

South Africa Conference 2007 “CBR: Inclusive Policy Development and Implementation”

Resolutions

1. DPOs and PWDs should participate in the development, implementation, and use of policies, guidelines, and PRSPs
2. Any CBR programme should embrace the inclusive development approach and feed in any programmes that might be relevant for people with disabilities.
3. To ensure effective service delivery of the CBR strategy there is a pressing and continuous need to build capacity of DPOs, PWDs, CBR workers and community workers
4. To enhance the development of CBR we should take lessons from other development programmes (e.g. gender, small business schemes), take their strong points and avoid their failures.
5. Building alliances and networks at all levels is a key element in the CBR strategy. It is stressed that creating networks at local level is most essential to the success of any CBR programme.
6. Research studies should be set up within and alongside CBR programmes to identify best practices, select indicators, and develop instruments to assess the quality of CBR programmes in order to add to the evidence base of CBR

Malawi Conference 2004 – “CBR As part of Community Development”

12 Key Messages

1. CBR must address poverty because it is a major need of people with disabilities
2. the millennium goals cannot be achieved if they do not include people with disabilities
3. CBR is for us all, every stakeholder has a role
4. CBR should promote rights but also responsibilities
5. CBR should be more proactive, promote its activities aggressively, get more services in place
6. Sharing information is crucial to the development of CBR
7. Culture must be respected but negative aspects cannot be changed overnight
8. CBR should make sure that deaf people are not being left out
9. CBR should promote education at ALL levels if people with disability are to have economic empowerment
10. CBR needs to communicate its concepts in a language which can be understood
11. The priority of CBR research needs to address local resources and participation. CBR programmes are in the best position to do this.
12. CBR must address HIV/AIDS

Uganda Conference 2001 – “CBR A Participatory Strategy for Africa”

Key Ingredients for CBR in Africa

1. CBR must take a rights based approach, empowering people with disabilities and their families.
2. CBR must involve disabled people, their families and organizations from the start.
3. CBR must enable key stakeholders to access information on all issues including HIV/AIDS.
4. CBR must be holistic; it must look at people with disabilities in totality.
5. CBR must advocate for appropriate legislation and policies.
6. CBR must enhance self advocacy of disabled persons.
7. CBR must develop short term and long term plans together with all stakeholders. It must be “strategic”.
8. CBR must ensure inclusion of disability issues in all development programmes. It must collaborate with all sectors.
9. CBR must take into consideration local cultures, resources and practices.
10. CBR must address issues of poverty among disabled people and their families.