



Community Based Rehabilitation in Afghanistan

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**View of the 2nd National CBR Conference
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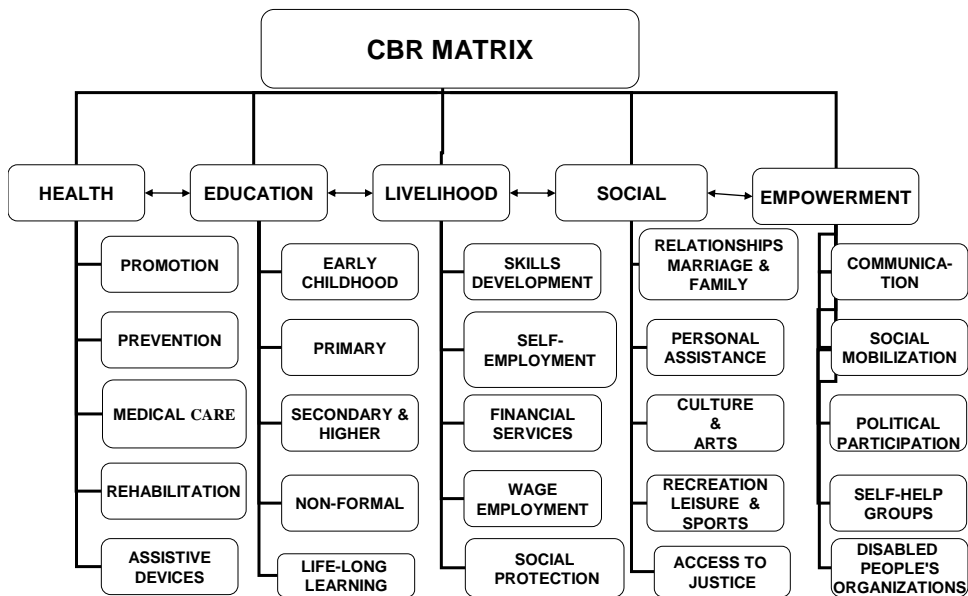
Definition of CBR

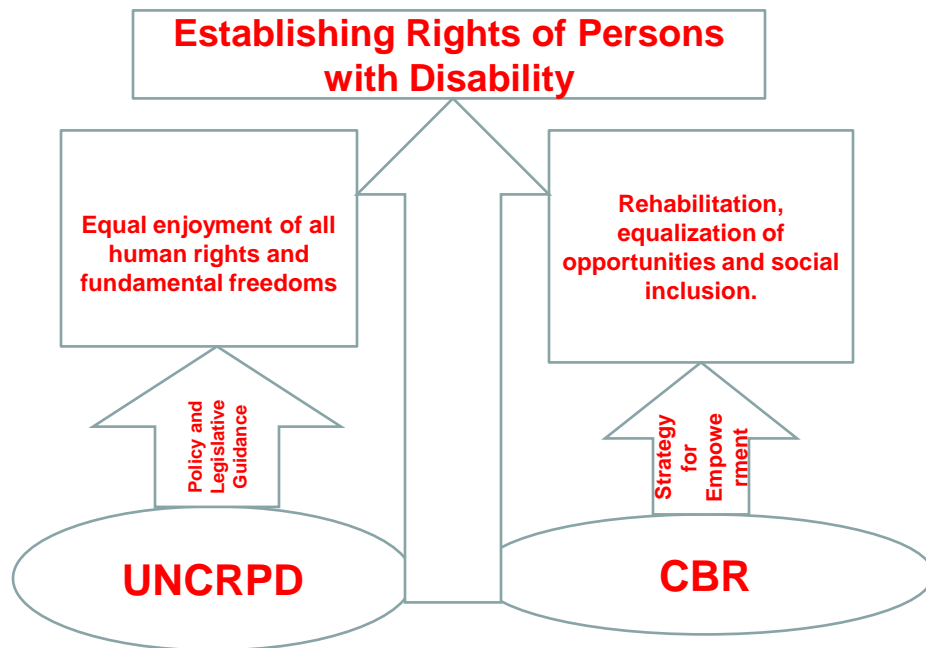
CBR is a community driven, community owned, community-based inclusive development strategy.

