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Narrative report on
Strengthening Assistive Technology Services (SATS) in Africa

November 2019

Project Information:

Project Title	Strengthening Assistive Technology Services (SATS) in Africa
Partner Organization	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)2. Vision Community Based Rehabilitation Association
Goal	<p>Providing education and training and credentialing opportunities for professionals in the field who work directly with people with disabilities.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To increase their knowledge and subsequent capacity to provide quality services and supports to a growing population of people with disabilities.• Increasing the capacity of professionals to provide quality services and supports for people with disabilities will help to enable people with disabilities to utilize assistive technology to improve their ability to live and work in communities.• Furthermore, well-trained professionals can in turn support, influence and educate emerging professionals who provide services and supports in their countries.
Project Location	AT providers in Ethiopia
Intended Results of the whole project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the short term, providing educational training to 30 emerging and mid-career professionals who provide services and supports involving assistive technology to people with disabilities.• Longer term (2-3 years) we anticipate improved services and supports for people with disabilities who can benefit from the acquisition and proper use of quality assistive

	devices and services. We will track and survey (pre and post project activities) people who participate in project educational/training activities as well as those who take the ATP exam as a result of this project to help determine what impact these initiatives have had on the quantity and quality of services that they provide to people with disabilities.
Total Budget for three years	\$28,140.00
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Key activities undertaken during the reporting period:

1. Identifying AT providers in Ethiopia: VCBRA and RESNA has set criteria to select participants from Ethiopia so that all organization working on in area of Assistive technology get a chance to participate on this highly anticipated training. In the selection process VCBRA team played a key role in consultation with ICBRC Ethiopia office. Selecting participants was also considered ICRC's experience as ICRC has long established connection with all AT providers in Ethiopia. To this end, 30 participants from 21 organizations including participants from ICRC selected for the two days AT training organized by RESNA and VCBRA.

Below is list of participant organizations:

No	Name of Organization	Type of organization
1	Addis Ababa POC	Government
2	Addis Developemtn Vission	NGO
3	Addis Gozo	NGO
4	Arbaminch Rehabilitation Center	Government
5	Assella Rehabilitation Center	Government
6	Bahirdar PRC	Government
7	Birhan Le Hitsnat	NGO
8	Bright Future Initiative	NGO
9	cheshire Dire Dawa Rehabilitation Center	NGO
10	Cheshire Foundation Action for Inclusion	NGO
11	Cheshire Hawassa Rehabilitation Center	NGO

12	Cheshire Services Ethiopia DireDawa	NGO
13	Dessie PRC	Government
14	Gambella PRC	Government
15	Girar Bet Rehabilitation Center	NGO
16	ICRC	INGO
17	Jimma University	University
18	LFTW	INGO
19	Mekele POC	Government
20	Nekemte PRC	Government
21	VCBRA	NGO

2. **Selecting Trainers:** The professional educators (trainers) were selected from a current instructor pool that is made up of a group of current Assistant Technology Professionals (ATP) that have been vetted based on submission of a CV, recommendations from clients and past training experience. Further, all instructors are continually evaluated after each training event that they deliver. Final selection of instructors was based on total evaluations and area of practice (to be able to offer teaching from the point of “engineering” and Clinician”).

3. The two days training was provided for 30 participants who are selected from 21 organizations. The training was held on August 27th and 28th, 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training is chosen to be held in Addis Ababa considering its convenience to all participants coming from different parts of the country. All regions in Ethiopia sent at least one participant including those emerging regions in Ethiopia. Before the course started, pre test was conducted to assess participants knowledge on AT and adjust the contents based on participants level of engagement. This intensive two day in-person course provides the foundation for participants to work more effectively and holistically with people with disabilities.

Course Modules covered during the two days

Clinical Applications of AT

Assessment

Service Delivery

Seating

Access

Mobility

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Computer Access

Electronic Aids to Daily Living (EADL)

Sensory

After the two days intensive training, post test was conducted to measure how much participants acquired the skills and knowledge from the course. Participants who passed the test awarded certification participation from RESNA.

Summary Agenda



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Rehabilitation International Training on Assistive Technology

Program Schedule

August 27th & 28th 2019

Date	Program	Time	Responsible Body	
Day one (27/08/2019)	Introduction and Welcoming	8:30- 9:00	Mr. Demelash Bekeke Director (VCBRA)	
	AT training	9:00- 10:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Tea Break	10:30-10:45	VCBRA	
	AT Training	10:45- 12:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Lunch	12:30-1:30	VCBRA	
	AT Training	1:30-3:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Tea Break	3:30-3:45	VCBRA	
Day Two (28/08/2019)	At Training	3:45-5:00	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	AT training	9:00- 10:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Tea Break	10:30-10:45	VCBRA	
	AT Training	10:45- 12:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Lunch	12:30-1:30	VCBRA	
	AT Training	1:30-3:30	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
	Tea Break	3:30-3:45	VCBRA	
	At Training	3:45- 4:00	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman	
Test	4:00 – 5:00	Alisa Brownlee and Jerry Weisman		
Closing		Invited Gust from MOLSA		