





Occupational therapy Synergism against poverty and Hunger

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Abstract

Poverty and hunger are one of the major obstacles for Occupational therapists who are working in CBR programmes, providing rehabilitation services and insuring community wellbeing. CCBRT-Moshi, like most of other CBR programmes is based in communities that are poor and hunger stricken. This poses a major obstacle in insuring effectiveness of its services and sustainable community development in general.

As we aim at empowering people with disability and their families to assert their rights and make a contribution to their own livelihood activities through;

-  Prevention of disability
-  Making economic empowerment activities accessible
-  Including their children in mainstream schools
-  Improve physical accessibility of facilities

We looked at income generating activities as one way to tackle this problem at a local level, to eradicate poverty and hunger which are major causes of disabilities. Opportunities for IG activities in poor and hunger stricken communities are limited and we recognize that we do not have comparative advantage in IG activities. That's when we team up with Heifer International, an organization which has comparative advantage in IG activities as to create synergy between CBR and IG activities. Through this, rehabilitation services at CCBRT-Moshi will have a greater effect within communities in eradicating poverty and hunger.