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PROVISIONAL LIST OF DISABILITY-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE ESCWA-REGION
Provisional list of disability-related projects (dated 30 June 1989)

1. World Health Organization

Ongoing projects

1. Geographical coverage : Saudi Arabia

Executing agency : WHO

Project title and number : Rehabilitation Services, EM/SAA/RHB/001/FT

Duration : 1977 – 1991

        $US 294,000 for 1988–1989
        $US 294,000 for 1990–1991

Objectives of the project:
- To assist the Government in the development of a comprehensive multi-sectoral national rehabilitation plan, utilizing all available facilities and resources.
- To assist in training of manpower in rehabilitation engineering and therapy.
- To expand rehabilitation services in the country to ensure adequate coverage of various services for the disabled.

2. Geographical coverage : Syrian Arab Republic

Executing agency : WHO

Project title and number : Rehabilitation Services, EM/SYR/RHB/001/RB

Duration : 1973–1991

Budget : $US 95,700 for 1986/1987
        $US 80,700 for 1988/1989
        $US 57,000 for 1990/1991

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Objectives of the project:

- To provide physiotherapy services.
- To provide supplies and equipment to the orthotic workshop at Ibn El Nafis Hospital in Damascus.
- To provide a training programme on orthotics/prosthetics.

3.
Geographical coverage: Jordan
Executing agency: WHO
Project title and number: Rehabilitation Services, EM/LEB/RHB/001/RB
Duration: 1967-1991
Budget:
- $US 50,000 for 1986-1987
- $US 46,000 for 1988-1989
Objectives of the project: To provide equipment support to the rehabilitation centre at Al-Bathir hospital and to organize short-term fellowship programmes on different rehabilitation (RHB) technologies, especially for trainers.

4.
Geographical coverage: Lebanon
Executing agency: WHO
Project title and number: Rehabilitation Services, EM/LEB/RHB/001/RB
Duration: 1986-1991
Budget:
- $US 30,000 for 1986-1987
- $US 60,200 for 1988-1989
Objectives of the project: To assess the currently prevailing situation of the disabled and available rehabilitation facilities, to co-ordinate their activities within a comprehensive national plan for rehabilitation and to assist in development of necessary manpower training.
5.
Geographical coverage: Egypt

Executing agency: WHO

Project title and number: Rehabilitation, EM/EGY/RHB/001/RB

Duration: 1986-1991

Budget: $US 40,300 for 1986-1987
        $US 34,400 for 1988-1989

Objectives of the project:
- To assess the current situation of the disabled by selecting and analysing the samples from urban and rural areas.
- To undertake training of manpower in the field of disability surveillance.
- To promote community-based rehabilitation (CBR) as an out-reach of available institutions.

6.
Geographical coverage: Yemen Arab Republic

Executing agency: WHO

Project title and number: Rehabilitation, EM/YES/RHB/001/RB

Duration: 1984-1991

Budget: $US 56,000 for 1986-1987
        $US 47,400 for 1988-1989

Objectives of the project:
- To help the Government to organize rehabilitation services and extend the services of the orthopaedic workshop in Sana'a to other regions of the country.
- To promote CBR through the primary health care (PHC) approach and to organize a training course in CBR for PHC workers, trainers and supervisors in a selected province.
7. Geographical coverage : Iraq

Executing agency : WHO

Project title and number : Rehabilitation Services EM/IRQ/RHB/001/RB

Duration : 1986-1991

Budget : $US 10,600 for 1986-1987
         $US 42,900 for 1988-1989
         $US 85,400 for 1990-1991

Objectives of the project :- To provide assistance for the development of a national plan for rehabilitation of the disabled.

- To provide technical consultancy services in specific fields of rehabilitation, especially in the fields related to hydrotherapy, bladder rehabilitation and advanced prosthetics.

- To provide supplies and equipment to facilitate training and learning capabilities.

- To provide training on community-based rehabilitation and on updated prosthetic techniques.

II. International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Recently completed project

8. Geographical coverage : Saudi Arabia

Executing agency : ILO

Project title and number : Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons, SAU/79/006

Duration : 1982-1988

Budget : $US 264,393
Objectives of the project:
- To establish vocational evaluation and assessment units at the existing vocational rehabilitation centres.
- To develop sheltered production workshop facilities for disabled persons.
- To expand vocational rehabilitation and reintegration facilities and to train national counterparts.

