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CDMRP (COMMUNITY DISABILITY MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME)

(A joint project of Department of Psychology, University of Calicut & Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala)

UNESCO Chair on Community Based Disability Management and Rehabilitation Studies

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Brief about UNESCO chair

Over the past three decades, Department of Psychology, University of Calicut is one the premier institutes to provide University Level Training and Advanced Research in the area of Psychology and Developmental Disabilities in Kerala. Besides the academic credentials, for the past five years, the Department has been conducting a massive project named- Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Programme (CDMRP), with the financial support from Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has approved CDMRP as UNESCO chair for Community based Disability Management Rehabilitation studies. This UNESCO Chair of Community based Disability Management is first of its kind.

The Chair has been approved by UNESCO on the basis of excellent and unique work of CDMRP in last four years (CDMRP is a extension activity of Department of Psychology funded by Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala). Social Justice Department (Govt of Kerala) would be the major partner for the implementation of this UNESCO chair.

This UNESCO chair would work as centre of excellence to promote an integrated system of service, research, and training on Community-based disability management and rehabilitation. This UNESCO chair promotes international cooperation and networking between universities. It will facilitate collaboration between internationally-recognized disability management experts, researchers and teaching staff from the University and other institutions in India, as well other regions of the world.

The specific objectives of this Chair are to:-

- Provide comprehensive, evidence-based disability management and skills based education/rehabilitation services to children with disabilities in cooperation with the concerned communities by establish and maintain community-based disability management clinics in rural villages.
- Provide advanced training and studies in all areas of disability management to Students, rehabilitation professionals, community workers, care givers and the public at large
- Undertake collaborative needs-based research projects in the area of disabilities to improve and enhance the quality of clinical services and support evidence-based services;
- Conduct awareness raising and sensitizing programmes about various disability issues to help create an inclusive and empowering environment for persons with disability;
- Cooperate closely with UNESCO and other UNESCO Chairs on relevant programmes and activities.

ACTIVITIES OF CHAIR

Activity-1 Community based Disability Management services

At present, As part of CDMRP, a total of 11 Community Based Disability Management Clinics have been established in three rural villages of Kozhikode, Malappuram and Kannur districts. An "Advanced Disability Management Center" has been established in the University campus with state of the art facilities for early identification and disability management services.

These Disability management centers has well equipped with advanced diagnostic and therapeutic facilities such as such as, early Intervention Unit, Neuro-Cognitive Rehabilitation Unit, Audiology Testing Unit, Electrotherapy, Hydrotherapy, play therapy unit, Multisensory Unit, Computerized Adaptive Skill Training Unit etc. Average 150 to 1460 children attending the various clinics of CDMRP in each day. Majority of them are from financial back sector of community. As per the case registration report till May 2020 total 8115 children with developmental disabilities have registered and taking free services from these clinics.

Flagship programme of Children with Special needs

- Livelihood Based Vocational Rehabilitation Programme
- Community Based Early Identification of Developmental Disability Program
- Martial Fit Programme (Integrated Martial Art Programme)
- Aqua Fit Programme(Integrated Hydrotherapy programme)
- Ragamrtham (Music therapy intervention for children with intellectual disability)
- Community Based Learning Disability Management Clinics

Activity- 2 Training Programme

Apart from clinical activities, CDMRP regularly conducts advanced training in all areas of disability management for various categories of Rehabilitation Professionals, community workers, care givers and public. Around 235 training programme has conducted till the date.

Activity- 3 Research programme

CDMRP also undertakes more than 11 need based research projects in the area of developmental disabilities. Also, to improve and enhance the quality of Clinical services and ensure evidence based services, CDMRP has developed various intervention modules, books and public information materials, last year CDMRP has published five therapeutic modules and one text book in the area of developmental disability.

Activity-4 Disability and Rehabilitation studies

To meet potential requirements human resources in the areas of Rehabilitation Psychology under CDMRP, Department conducting an advanced professional courses in the area of Rehabilitation Psychology, i.e., Post Graduate Diploma rehabilitation Psychology recognized by the Rehabilitation Council
