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Good Practices in Economic Empowerment Programme for Persons with Disabilities

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- ❑ Definition of concepts
 - ❑ Community-Based Rehabilitation
 - ❑ Empowerment
- ❑ Economic empowerment and persons with disabilities (PWDs)
- ❑ Role of CBR in economic empowerment
- ❑ A look at good practices
- ❑ The way forward

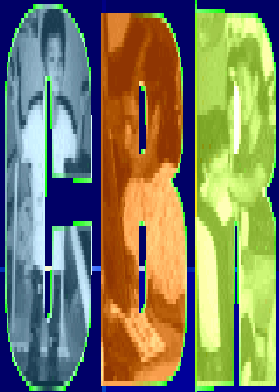
COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION (CBR)



Definition:

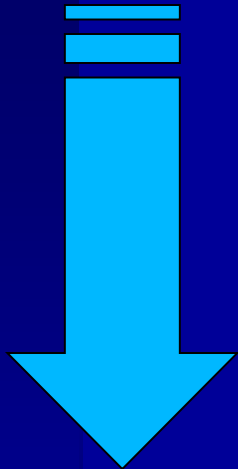
“... a strategy within community development for the rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities and social inclusion of all people with disabilities. CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of disabled people themselves, their families and communities, and the appropriate health, education, vocational and social services

(ILO, UNESCO and WHO, 2004)



Promotes:

- Rights of persons with disabilities
- Create environment for equal opportunities
- Full participation in all activities of society



Empowerment of persons with disabilities

SOME PROFILES OF CBR

□ Number of CBR programme	:	428
□ Number of PWDs	:	18,932
Centre-Based	:	14,549
Home-Based	:	4,383
□ Number of CBR workers	:	2,157

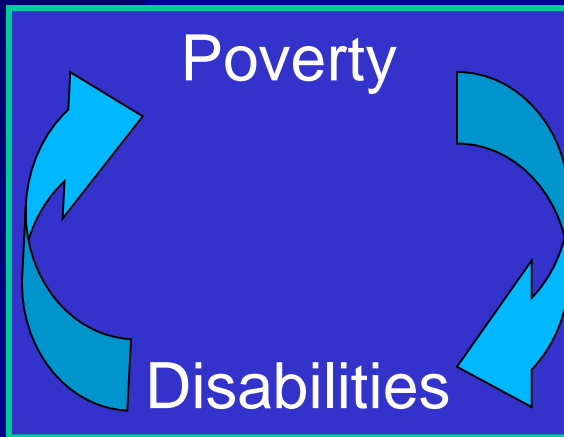


Empowerment ...

*"an on-going process, which enables an individual to fulfill and be accountable for his or her duties and responsibilities and protect his or her rights in the society. Part of the process is to **provide** people with the **resources, opportunities, knowledge and skill** needed to **increase their capacity to determine their own future and fully participate in community life.**"*

(Helander, 1993)

WHY ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



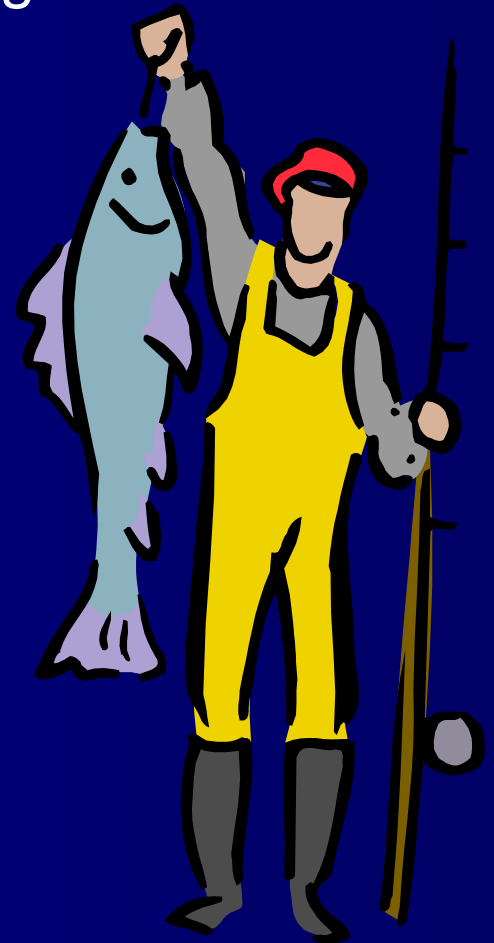
- ❑ Inaccessibility to training, employment & economic activities due to social, attitudinal and environmental barriers
 - ❑ No income and many depend on family members and charity for their livelihood
 - ❑ Live in poverty
- ❑ Have potential and ability that can be tapped and harness given appropriate opportunities
 - ❑ Livelihood
 - ❑ Self-reliant
 - ❑ Self-esteem
 - ❑ Inclusion

CBR AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

CBR - community service providers & agent of change

- empowerment of PWDs

- ❑ Income generating activities
- ❑ Educate, train and facilitate
- ❑ Linkage to services and resources
- ❑ Sensitizing community
 - Issues of disabilities
 - Potential capabilities of PWDs (opportunities to participate in social- economic activities)



A LOOK AT WHAT IS GOOD PRACTICES

1. Leadership
2. PWDs
3. Resources
 - Funds
 - Materials
4. Skills
5. Project
6. Support System



THE WAY FORWARD ...

1. SELF- HELP ADVOCACY GROUP

2. ENHANCE CBR ONE STOP CENTRE

3. ENHANCE PDKNet

4. EXTEND OPERATING HOURS

5. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

6. STAFF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

7. VOLUNTEER CENTRE

8. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



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THE WAY FORWARD ...

- ❑ Economic empowerment project
- ❑ Pilot project in 5 CBR
 - ❑ PDK Sik - Kedah
 - ❑ PDK Felda Bukit Besar - Kulai, Johor
 - ❑ PDK Felda Kemahang - Tanah Merah, Kelantan
 - ❑ PDK Benta - Pahang
 - ❑ PDK Daerah Kudat - Sabah

Thank You