

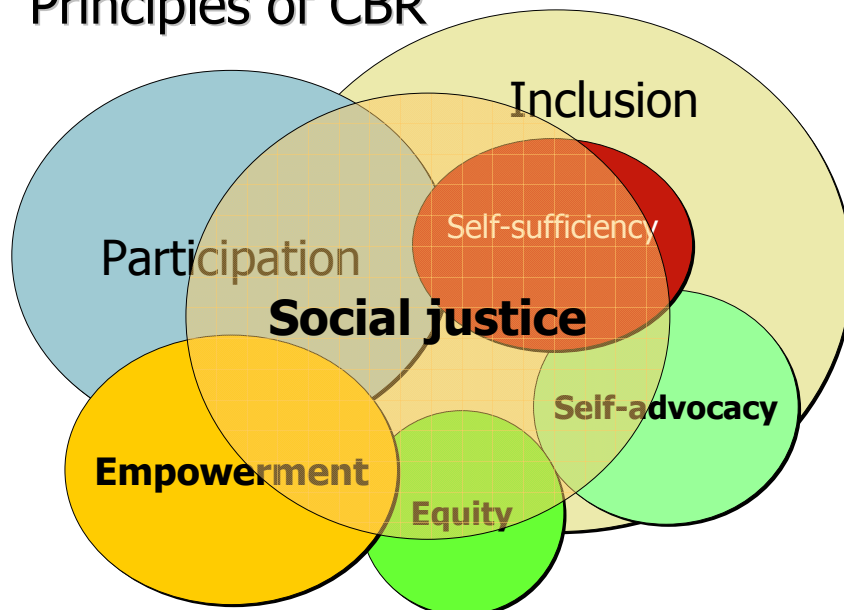
Inclusion of needs of persons with leprosy-related disabilities:

Principles and priority areas for action

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Principles of CBR



Principles of CBR in relation to people with leprosy-related disability 1

- Inclusion
 - People affected by leprosy are included in mainstream programmes and services; participation in society
- Participation
 - People are involved in the programmes themselves at a decision-making level
- Self-sufficiency
 - People learn to manage their own livelihood (vocational training, micro-credit, business creation); autonomy as far as culturally relevant
- Self-advocacy
 - People learn to speak up for themselves.



Principles of CBR in relation to people with leprosy-related disability 2

- Empowerment
 - People learn to manage their own disability (self-care groups, self-help groups)
- Equity
 - Equal opportunities – neither less, nor more
- Social justice
 - People with disability have equal rights; society has responsibilities to treat PWD justly.



Conditions for success of CBR

- Needs-based services
- Participation of PWD and community at all levels
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- Adequate expertise of staff
=> ensuring good training
- Awareness of own limitations among staff
=> referring when necessary
- Being complementary to mainstream development services and specialist services.



Adapted from Cornielje & Bogopane-Zulu, 2008



Priority areas for action - 1

- Inventory of existing services
 - Use what already exists!
- Inventory of disability and related needs
- Lobby for integration of PLD in general (rehabilitation) services
 - Disability surgery
 - Physiotherapy and occupational therapy
 - Socio-economic development programmes (e.g. micro-credit)
 - Education (including vocational and non-formal)
 - Disabled Peoples' Organisations.



Priority areas for action – 2

- Promote reverse integration
 - Self-care and self-help groups
 - POD services
 - Rehabilitation services (esp. SER)
 - Leprosy villages / communities
- Implement human rights perspective
 - Self-organisation
 - Empowerment, capacity building
 - Attention for structural discrimination and dis-empowerment, also in own organisation.



Priority areas for action – 3

- Increased attention for environmental and personal factors
 - Empowerment (literacy, self-esteem)
 - Poverty reduction (skills for income generation)
 - Stigma and discrimination
 - Discriminatory legislation
 - Stigma among (health) service providers
 - Self-stigma
- Research
 - Baseline data
 - Disability and poverty (and other determinants)
 - Effectiveness of interventions (e.g. CBR, stigma, rights-based interventions)
 - Indicators for monitoring and evaluation.



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