

The University of Gondar/ Queen's University CBR Training and Inclusion Initiatives in Ethiopia

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Collaboration for community based rehabilitation Education and internship at the University of Gondar Ethiopia

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Presentation Purpose

- ▶ Provide an introduction of the University of Gondar/ Queen's University Mastercard Foundation Scholars program
- ▶ Outline a brief of the work plan for developing a Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) certificate program at University of Gondar (UoG) in Ethiopia.

Background

- ▶ UoG-CBR is a program that began its engagement by targeting PwDs in North Gondar Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia in 2005.
- ▶ In 2016, it collaborated with Queen's University to launch a 10 – year, multifaceted collaborative project with the financial support of Mastercard Foundation.
- ▶ The 10years project has two components:
 - ▶ Part A – Scholars Program. 450 scholarships (290 undergraduate; 160 graduate) for five East African countries. All undergraduate scholarships are awarded to students with disabilities.

UoG-CBR program

- ▶ Part B “**International Collaboration for Strengthening Rehabilitation Education in Ethiopia (STREET)**”
 - Supports Scholars Program at UoG and implemented by both Queens University, Canada and University of Gondar, Ethiopia.
- ▶ University of Gondar community based rehabilitation (CBR) program is an opportunity for students to practice in the community.
- ▶ The community field workers have constantly been supported by the faculty members of the UoG through different capacity strengthening and in-service trainings.
- ▶ To date, we do not have a formal training for our affiliated CBR field workers

Significance of the CBR Certificate program

- ▶ There is a need to develop and formalize CBR certificate training for UoG scholars and Community based rehabilitation workers at University of Gondar
- ▶ Community workers need capacity development to act as agents of change in the **context of empowerment of people with disabilities**.
- ▶ There is a need to review current training programmes for community workers in Ethiopia to understand what exists and what gaps remain and to identify ways to fill the gaps.
- ▶ Its needed to develop **Mastercard** Scholars (UoG) skills regarding rehabilitation and enhance their community **engagement**

CBR certificate program

- ▶ **Targeted trainees:** Part A scholars and community workers
- ▶ **Goal:** To develop Part A scholars' skills for rehabilitation and community involvement
- ▶ The certificate will also support the development of skilled personnel to work at the community level

Activity implementation plans

- ▶ **Phase one: Review UoG's current CBR fieldworker training manual and other training resources**
 - ▶ Revise existing UoG CBR training manual, identify gaps.
 - ▶ Collect different CBR focused trainings that are available locally and internationally.
- ▶ **Phase two: Develop formal UoG-affiliated CBR certificate program**
 - ▶ Develop: Curriculum content, scope, course duration, desired competencies, mode of course delivery and training manual
 - ▶ Facilitate: Formal UoG approval for CBR certificate curriculum and training manuals
- ▶ **Phase three: Deliver a pilot training for Part A Mastercard Scholars at University of Gondar.**

What actions has been taken so far?

- ▶ Hired experiential learning coordinator
- ▶ Committee members meeting at Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
- ▶ Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with Part A scholars to assess their needs
- ▶ Learned from and experiences shared with CBR, locally and internationally

Relevant points are considered to start this programme

- ▶ WHO has launched Rehab 2020 to promote rehabilitation in low and middle income countries and community rehab is one of the recommended forms of rehabilitation.
- ▶ The need for the certificate program is strongly justified within the UoG CBR context
- ▶ The Strategy Jimma with Vienna University regarding CBR were assessed
- ▶ The existing rehabilitation related training program is reviewed and gap identification has been made
- ▶ Different CBR focused trainings that are available locally and internationally are collected

The way forward?

- ▶ Finalizing curriculum
- ▶ Identify and network for local and international CBR themed trainings opportunities



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