

Mapping of current provision of low vision care in Tanzania

Stakeholders meeting low vision - October 16 + 17, 2007

Organisation	Name of programmes that have LV component	Regions / districts in which LV service is operating (please list all)	Year low vision care was first started	Description of clinical LV services (if any) + other organisations that cooperate / assist	Description of educational LV services (if any) + other organisations that cooperate / assist
KCCO/KCMCollege Tumaini University	Childhood Blindness Programme; Provision of low vision services for northern Tanzania (Creation & implementation of a systematic approach to service delivery and modelling for eastern Africa)	Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Manyara, Singida, Mara, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Tanga	2005	1. Comprehensive service childhood cataract programme, with high quality counselling of parents, surgery, clinical and optical assessment, training and follow up; surgery done at KCMC. 2. Support for clinical low vision assessment to 2 annexes for the blind. 3. Follow up on children in schools done with LV optometrist, regional optometrists and for selected Annexes TSB;	Training and follow-up visits to Annexes in the regions listed (in cooperation with regional optometrists and TSB)
TSB	Education of blind and visually impaired children	Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Morogoro, Pwani, Singida, Tanga		Cooperates with CCBRT, KCMC hospital and KCCO/KCMCollege and Min of Health for clinical LV services; also with regional and district hospitals	Identification of VI children; Referral to eye care; Funding of educational materials, low vision devices, transport of IT teachers; follow-up visits to selected Annexes; supports students in vocational training; Cooperates with Min of Education; Donors are CBM, Sensis, Visio, Cordaid

Do you provide training of staff in LV :please list 1. name of training, 2. length , 3. kind of professionals trained 4. number trained, over 2006/ 2007	Please list any training manuals or guidelines on low vision you have made / or are actively developing (please list 1.title, 2.number of pages, 3.co-writers and 4. target group	Please list any policies relating to low vision and/or special needs you have made or currently developing: please list 1.name of policy and 2. co-writers	Total number of clients with LV assisted in 2006 in your programme(s)	Number of LV clients that were prescribed distance corrections	Number of clients that were prescribed optical low vision devices
<p>1.a) Basic low vision care b) One day c)118 teachers in School/annexes for the blind ,2.a)Basic clinical low vision care b)one week c) 7 Optometrists.3.a)Specialized refraction for Low vision care b)one week c)7 Optometrists.</p>	<p>1.Teacher training guidelines in basic low vision care 1pg by Karin van Dijk for teachers. 2. Guidelines for Basic clinical low vision care course 1pg.by Karin van Dijk. for Optometrists. 3. Guidelines for specialized refraction for low vision care course 1pg by Naomi Nsubuga.for Optometrists</p>		<p>1. Childhood cataract programme: Jan-Dec 2006, 153 children with cataract: 97 boys and 56 girls; 2. LV clients through regional LV services (started in nov2006): 11 in 2006, 53 till mid 2007</p>	<p>19 for 2007</p>	
	<p>1. Manual with guidelines for teachers how to work with a child with low vision in the classroom. 2. ? 3. Min of Education 4. Classroom and special teachers</p>		<p>1280</p>	<p>549 children are using distance glasses (number prescribed in 2006 unknown)</p>	<p>48 children are using optical LV devices (number prescribed in 2006 unknown)</p>