Ongoing projects

9. Geographical coverage: Iraq
   Executing agency: ILO
   Project title and number: Assistance to Medical Rehabilitation Department, Prosthetic Technology IRQ/84/008
   Duration: 1985-1989
   Budget: $US 356,062
   Objectives of the project: To assist the technical institutes in organizing and running of basic training courses, aimed at producing skilled prosthetic and orthotic technicians.

10. Geographical coverage: Iraq
    Executing agency: ILO
    Project title and number: Strengthening and Expanding Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons, IRQ/87/003
    Duration: 1989-1990
    Budget: $US 772,668
Objectives of the project:
- To strengthen and expand vocational rehabilitation services for disabled persons, utilizing existing rehabilitation services create income-generating activities.
- To develop rehabilitation staff training programmes.

11.
Geographical coverage: United Arab Emirates
Executing agency: ILO
Project title and number: Support to Vocational Rehabilitation Centres UAE/82/007
Duration: 1983-1989
Budget: $US 349,240
Objectives of the project: To provide technical support to the selected vocational rehabilitation centres.

12.
Geographical coverage: Jordan
Executing agency: ILO
Project title and number: Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons, JOR/87/008
Duration: 1988-1989
Budget: $US 300,000
Objectives of the project: To strengthen and upgrade vocational rehabilitation services through the development of rehabilitation staff training programmes and full utilization of existing vocational rehabilitation services for creation of income-generating activities for disabled persons.
13. Geographical coverage : Yemen Arab Republic

Executing agency : ILO

Project title and number : Assistance to the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre of Sana'a for the Disabled, YEM/88/014

Duration : 1989-1990

Budget : $US 696,661

Objectives of the project : To provide technical assistance to the Sana'a Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Deaf and Mildly Mentally Retarded Persons.

14. Geographical coverage : Regional

Executing agency : ILO

Project title and number : Development of Rehabilitation Staff Training Capacities in Arab Countries, RAB/88/ /A/01/11

Duration : Pipeline, 1989-1990

Budget : $US 300,000

Objectives of the project :
- To provide various regional training courses for rehabilitation staff (from diploma to grass-roots level) who would assist a large number of disabled persons and their families in both urban and rural areas.

- To develop unified approaches and standards on rehabilitation work in the region.
15. Pipeline projects

Geographical coverage: Democratic Yemen

Executing agency: ILO

Project title and number: Vocational Rehabilitation Programme of Physically Disabled Persons

Duration: 1989-1990 (pipeline)

Budget: $US 350,000

Objectives of the project: To promote social and economic reintegration of disabled persons through the provision of effective vocational rehabilitation services and creation of employment opportunities for the disabled.

16. Geographical coverage: Kuwait

Executing agency: ILO

Project title and number: Education and Training of the Handicapped, KUW/88/210

Duration: Pipeline, 6 months

Budget: $US 120,000

Objectives of the project: To provide training for trainers and other staff in the field of vocational rehabilitation.
17. Geographical coverage : Lebanon

Executing agency : ILO

Project title and number : Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons, LEB/84/001

Duration : Pipeline 1989-1990

Budget : $US 697,200

Objectives of the project : To strengthen and expand national vocation rehabilitation services and employment opportunities for disabled persons.

III. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD)/ Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

Ongoing projects

18. Geographical coverage : Western Asia region

Executing agency : DTCD in collaboration with DIESA

Project title and number : Technical Advisory Services to the Western Asia Countries for Development of Statistics on the Disabled, RAB/88/P12, INT/88/R94

Duration : 24 months

Budget : RAB/88/D12-$US 58,500
AGFUND-matching fund
INT/88/R94-$US 18,000

Objectives of the project : - To compile and assess statistics of disabled persons in the region.

- To advise Governments on new statistics and the methods for data collection.

- To assist in organizing training courses on data collection.

- To assist in designing new proposals.
IV. DTCD

Recently completed project

19.

Geographical coverage : Kuwait

Executing agency : DTCD

Project title and number : Handicapped Sports Consultant, KUW/81/004

Duration : ----- 

Budget : ----- 

Objectives of the project : ----- 

Ongoing Projects

20.

Geographical coverage : Regional

Executing agency : ------

Project title and number : Seminar in Braille Informatics, RLA/88/RO1

Duration : Started in June 1988

Budget : $US 2,900

Objectives of the project : --------

21.

Geographical coverage : Oman

Executing agency : DTCD/ILC

Project title and number : Social Development Programme, OMA/87/029

Duration : 1988-1989

Budget : $US 403,358
Objectives of the project:
- To develop vocational rehabilitation staff training programme.
- To create income-generating activities for the deaf and the physically disabled, through utilization of existing services.

