

From Local to Global Level. Community Based Rehabilitation – a Strategy for Achieving Inclusive Development (03 to 04 May 2012, Bonn, Germany)

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Questions for analysis of the experts' input:

1. Which measures have been successful? Why?
2. Which measures could not be implemented? Why?
3. What is necessary in order to expand a local CBR project / program to a regional and national program? (**criteria of success, for scaling up**)

Results:

- Barriers encountered:
 - General human resources crisis in the health sector
 - Professional staff training takes a long time (3-4 years)
 - Awareness-raising / changing mindsets takes time
- Criteria of success:
 - An enabling environment in the country (stakeholders are willing to cooperate) is essential
 - Given the multisectoral dimension of disability, MoU between ministries has proven to be useful, so responsibility for persons with disabilities can be clearly defined/ assigned
 - Networking & referral are key to success
 - Well-trained staff at different levels is important: both, local people, well-trained in CBR and well-trained experts
 - Different stakeholders need to cooperate and bring in their strengths
 - Stakeholders need to be willing to look outside their sector
 - Inclusive national legislation is very helpful
 - CBR needs to be tailored to the national, cultural, religious context

- Example of Nepal: Innovative photovoice tool was used for **needs assessment**: persons with disabilities were handed out cameras and asked to take pictures, illustrating their needs; ensuing focus groups helped to focus on needs which formed basis for the design of the CBR program (inexpensive, practical tool)
- Recommendations:
 - Impact monitoring should be connected to budget lines
 - Provision of funds for studies on effectiveness of CBR (gap perceived; evidence is needed to keep CBR on the agenda)
 - Involvement of the community is essential
 - Health should not become a neglected area

Health of persons with disabilities as a component of international initiatives:

How can the Health component be more strongly incorporated into international initiatives? Who should do what? What are the challenges?

- **in general: Rio +20 Conference and other development frameworks need to become inclusive of persons with disabilities**