A personal reflection on the value of Community Disability Workers in creating accessible health care for people with disabilities in a rural area in South Africa.
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Health and Rehabilitation in South Africa

- National Health Insurance- Access
- National Rehabilitation Policy, 2000
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by the South African Government

- 46,3% of the South African population living in rural areas
- Greater burden in accessing health care- physical challenges, financial implications and access to information of services available
- Shortage of health care professionals in rural areas

If the NHI's vision of universal coverage is to be realised the specific needs of persons with disabilities need to be acknowledged

Personal reflection

Unreliable Transport affected Outreach

Clinic Outreach

Access to health care affected by distance, terrain and cost

rural ability

hope for people with disabilities in rural communities

12 May 2014

jabulani

rural health foundation

cbm

christian blind mission

44%

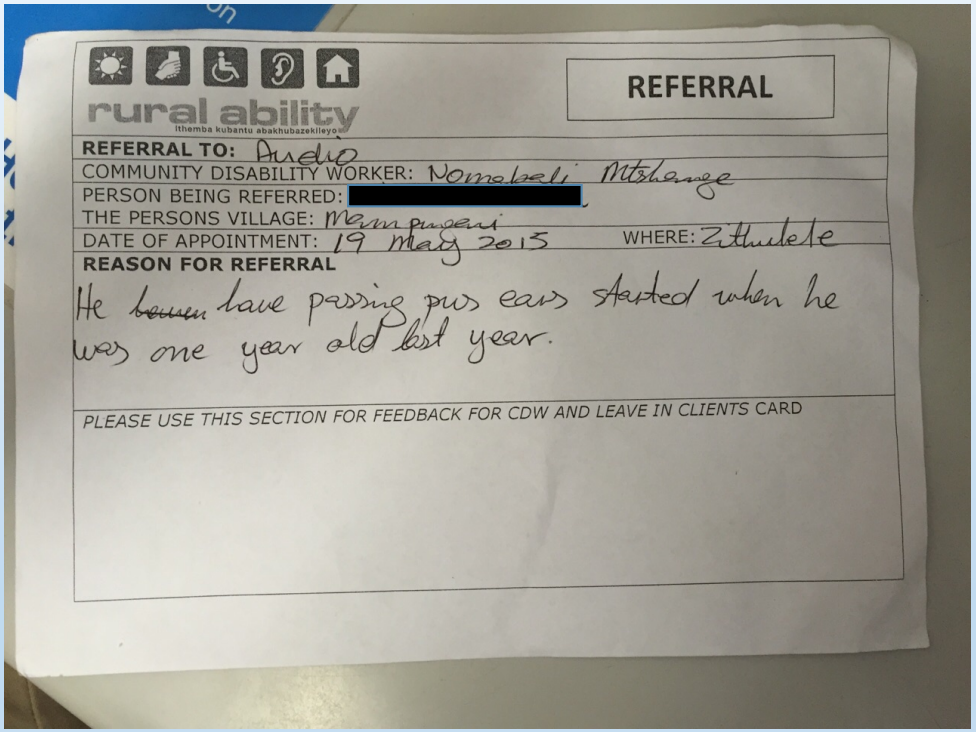
Working alongside OT/PT/SLT/AUDIO

CLINIC

Rehabilitation in the home

Practice with the whole family in the home

Training



rural ability
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REFERRAL

REFERRAL TO: Audio
COMMUNITY DISABILITY WORKER: Nomabali Mtshange
PERSON BEING REFERRED: [redacted]
THE PERSONS VILLAGE: Mamnqweni
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 19 May 2015 WHERE: Zithulele

REASON FOR REFERRAL

He ~~has~~ have passing pus ears started when he was one year old last year.

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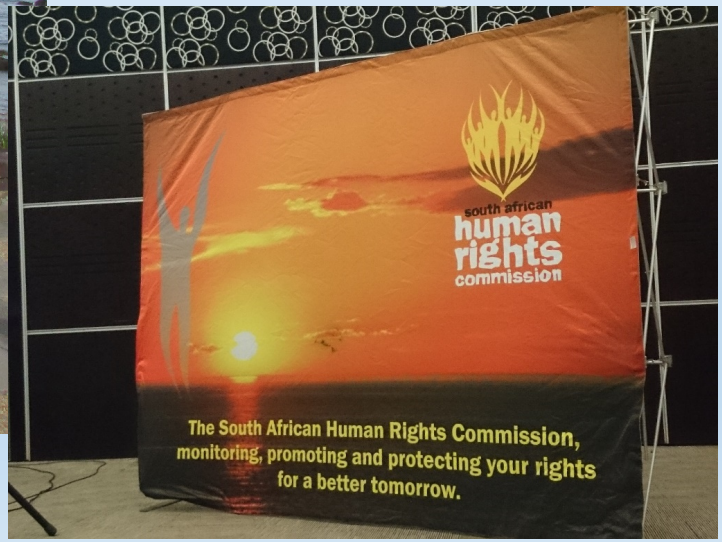
Speaking out on their rights



The value of CDWs

- Home visits make healthcare services including rehabilitation accessible and affordable
- CDWs are important local sources of information and support
- Encouraging PWD to challenge community's perceptions of their contribution to the community

CDW's are critical in making the elements of the Health component of CBR accessible to all in South Africa

Thank you

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