VII. UNRWA

Recently completed, ongoing and pipeline projects

22.

Geographical coverage: Suf Camp, Jordan
Executing agency: UNRWA in collaboration with OXFAM
Project title and number: Education and Training of Disabled Palestinian Refugees
Duration: Since 1980
Budget: -------

Objectives of the project:
- To start a pilot project for disabled refugees in the camp.
- To select a project co-ordinator and arrange for his or her study tour to England and other countries in the region.
- To undertake a survey on the prevalence of impairments in the camp.
- To open a day-care centre for mentally retarded children and youth.

23.

Geographical coverage: Jerash camp, Jordan
Executing agency: UNRWA/OXFAM
Project title and number: Pilot Project for Disabled Palestine Refugees in Jerash Camp
Duration: Since 1985
Budget: -------
Objectives of the project: To open a centre for mentally and/or physically disabled children in the camp.

24.

Geographical coverage: Martyr Azmi El Mufti Camp, near Irbid, Jordan

Executing agency: UNRWA/Mennonite Central Committee/OXFAM

Project title and number: Community Based Project for Disabled Persons and Their Families

Duration: Since 1987

Budget: -------

Objectives of the project: To develop a community-based programme for disabled persons and their families in the camp.

VI. UNICEF

Recently completed projects

25.

Geographical coverage: Bahrain

Executing agency: UNICEF/Rehabilitation International

Project title and number: Community-based rehabilitation

Duration: Recently completed

Budget: -------

Objectives of the project: To undertake a mission to study the rehabilitation facilities and make recommendations on an early intervention and treatment programme for handicapped children and on a long-term national training placement plan for disabled persons.
26.

Geographical coverage : West Bank

Executing agency : UNICEF

Project title and number : Community-based rehabilitation

Duration : Recently completed

Budget : "----"

Objectives of the project :
- To establish four child development centres for the prevention and early detection of disabilities.
- To train pre-school teachers and upgrade the facilities.

Ongoing projects

27.

Geographical coverage : Gaza

Executing agency : UNICEF

Project title and number : Community-based rehabilitation (physiotherapy)

Duration : Started in 1988

Budget : "----"

Objectives of the project :
- To recruit 13 Palestinian physiotherapists and eight trainees from Gaza.
- To treat children and youth who suffer from limb trauma.
Pipeline projects

28.

Geographical coverage : Oman

Executing agency : UNICEF

Project title and number : Community-based rehabilitation

Duration : Pipeline, planned for 1989

Budget : -------

Objectives of the project : To assist in developing a national plan for handicapped children and designing appropriate intervention programmes.

- To examine the degree, type and prevalence of mental and physical impairments and their causes.

29.

Geographical coverage : Yemen Arab Republic

Executing agency : UNICEF

Project title and number : Community-based rehabilitation

Duration : Pipeline, planned for 1989

Budget : -------

Objectives of the project : To determine the extent and the nature of childhood disabilities and their causes.
V. **UNESCO**

**Pipeline project**

30. Geographical coverage: Interregional (Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic

Executing agency: UNESCO

Project title and number: Development of Arabic Sign Language, RAB/86/009

Duration: Pipeline

Budget: UNDP contribution $US 600,000

Objectives of the project:

- To develop a standardized Arabic sign language.
- To enhance the capacity of Arabic-speaking deaf persons to benefit from educational and information services.
- To encourage Arabic-speaking deaf persons' participation in and contribution to socio-economic development.

V. **ESCWA**

**Recently completed project**

31. Geographical coverage: Arab States

Executing agency: ESCWA/Iraqi Electronics and Computer Research Centre/ The Iraqi War Handicapped Welfare Council/ UNESCO

Project title and number: International Symposium on Computers and Electronics for the Service of the Handicapped

Duration: 4-6 May 1987

Budget: -

Objectives of the project: To acquaint concerned experts and institutions in the Arab countries with various electronics and informatics innovations in rehabilitation techniques for the physically handicapped, and to enhance local capabilities to use these innovations.
Ongoing project

32.

Geographical coverage : ESCWA region

Executing agency : ESCWA

Project title and number : Conference on the Capabilities and Needs of Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region

Duration : 

Budget : $US 129,000. plus.

Objectives of the project :
- To promote disability-related national and regional technical co-operation activities and the sharing of national resources for purposes of staff training, exchange of information and policy and programme development.
- To determine need for international assistance.