

Wheelchair Service Training Package

Following the release in 2008 of Guidelines on the provision of Manual Wheelchairs in less resourced settings, WHO, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has initiated the development of a Wheelchair service training package for different levels of personnel.

The wheelchair is one of the most common assistive devices. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) highlights the responsibility of states to ensure personal mobility and to promote the availability of and access to such devices. It is estimated that 70 million people require wheelchairs worldwide, yet only 5-15% of people have access. Wheelchair service provision is very underdeveloped across the world. People in developing countries often depend on donated wheelchairs, which are frequently of poor quality and not suitable either for the users or their environment. Health and rehabilitation professionals are not always trained adequately to ensure people with disabilities get a quality wheelchair.

Wheelchair Service Training Package: Manager's Module (WSTP-M), 14 -15 April, 2015

The manager's module is a two and half days workshop that provides an overview of the rehabilitation/wheelchair service manager's role in engaging people and leading the implementation of the eight steps of wheelchair service delivery and issues related to it. This will include the human and physical resources required to provide a wheelchair service, including; planning, service costing, funding, monitoring and evaluation.

The workshop will help to:

- Generate advocates for good wheelchair delivery systems, which are accessible, cost effective and responsive to the needs of wheelchair users.
- Generate a clear vision for the future wheelchair provision within rehabilitation services.

Who should attend?

Personnel who are responsible for implementing, managing and evaluating rehabilitation services, including wheelchair services.

Pre-requisite knowledge and skills

Previous experience in wheelchair service management is not required; however, the workshop has been designed assuming that participants will begin the workshop with general management skills.