka. We have been able to;

✓ Mobilize and train health workers, teachers and social workers in basic sign language so as to improve service delivery in Reproductive Health among the young deaf in rural areas.

✓ The parents from Mark VII School for the Deaf-Bwanda and Masaka School for Children with Special Needs-Bugabira were also mobilized and trained in Sign language at their respective schools.

✓ Mariastopes Health Centre has been furnished and equipped to suit a Deaf youth friendly centre.

✓ Over 20 primary teachers and community leaders were trained in better ways of delivering Reproductive Health messages to the deaf out of school and training manuals were given to them to affect the cause.

6. HIV/AIDS and Disability

In order to curb down HIV transmission among PWDs in Masaka 20 (18 male and 2 female) HIV/AIDS PWD groups leaders were trained in leadership and Management skills and practical methods of HIV/AIDS prevention.

The training which was supported by NUDIPU and facilitated by TASO-Masaka, enabled members to learn;

1. *Epidemiology of HIV and AIDS.*

- HIV prevention
- Condom use and ART
- PMTCT (new guidelines)
- HCT
- Fight against stigma and discrimination.
- Change of life skills
- Reduce on the number of times engaged in sexual intercourse.
- To be faithful to our partners
- Treat sexual transmitted infections STIs
- Male circumcision

2. *Leadership and management skills.*

- Definition for leadership
- Qualities and roles of a good leader
- Factor that helps build a strong group
- Team building.
- Lobbying and advocacy



Leaders of PWDs attentively listening to Mr. Azirawo Paul, TASO-Masaka HIV trainer at Bwala Social Centre, Masaka

3. Formation of Parents Support Groups

The department has been able to mobilize, sensitized and to provide technical guidance to parents. From such sessions, parents have formed parents support groups for example, Parents of the Deaf Children Association, Kabonera Parents Support Association and Mukungwe Parents Support Association.

7. Vocational and Rehabilitation

The department mobilized 62 PWDs, who were trained in vocational skills like carpentry, screen printing, leather works, and computers. Other skills included basic sign language (deaf), Agriculture, sanitation and hygiene and basic business management (SYB) at Masaka Vocational and Rehabilitation Centre (MVRC).



Some of the female PWDs who completed Screen printing at Masaka Vocational and Rehabilitation Centre (MVRC)

7. Disability and Governance:

The Social Rehabilitation Department, the Electoral Commission and the National Union of the Disabled persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) organized successful elections for PWDs right from the grass root level to the District. The electorates were sensitized on their roles, and the voting procedures. We have a total of 22 members representing PWDs at various levels for example 12 members (6 males and 6 females) for the 6 Sub counties, 6 members (3 males and 3 females) for the 3 Municipal Divisions, 2 members (1 male and 1 female) for the Municipality and 2 (1 male and 1 female) for the District

3.1.2 CHALLENGES

In the F/Y ending, the department has faced the following challenges;

- Delay in releasing of the funds to implement timely activities
- Most primary schools visited during the monitoring, lack special needs teachers and some schools which do have them, have inadequate disability friendly facilities
- The Department does not have facilities like a car, computer and its accessories, so going to the field is very hard as you have to first lobby other departments which have cars. If you happen to go, it's hard to store and share the information timely.
- High expectations from the parents of children with disabilities.
- Most of the newly elected leaders of PWDs at various are lacking lobbying and advocacy skills, understanding disability issues well and the available policies on disability to articulate issues well in the councils

3.1.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Avail a car to ease mobility as well as the computer and its accessories
- ❖ Organizing more disability management sessions to the parents, PWDs, head teachers and local leaders
- ❖ Supporting the parents group to continue lobbying and advocating for more services to PWDs
- ❖ Timely release of funds

3.2 SPECIAL GRANTS PROGRAM

3.2.1 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Since F/Y 2009/2010 to date, the following are the achievements so far;

- ❖ A total of 23 PWD groups have benefited from the grants
- ❖ Some groups have started selling the products like eggs, piglets, milk and are earning a living

SPECIAL GRANT BENEFICIARY GROUPS 2009/2010- 2010/2011

F/Y 2009/2010			
PWD Group Name	Sub County/ Division	Project Title	Amount Awarded
1. Kyanamukaaka People with Physical Disabilities	Kyanamukaaka S/C	Purchase of Plastic Chairs	1,000,000
2. Masaka District Union of PWDs (MADIPU)	Katwe/Butego Division	Purchase of Plastic Seats	2,000,000
3. Katwe/ Butego Union of PWDs Group	Katwe/Butego Division	Providing Job Opportunity to PWDs through Farming	3,000,000
4. Masaka District Association of the Deaf	Kimanya/ Kyabakuza Division	Economic Empowerment for the Deaf Youth	1,500,000
5. Masaka Disabled Persons Association (MADIPA)	Kimanya/Kyabakuza Division	Supporting Leatherworks Department	2,000,000
6. Uganda Schizophrenia Fellowship-Masaka Branch	Kimanya/Kyabakuza Division	Pig Rearing and Poultry Keeping	1,500,000
7. Balema Kwekulakulanya Farmers' Group	Kabonera S/C	Poultry Keeping	1,000,000
8. Masaka Disabled Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Support Group	Katwe/ Butego Division	Poultry and Cattle Farming	3,000,000
9. Mummy Group of Disabled	Mukungwe S/C	Sweater and Candle making	1,000,000
10. Masaka Parents Support Association For Children with Disabilities	Kkingo S/C	Agricultural Multiplication Centre/ Nursery Bed	1,000,000
11. Masaka District Association of the Blind	Butenga S/C	Poultry Keeping	3,000,000
12. Kawule Disabled Persons and their Families (KADIPEFA)	Kalungu S/C	Poultry Rearing project	3,000,000
13. Tweekembe Disabled Group	Buwunga S/C	Establishing Candle Making	1,000,000
13. Kimanya/Kyabakuza Disabled Farmers' Group	Kimanya/ Kyabakuza Division	Saving and Credit- Micro Finance	3,000,000
F/Y 2010/2011			
14. Masaka Disabled women Association (MADIWA)	Katwe/ Butego Division	Cattle rearing	1,000,000
15. Mukungwe Disabled Group	Mukungwe S/C	Piggery rearing	1,000,000

16.Kyamuyimbwa Disability Movement	Kabonera S/C	Establishment of a produce marketing project	3,000,000
17.Bukakata Disabled Group	Bukakata S/C	Poultry rearing	1,000,000
18.Bulema Tweekembe	Kyanamukaka S/C	Saucepans and plates	1,000,000
19.Epilepsy Support Association	Kimanyi/ Kyabakuza Division	Tents and Plastic Chairs	1,000,000
20.Abalema Tubebbere Training Centre	Kyanamukaka S/C	Piggery rearing	1,000,000
21.Tussakimu SACCO for PWDs	Buwunga S/C	Credit Scheme	2,000,000
22.Bugabira Balema Group	Mukungwe S/C	Charcoal stall	1,000,000
23.Balema Tweekembe Group	Kabonera S/C	Local Poultry rearing	1,000,000

3.2.2 CHALLENGES

- The high costs of animal and poultry feeds and drugs
- Management of the projects, as PWDs have inadequate skills
- The money allocated is not enough
- High expectations from group members
- High poverty levels among the PWDs as at times there are not patient with projects to produce more results.

3.2.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Organizing training sessions to PWDs leaders in project management, savings and credits, record management and book keeping.
- ❖ Linking these groups to financial institutions to boost their project
- ❖ To build the capacity of the PWD leaders to be more creative in designing and coming up with innovate business ideas.

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