

Cross-Cutting Disability Research Programme Capacity Building: Internships



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Internship Rationale



- Few examples of DPOs undertaking applied research; and academic institutions undertaking development research incorporating disability
- **Capacity building** – to build collaboration and understanding within and between academia and disability sector
- 180 – 220 million **youth with disabilities** worldwide (80% in developing countries)¹
 - facing challenges to access skills development and employment
- Complements SAFOD's work on building next generation of homegrown disability and development researchers

The internship projects

- Two types of 10-12 week research internship project:
 - **Graduates** in international devt/social sciences university undertaking research project within local disabled persons organisation (DPO)
 - **DPO Members/staff** undertaking research within equivalent university department or with CCDRP NGO research partner
- Theme on disability and development of **mutual interest** to all partners
- Interns lead on research project under mentorship of host institution and CCDRP research staff in London



The process

- Invited 11 academic institutes, 27 DPOs & 2 research partner NGOs in five countries; half expressed interest to host intern
- Advertised internship among above institutes & LCD/UCL networks
- 78 individual applications; nine applicants shortlisted with expert members from CCDRP Consortium Advisory Group; three final interns selected:
 - **DPO member** researching **disability and education** at Department of Social Work, Makerere University, Uganda
 - **Grad student** in Ethics and Development – researching **access to water and sanitation** for persons with disabilities, National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU)
 - **DPO member** researching **agricultural activities** of disabled people in Kenya with Real Impact NGO



Have we achieved our objectives?

- To promote the mutual exchange of disability & development information and knowledge through South-South collaboration
- To build capacity and skills of local disabled youth to undertake research on issues relevant to their lives
- To effectively cross-cut disability in mainstream development research, and use results to inform future campaigns, policy/practice.....



Thank-you!

- Our three interns: **Veronica Nganga** (Kenya), **Joseph Mbulamwana** (Uganda), and **Claire Luwie** (Uganda)
- Host institution partners
 - **Edson Ngirabazunki**, Executive Director, National Union Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU)
 - **Charlotte Jordan**, Research & Development Manager, Real Impact, Kenya
 - **Sarah Kamy**, Lecturer, University of Makerere, Uganda
- Consortium Advisory Group member selection panel:
 - **Prof. Anita Ghai**, Associate Prof. Jesus and Mary College, Delhi
 - **Rachel Kachaje**, Deputy Chairperson, Disabled People's International
- CCDRP colleagues, LCD/UCL London

