

Teaching Materials and Services

Hesperian Foundation; a book on disabled village children

Over 50 million children in the world are seriously disabled. It is sometimes argued that in poor countries, rehabilitation services are too expensive or require too much skill to be included in 'primary health care'. But experience in many countries shows that effective low-cost rehabilitation can and should be a basic part of primary care. Often the best programmes emerge when disabled persons and their families organize and run their own programmes.

Disabled Village Children has grown out of Project PROJIMO, a community-based rehabilitation programme in western Mexico run by disabled villagers. Experts from many countries in many fields of rehabilitation have helped in creating and revising the book. Five years in the making, the book has been developed with financial support from UNICEF, OXFAM, the Public Welfare Foundation, and several other private foundations.

Disabled Village Children is a 'reference book' that gives simplified but detailed information on almost every aspect of disability and rehabilitation. It includes information normally only available to professionals (therapists, doctors, brace makers, wheelchair builders, rehabilitation engineers), but in simple, clear English, with many pictures. This allows concerned persons with little schooling to understand basic concepts, to provide effective assistance, and to make appropriate aids at low cost, using local resources. 672 pages.

Price: \$11.00 post paid in the USA; \$9.00 each for 12 or more copies.

Special price for orders from and paid for by a poor country: \$7.00 each for 1–11 copies; \$6.00 each for 12 or more copies, this includes postage. Apply: Hesperian Foundation, PO Box 1692, Palo Alto, CA 94302, USA.

Leprosy—teaching and learning materials in French

A booklet in French, describing the full range of material available in the French language, is now available from: Association Francaise Raoul Follereau, 31 rue de Dantzig, BP 79, 75722 Paris Cedex 15, France. The material is classified as follows: basic texts, general information, epidemiology, clinical dermatology, laboratory work, treatment (MDT), surgery/rehabilitation and health education and a numerical system indicates which items are most suitable for health workers at different levels.

Leprosy—basic information and management in Bengali

The above book has been translated by Dr D S Chaudhury, Calcutta and is available from him at Greater Calcutta Leprosy Treatment and Health Education Scheme, 23 Market Street, Calcutta 700 087, India.

(This booklet is also available in English, French and Spanish. An Indonesian translation is in progress.)

***Facts for Life*; UNICEF, WHO, UNESCO**

The health of children in the developing world could be dramatically improved if all families were empowered with today's essential child health information. The information has now been brought together in *Facts for Life*, published by UNICEF, WHO and UNESCO in partnership with many of the world's leading medical and children's organizations.

Facts for Life is a challenge to communicators of all kinds—politicians, educators, religious leaders, health professionals, business leaders, trade unions, voluntary organizations, and the mass media. It is for all those who can help to make its contents part of every family's basic stock of child-care knowledge.

Facts for Life is a practical contribution to the evolving primary health care movement. Intended principally for the developing world, its national and international versions bring together today's essential family information on maternal and child health care. That information—about birth-spacing, safe motherhood, breastfeeding, weaning and child growth, immunization, diarrhoeal diseases, respiratory infections, domestic hygiene, malaria and AIDS—could now enable most families in the developing world to make significant improvements in their own and their children's health. *Facts for Life* is therefore an aid to achieving the first level of primary health care—a well-informed community.

Address: UNICEF, DIPA, Facts for Life Unit, 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA.

School of Medical Education, New South Wales, Australia

The World Health Organization Regional Training Centre for the Western Pacific Region and the Centre for Medical Education Research and Development were established in 1973 at the University of New South Wales through a Tripartite agreement between the World Health Organization, the Commonwealth Government and the University of New South Wales. Their primary goal was to assist in raising the standards of health care through the advancement of education for the health professions. That goal has broadened to encompass the training of all those involved in health development. In September 1983 Council of the University approved a Faculty of Medicine resolution to upgrade the Centre to a School of Medical Education. The School trains teaching staff for the health professions, managers of health services, and those working with health development in the community, assists organizations responsible for education and training programmes, provides consultant services and conducts research.