- CBR is a strategy within community development for the rehabilitation, equalisation of opportunities and social integration of people with disabilities (UN, 1994)
- It is achieved through the combined efforts of people with disabilities, their families, and communities and the appropriate health, education, vocational and social services

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- Health For All
- Fundamental Human Right
- Closer to people/ community
- Socio-economic development
- Partnership with other sectors





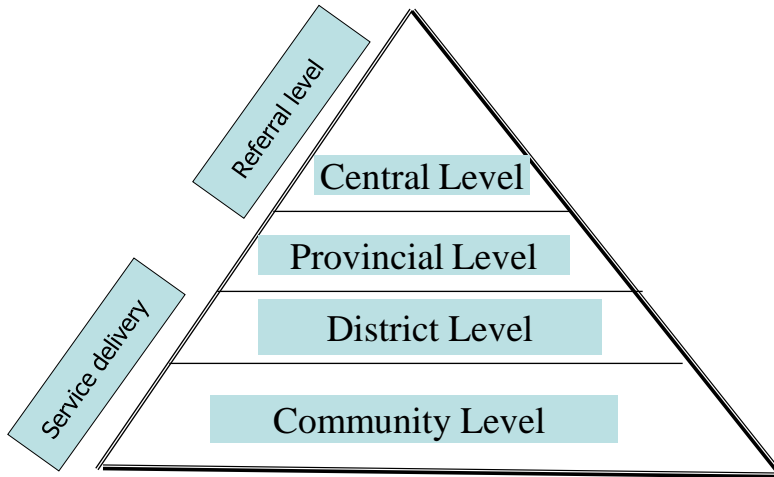
Why CBR

- Institutions are expensive
- Institutions require high tech. personnel
- Institutions are reaching only 2% of disabled population in developing countries

History of CBR IN Afghanistan

- CBR services started in 1990's as a joint initiatives of the sister UN organizations
- Implemented mainly by International and National NGOs
- Started as part of emergency assistance
Poverty eradication
- CBR programmes were developed with basic, but quite comprehensive home-based rehabilitation services; later Community Rehabilitation and Development Centres – CRDCs – were developed in villages.
- Educated village people were recruited as community rehabilitation workers to do surveys and register people with disabilities in villages and to provide basic training for children with disabilities.
- In addition there are local physiotherapy clinics related to CRDCs or basic health clinics.
- CBR programmes also have their own representative mechanisms, such as CBR committees.

CBR services Implementation



Coverage of the CBR Services

- Currently the CBR services are available in 16 provinces out of 34
- Covering more than 2500 villages and 85 Districts.
- More than 200 trained community rehabilitation and developmental workers are implementing the CBR strategy in the country.
- More than 1000 community volunteers are directly involved in the rehabilitation process

Response of Government to CBR

- They like the concept
- They Support it
- They have believe and trust
- CBR is Included in the ANDS
- CBR is a important component of the ANDAP



Service delivery location

- Home
- Community
- Health Centers
- Educational institute
- Vocational Rehab Centers
- CRDC

