

CBR 5TH AFRICA CONFERENCE

ENDING POVERTY THROUGH
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Introduction



ZAMBIA

·Population of approximately 15.5m

·Poverty levels are at 43% showing a reduction of 11% since 2004

(MDG Report, 2013)



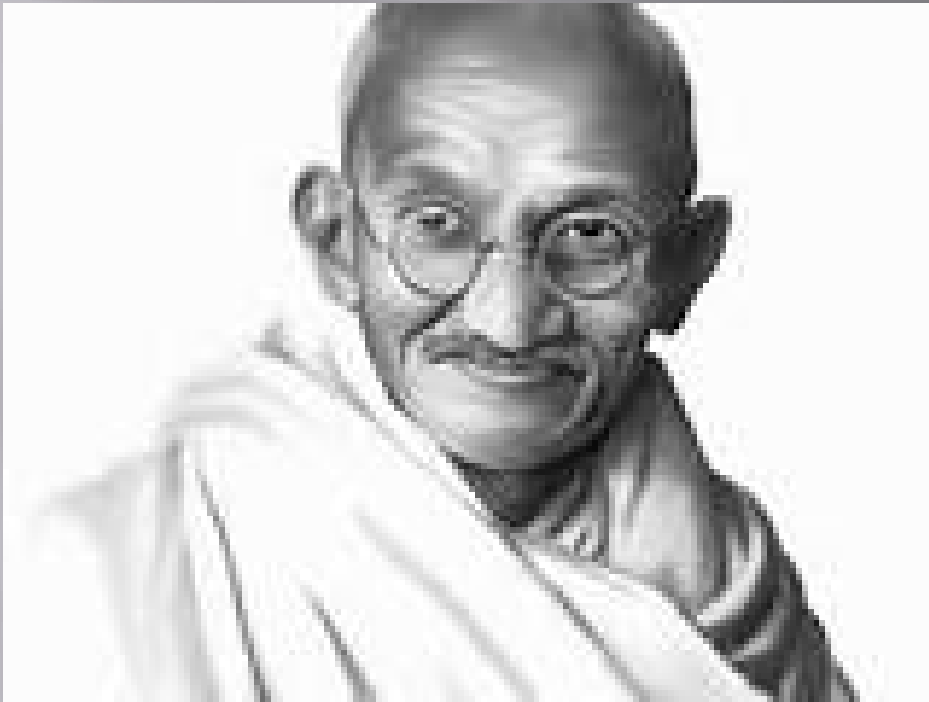
Zambia situation

- ▣ The World Health Organization estimates, about 2 million women and men in Zambia, or 15 per cent of the population, have a disability.
- ▣ A higher % of Persons with Disabilities live in rural areas
- ▣ Unemployment rate of 45.5%, compared to an employment rate of 58 per cent among persons without disabilities

(World Health Organization and World Bank:
World Report on Disability 2011;
World Bank 2012 (Zambian Population))

Cross cutting issues

- ▣ Gender based violence
- ▣ Alcohol and drug abuse
- ▣ HIV and AIDS
- ▣ Human rights



**“Poverty is the worst
form of violence”**

Gandhi

Government support

- ▣ The 1991 Zambian Constitution, amended in 1996, contains one provision on disability
- ▣ The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 10 of 1999)
- ▣ The National Employment and Labor Market Policy (NELP), 2005.
- ▣ The Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP) 2011 to 2015
- ▣ The Citizen Economic Empowerment Commission Act, 2008
- ▣ The Persons with Disabilities Act # 6 of 2012, aims to domesticate and implement the UN Convention



Hospitaller Order of St. John of God

Holy Family Centre

- ▣ Opened in 1986
- ▣ The following services are provided
 - Rehabilitation
(both Children and Adults)
 - Education services
 - Social services
 - Community Based Rehabilitation



Community Based Rehabilitation Program

- In 2009, Holy Family Centre introduced an outreach program visiting 9 rural sites for mainly physiotherapy intervention.
- In 2014 following a needs assessment, the CBR approach was identified as the way forward for provision of service delivery to rural areas within the diocese of Monze.
- CBR Livingstone was instrumental in staff training and support in the area of CBR.
- The implementation of the CBR matrix runs across the 5 components but for this presentation the area of poverty and livelihood is been addressed

Agriculture empowerment

- ▣ *Cow pea seed given to 30 households by Munzuma Agro.*
- ▣ *100 families linked with Lima Chuma for food security packs*



Raising awareness on disability & Poverty

- ▣ *Among stakeholders*
- ▣ *With the Chiefs*
- ▣ *Headmen*
- ▣ *In Schools*
- ▣ *General community members*



Income generating activities

- ▣ *Setting up of 4 saving and Loans groups*
- ▣ *Of these 3 of the 4 are successful.*



Advocacy

Advocacy is done among

- ▣ *Stake holders i.e. Government and NGOs*
- ▣ *Churches*
- ▣ *Community leaders*
- ▣ *By Persons with Disabilities themselves*



STRATEGIES

To ensure that appropriate service provision is delivered within the component of livelihood and poverty, the following strategies are implemented.

1. *Linking clients to other government Departments & Non Government Organization's.(Social Welfare/world vision).*
2. *Trainings in sustainable entrepreneurship skills*
3. *Working with community support groups that are already existing.*

CHALLENGES

- ▣ Distance and poor road network in rural Zambia is a major challenge
- ▣ Cost of transport to clients to access other services
- ▣ Inadequate transfer of information to communities by service providers .
- ▣ Stigma and Discrimination
- ▣ Inadequate appropriate referral pathways for people suffering from Alcohol and Drug abuse.
- ▣ Traditional Beliefs

WAYFORWARD

- ▣ Continued Partnerships with CBR Zambia office, Livingstone , government and other agencies
- ▣ Monitoring and Evaluation of activities on the ground.
- ▣ Research to determine effectiveness of CBR programs.



Summary

The CBR program in Monze will continue working with CBR Zambia Support Office Livingstone and other stakeholders towards poverty reduction and improvement in the livelihoods of Persons with Disabilities .

The involvement of communities in Disability Activities is also vital to ensure sustainability and ownership.

The Zambian Government is committed to improving the lives of persons with Disabilities through the implementation of CBR which ensure services are delivered to as near to the community as possible.



Thank you