The school operates at Faculty level within the University of New South Wales Medical School, at the national level in collaboration with various institutions within Australia, and at the regional level in collaboration with the World Health Organization as the WHO Regional Training Centre in the Western Pacific Region.

The WHO Regional Training Centre receives an annual grant from the Commonwealth Department of Community Services and Health. WHO provides per capita funds for sponsored students. The Centre also receives funds through tuition fees, consultants' fees and contractual arrangements with various organizations.

The academic programme within the University includes a Master's degree course in Health Personnel Education by coursework or research, advanced study and research in the field of health personnel education and health development leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, a series of intensive courses on specific educational topics, and a seminar programme.

A Master's degree Course in Public Health is now also offered in conjunction with the Schools of Health Services Management and Community Medicine.

In 1991 a Master/Graduate Diploma of Clinical Education will be introduced within the School. This will be a specialized post-graduate course designed for professional upgrading of clinicians.

Within Australia and the Region, consultant services are provided to teaching institutions, government departments and professional associations seeking assistance with educational management problems.

Applied research and evaluation studies are undertaken with a view to improving the quality of education for health personnel and its relevance to health care needs. Continuing evaluation of the School's own teaching programme and consultant services aims to ensure their relevance to the diverse needs of clients and students.

Address: School of Medical Education, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW, Australia 2033.

CONTACT

CONTACT is the periodical bulletin of the Christian Medical Commission (CMC), a sub-unit of the World Council of Churches (WCC). It is published six times a year in English, French, and Spanish. Selected issues are also published in Portuguese in Geneva, Kiswahili in Kenya and Tanzania, and Arabic in Egypt. Present circulation exceeds 35,000.

CONTACT deals with varied aspects of the community's involvement in health and seeks to report topical, innovative, and courageous approaches to the promotion of health and integrated development. A complete list of back issues is published in the first annual issue of each language version. Articles may be freely reproduced, providing that acknowledgement is made to *CONTACT*, the bi-monthly bulletin of the CMC/WCC.

Address: CMC/WCC, PO Box 2100, CH-1211, Geneva 2, Switzerland.

Appropriate Health Resources and Technologies Action Group: AHRTAG

AHRTAG's Disability Unit was established in 1981, and is concerned with improving the quality of life for disabled people in developing countries and supports the integration of disabled people within their communities.

The Unit has a wide range of information and materials for tackling practical issues; workshop materials, appropriate technology aids and equipment.

The Disability Unit organizes seminars and workshops in collaboration with local organizations as an effective way of exchanging ideas.

The Unit also produces a free international newsletter called *Community Based Rehabilitation*, which offers a link for disabled people, exchange for ideas and practical information point for people with disabilities and people working with them.

AHRTAG produces various publications for disabled people which include: *We can Play and Move*; *Simple Aids for Daily Living*; *Personal Transport for Disabled People* and *Alternative Limbmaking*.

For any further information about AHRTAG's work and resources please contact: AHRTAG, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG.

TALC: Teaching Aids at Low Cost

TALC has developed a wide range of books, booklets accessories and colour transparency sets with text, covering diagnostic, preventive and curative aspects of tropical health and disease, with particular attention to children, but including a great deal of information which is valuable in adult medical practice. The cost of any item is remarkably low, and still lower for applicants from developing countries. A complete subject and price list, together with details for ordering and despatch are available from: TALC, PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts AL1 4AX, England.

Programme for International Training in Health (INTRAH)

The Program for International Training in Health (INTRAH) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA has compiled a List of Free Materials in Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health, 1990. Recognizing that health professionals require reference and training materials to do their jobs effectively and to keep up-to-date in their fields, INTRAH has devised this list (in English and French) of materials available free of charge from health agencies around the world.

Information about how to obtain the list is available from INTRAH at the following addresses:

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Chapel Hill, NC 27514,
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INTRAH/Angelphone,
P.O. Box 55699,
Nairobi, Kenya.

Pape Gaye, Director,
INTRAH/Francophone,
B.P. 12357,
Lomé, Togo.