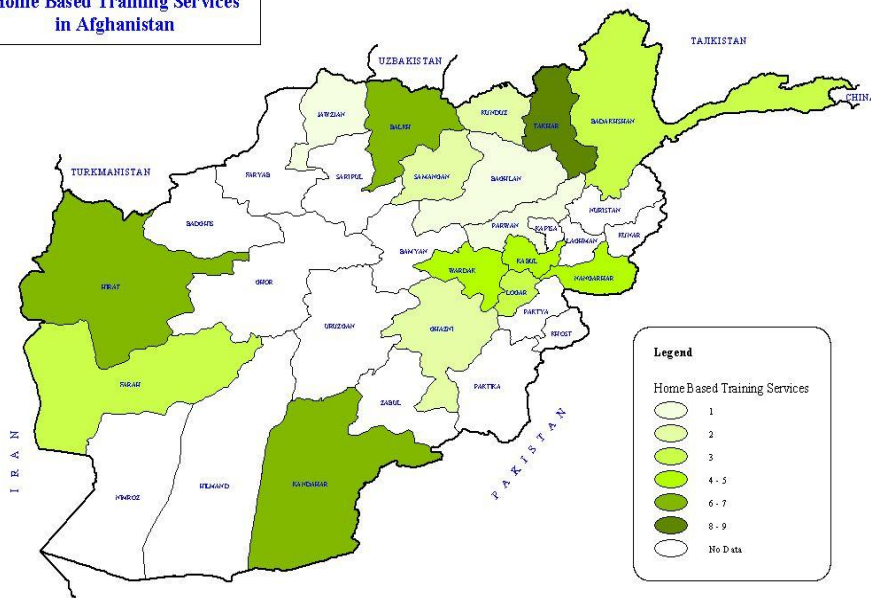


Who are involved in the rehabilitation service provision

- PWD itself
- Family of PWD
- Community Members
- Health workers
- NGO staff
- craft people
- Traders
- Elders and religious leaders
- Media



Home Based Training Services
in Afghanistan





Second:

Afghanistan CBR Network

CBR Network established in 2006 with the full support and agreement of:

- ✓ Government
- ✓ International and national NGOs
- ✓ UN offices (UNMACCA and UNDP)
- ✓ (DPOs)

Goal:

Coordination of the CBR activities and initiatives in the country with close cooperation with the stakeholders involve including the south Asian and Asia Pacific CBR Networks and other institutions.

Objectives:

- **To promote and develop the CBR – concept in Afghanistan.**
- **To coordinate and streamline CBR initiatives and activities in the country**
- **To share and better utilize the existed available Human expertise and financial resources**
- **To standardize and unified the vision of the CBR approach**
- **To better advocate and lobby for the recognition and implementation of the CBR Concept**

- Currently the network is informal and not registered
- The development of a charter for the Network is under the process

Working Mechanism

Afghanistan CBR Network have the following members

1. Government:
2. International NGOs
3. National NGOs
4. DPO's

- Afghanistan CBR Network has regular monthly meeting.
- All the members actively participate in the meeting
- Based on the needs we also create small working groups for specific tasks.

Achievements

1. **Coordination/Policy level**

- **Organized 2 national CBR conferences in the Country (2006-8)**
- **Unified and compiled all the training and resource materials.**
- **Organized exchange visit of the CBR Stakeholders from each other programm's**
- **CBR Taskforce established**
- **Brining new stakeholders to adopt their programe in line with the CBR Approach.**

2. Training and Capacity development

CBR Network and external consultant conducted a study in regard to CBR training need assessment for the following objectives:

2. Training and Capacity development

- To assess the present training of the main CBR programmes
- To define some best practices that are currently taking place in CBR training.
- To get an overview of recent development trends in the CBR programmes.
- Define main needs for training of CBR staff and volunteers

Challenges

- Weak Government contribution and involvement in CBR and in the network.
- Development and recognition of national CBR strategy for the Country.
- Make CBR more sustainable and visible to the community and to the government
- Inclusion of the CBR Strategy in the line Ministries general strategies.

5th South Asian CBR Network Conference

- The 5th regional South Asian CBR Network conference will be held in October 5-7, 2009 in Kabul,
- The conference will be not limited to the SARC Countries

Them and Objectives of the Conference

The role of Community Based Rehabilitation in empowering women and children with disabilities”

Objectives:

- To strengthen ways of empowering people with disabilities through CBR, with a particular focus on women and children.
- To share regional initiatives and achievements in CBR across the South Asian regional network
- To share experiences of CBR within the context of Afghanistan
- Promote the importance of the implementation of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD)

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