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Project: Promoting Center Based Rehabilitation, Inclusive Education and Social Inclusion For person with disabilities	Report No.:
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Executive Summary (not more than 5 pages):

1. Brief overview of your project and objectives

The aim of the intended project is to contribute to the national endeavor of rehabilitation of persons of disabilities through the establishment a nationwide fully fledged rehabilitation and resource center envisioned to provide a wide range of rehabilitation services and is in line with the broad vision of addressing implementation of WHO Rehabilitation 2030 framework and improving capacities of person with disabilities and physically challenged people of Ethiopia. This action will ensure improved conditions for persons with disabilities as the center entitled them to physiotherapy, speech and play therapy rehabilitation services. The resource center is also planned to deliver basic learning and teaching aids to enable to exercise inclusive education. The center will create an inclusive environment as it is equipped with sport and game materials whereby youths and children with disabilities will get the opportunity to play and socialize with the community. As the center will become vibrant platform, a wide cooperation among local government, local administration, government service providers, local actors and disadvantaged person with disabilities and physically challenged people (women and men) able to collectivize their effort to address health and education challenges of persons with disabilities. Through

promoting rights, accessibilities and improving services mechanism, the project intervention will benefit around 200 extremely disadvantaged people in the targeted area and will directly create rehabilitation services, promoting inclusive education for children with disabilities and physically challenged people through the proposed interventions embedded in the project.

2. Key output, outcomes and how you have measured them (as in the original proposal: if these were achieved or not and your comments)
3. Conducted TOT training for 13 CBR workers on how they rehabilitation workers can assist children with disabilities at home based and center-based rehabilitation services. The main aim of this project was to integrate the CBR activities with the rehabilitation center and maximize the rehabilitation services for people with disabilities. In this regard, we have conducted a five days intensive rehabilitation training for our 13 staff by experienced physical therapists. The purpose of the training was to build the skills of our rehabilitation workers so that they assist people with disabilities both at center and community and community level based on the rehabilitation needs. The training was facilitated supported by practical demonstration. Now all the 13 rehabilitation workers are supporting more than 320 people with disabilities in the community.
4. In this reporting period more than 350 children with disabilities were identified and rehabilitation services provided to them as per the need. Under this program children with cross disabilities were enrolled. Under this program exercise therapy, home education, positioning, stimulation and various exercise therapy were given to children with disabilities. Our community based rehabilitation workers also educated parents about basic rehabilitation skills so that they support their kids with disabilities at home level.
5. In the rehabilitation center we have set up, we are conducting early identification and screening services for people with disabilities and people who are at risk of acquiring impairment. In this reporting period, we managed to screen more than 192(108 male and 84 female) children and adults with disabilities who have various kinds of disability and

planned them for various form of rehabilitation services. In this reporting period, more than 87 people with disabilities referred to rehabilitation institutions for rehabilitation services. Among the services they got, surgical intervention, medicine and spectacles are the major once. All service recipients have now gained better improvement. VCBRA's community rehabilitation workers are doing follow up and providing technical support to parents.

6. VCBRA in consultation with other rehabilitation centers that are found in Addis Ababa, has purchased all the necessary equipment's that are deemed important to set up an ideal rehabilitation center. Equipment's like treatment bed, therapy materials, various exercise tools, small therapy machines, stimulation equipment and play therapy materials are purchased and deliver to the project area. As the rented office facility is small, we are using our training room and other small offices as rehab center up until we move to our new building which is made for this purpose. The space issue we have limited our services not to accept more children with disabilities in full capacity.
7. The rehabilitation facility of VCBRA renovated in such a way that it is accessible for people with disabilities. Ramps and walk ways are built in the compound so that wheelchair users and other people with disabilities can move around in the compound.
8. To enhance the education and learning of people with disabilities, having a disability resource center is a key. In area where we operate, it is hard to find a resource centers that supports the learning process for students with disabilities. This resource center is organized taking into account the demand and impact it could have on the inclusive education. To this end, VCBRA purchased various materials and equipment that are very important in supporting people with disabilities and set up a disability resource center. Martials like sign language books, audio materials, practical and sensorial educational materials, playing materials, pictorial teaching materials, accessible computers, television and other materials that are helpful to the learning.

9. To inculcate the concept and practice of inclusive education, VCBRA organized a three two days training o inclusive education for selected 30 teachers from project area. The training was facilitated by experienced professionals in the area of inclusive education. As we are promoting inclusive education, conducting such training has a great support. VCBRA is working together with the teachers to make sure students with disabilities are left out from school.

10. Parents of children with disabilities are key rehabilitation actors to bring change on the disability situations of their disabled children. Though their role is significate, there is high knowledge gap on rehabilitation skills particularly with those who have a child with severe disabilities. To fill this gap we have organized a two days training for 60 parents of children with disabilities on disability management and rehabilitation skill training. The skill development training helped parents to acquire basic skills on disability management and key rehabilitation skills like how to support their disabled children. Now parents are supporting their disabled child and taking part on the rehabilitation process of their kids.

11. Challenges and Issues arising and solutions

This project was designed in a budget matching arrangement. When we apply for this grant, we also applied to get the equivalent amount of funding from the government (Ambo University).

Though we got budget approval on time, the releasing of the budget to undertake the construction of the rehab facility was so delayed because of the bottlenecks at the university administration.

Such tailbacks adversely affected the overall project implementation by delaying other activities.

For instance, activities like Set up inclusive sports facility like basketball and tennis courts / equip with indoor and outdoor playing materials and other Paralympics games. Now we have completed the construction of the rehab facility and the rehabilitation facility has now started fiving services.

Due to the above-mentioned situations, VCBRA was not able to complete the project in as stated in the agreement. Now, VCBRA officially request Rehabilitation International to give us three

months' no-cost expansion to complete the project activities. As the building is already completed and ready to execute the remaining one big activity, we request the budget transfer of the remaining 20 % of the total budget. To complete the remaining activities, we should get the budget as early as possible.

12. Self-evaluation and Lessons Learned

Through implementing this project, we have learned that involving parents in the rehabilitation process is very crucial in making the rehabilitation services in a sustainable way.

13. Suggestions for dissemination

14. Recommendations (both for your own organization and other organizations working in the same thematic areas)

We recommend that the CBR project addressing the rehabilitation needs of large number of people with disabilities should be supported by center based rehabilitation. As assistive devices is a major unfilled gap in Ethiopia, organization should engage more in devices production.

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