

ANNEX A:

Progress Report

Date	2002
Title of Project and Project Ref. No.	Capacity building in Community Based Rehabilitation for Children with Disabilities NO.CI – P32
Organisation	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
Reporting Period	1 st March to 31 st May 2002.
Anticipated Completion Period	31 May 2003

1. Goal, Purpose and Output of the Project

Goal

To improve opportunities for children with disabilities (CWDs) and change attitudes that are biased against them, such that they can participate fully in society.

Purpose

To build the capacity of local communities and service providers in ten districts in Community Based Rehabilitation techniques to enable them to better manage and reduce the impact of disability among CWDs.

Outputs

1. Service providers, field workers and communities have capacity and have adopted and integrated CBR into existing activities.
2. Parents/family members are better able to care for CWDs through increased knowledge and skills and are more favourably disposed towards them.
3. Local communities are more proactive in seeking provision and opportunities for CWDs.
4. Community Income Generating Activities (IGAs) initiated for the benefit of /and or by CWDs
5. Information, education and communication (IEC) materials developed and disseminated in local languages.
6. Examples of best practice documented and disseminated throughout the ten pilot districts and thence to other districts through VSO's broader disability programme and global network.

1.2 Modifications to Goal Purpose and output of the Project

No further changes to Goal, Purpose and Output have been made since the last quarter. The Project however continues to be implemented in ten Districts.

1.3 Output Progress During the Reporting Period

- CBR is continuing to develop within existing districts' structures.
- The training manual for use by ToTs in the field, previously developed during a workshop in February, has been produced and distributed to all 10 district EARCs. Some EARCs have identified CBRCs / CBRWs, teachers and parents of CWDs, and have conducted training in this aspect of special needs. The manual is available for CBRCs / CBRWs to use for future training of more parents of children with communication difficulties.
- Eight out of ten districts have trained CBRCs.
- Five out of ten districts have trained CBRWs.
- Quantitative data is now available to support the earlier impression that CBRWs are successfully identifying children with disability within communities, and bringing them into contact with EARCs for assessment.
- The original disbursement of a limited number of bicycles per district has been supplemented by further disbursement of funds for this purpose. Districts reported that success of the initial mobilisation stages of CBR enabled membership of CBRCs and CBRWs to exceed original estimates, thus each required additional support with transport in respective locations to reach parents and CWDs.
- Bicycles are also to be used as IEC materials, through innovative use of publicity boards being attached to the bicycles, promoting positive messages of communities working in disability.
- The CBR video has now been edited, and a number of copies made available for training in the districts.
- Further IEC materials, in the shape of T-shirts, have been designed by district coordinators, produced and distributed to the field.
- One district has run a workshop for the production of assistive devices, with EARC, CBRC working in collaboration with Ministry of Health physiotherapist.

Purpose Progress

- The quarter saw significant progress towards the Project Purpose. CBR committees are now established and EARC personnel have now trained most in disability issues. This knowledge and skills have now been taken forward by CBRCs into training activities for CBRWs.

2. Work Carried Out in this Period

Activities proceeded according to the bar chart of activities, and were successfully achieved for the most part.

1. Train of CBRWs and start of home training by CBRWs: partly achieved
2. Continued identification and assessment of CWDs: achieved / ongoing.
3. Develop and distribute IEC materials for training: achieved.
4. Completion of IEC video, and make available for training: achieved.
5. Continue to develop CBR structures: achieved / ongoing.
6. Identification and support for Income Generating Activities: partly achieved.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation visits, by both local EARC and national office: achieved.

3. Results

- In most districts CBRCs are equipped with skills and knowledge in disability issues, and in methods of mobilising parents.
- In some districts, both CBRCs and CBRWs are equipped with skills and knowledge in how to train parents of children with communication difficulties.
- Specific numbers of children with disability who have been identified by CBRWs are now coming through to EARCs, as CBR structures and systems strengthen over time.
- Some training by CBRCs to parents has occurred.
- CBRCs have been given greater mobility in following up parents and CWDs by home visits.
- CBR work has gained greater visibility in all 10 districts by distribution of a variety of IEC materials.
- EARC teams have been equipped with good essentials of good practice regarding proposal writing, to train their CBRCs in.
- Four of the 10 districts' groups are either ready to submit, or are preparing to submit proposals for IGAs. It is expected that viable proposals for IGAs will increase in number over the next quarter.
- One district CBR group has been equipped with knowledge and skills in low-cost technology for assistive devices, and has produced a small number of assistive devices for CWDs within its community.

4. Implication

- CBR activities are gaining in visibility in all 10 districts.
- Some districts have emerged from difficult starting positions with CBR, and have taken lessons forward to establish CBRCs successfully, if slower than expected.
- As the groups gain strength and cohesion, they are identifying additional training needs in proposal writing, to request for IGAs etc. EARC staff has now the skills to transfer to CBRCs in this area.

5. Priority Activities During the Next Reporting Period

Priority activities during the next quarter will include:

1. Complete training of CBRWs / CBRCs
2. Start of home training by CBRWs.
3. Continued identification and assessment of CWDs.
4. Continue to develop CBR structures.
5. Identification and support for Income Generating Activities.
6. Monitoring and Evaluation visits, by both local EARC and national office.