Leprosy and CBR in Thailand

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Social rehabilitation for PAL in Thailand

Leprosy causes physical and social problem

- Appearance of disabilities
- Misconceptions and lack of knowledge
- Stigma and discrimination

Social rehabilitation

- Institutional Based Rehabilitation [IBR]
- Colonies
- Leprosarium

Social welfare and services

- Land and house
- Allowance
- Education
- Occupational promotion
- Rehabilitation services

The advantages of IBR

- Received rehabilitation services and social welfare

The advantages of IBR

- Living with those who are similar

The disadvantages

- Government spend a large amount of budget to run
- PAL refuse to return to normal communities
- Additional disabilities due to agricultural activities [colony setting]
- Increasing of their family members lead to overcrowd

Social integrated approach

- Expanding social welfare for PAL into general communities
- Promoting community participation in CBR
- Empowering PAL, families and communities
- Focus on human rights and equal access

The study on the development of CBR model for PAL
(1999 – 2000)

Objective

- To develop appropriate CBR model to improve the PAl's quality of life

Methodology

- Two villages of Nakhonratchasima province
- Community study and community preparation [3 months]
- Developing CBR model [15 months]
- Monitoring and follow up [6 months]

Findings

- Prejudice towards PAL depend on level of disabilities, relationship, social and economic status

- Other than PAL, there were many PWD in the villages in need of appropriated rehabilitations as well

Findings

- Lack of knowledge about leprosy and providing care for PWD

RESULTS

- Communities have more understanding and good attitude towards PAL.

RESULTS

- Formulating the committee and conducting the activities for PAL and PWD such as
  - Surveying and collecting the disable data in each community

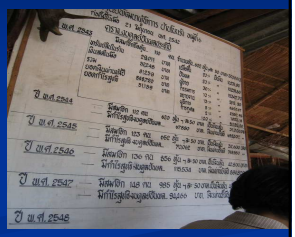
RESULTS

- Facilitating PWD to visit rehabilitation center
- Fund raising for PWD

RESULTS

- Establishing community center and grocery shop run by PWD

PAL and PWD were able to participate community's activities without discrimination and access to rehabilitation services



Conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusions

- The appropriate CBR model for PAL should be integrated with those of other PWD
- The strength of PAL, their family, community leaders and PWD network contribute to the successful and sustainability of CBR
- Learning process and information system are core factors to strengthen local organization participation

Recommendation

- At the beginning phase, support from related organizations are required
- Health staff should have skills in community participation

Recommendations

5 major components of CBR approach

- health education
- learning process and networking
- capacity building
- fund raising and supporting
- community participation

Thank you