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ABSTRACT

Title: Development of a Set of Indicators for Monitoring Community-Based Rehabilitation

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Background: Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) has evolved into a fundamental component of community development, implemented in over 100 countries. While initially a strategy to increase access to rehabilitation services in resource-constrained settings, CBR is now a multi-sectoral approach working to equalize opportunities and include people with disabilities (PwD), while combating the perpetual cycle of poverty and disability. A significant challenge faced in advocating for the broader implementation of CBR is the ability to demonstrate results. While anecdotal evidence exists on its success, internationally comparable results do not exist, and reliable and comparable data needed to monitor and evaluate CBR are scarce, partially due to the absence of standardized indicators.

Objectives: The objective of this project was to develop a standardized set of indicators to monitor CBR.

Methods: A consensus process involving the World Health Organization and International Disability and Development Consortium developed indicators and corresponding questions that capture the difference CBR makes in the lives of PwD. Pilot implementations using a specifically developed mobile phone application, and an online expert survey were completed to assess validity and feasibility.

Results: The indicator set includes: 13 Base Indicators, which are broad enough to capture the difference CBR makes in the lives of PwD, independently of the specific CBR activities carried out in a community; and 27 Supplementary Indicators that provide more specific coverage and can be selected based on the specific goals of a CBR program.

Conclusion: The indicators capture differences in health, education, social life, livelihood and empowerment between PwD and other community members. This comparability provides valuable information to CBR managers, donors and government agencies, to guide decision making, support advocacy and improve accountability. Users of these indicators are called to be active participants in strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of CBR by sharing data, to ensure its continuing development.

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