

## **Mobility International USA (MIUSA)**

### **Building an Inclusive Development Community: Technical Assistance to InterAction Member Agencies on Inclusion of People with Disabilities**

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#### **Performance Report January – March 2006**

##### **Project goals**

To increase participation by people with disabilities, including women and girls, in US-based international development programs as participants, agents, administrators and consultants.

##### **Accomplishments**

MIUSA began this grant period with a Technical Assistance and Training team meeting in Eugene, OR, from January 7-11, 2006, bringing together MIUSA project staff and project consultant Cara Galbraith, to review and revise work plans, training curricula and materials, and potential project trainers, consultants and area specialists. MIUSA also reviewed USAID country assistance programs in Guatemala, Ecuador and Albania and held discussions with key contacts in international disability community regarding program outreach.

In close consultation with Mission staff in each country, MIUSA:

- established and confirmed technical assistance dates for each country field visit:
  - Ecuador: April 21-30, 2006
  - Albania: May 20-29, 2006
  - Guatemala: June 5-13, 2006
  
- selected Disabled Peoples' Organization (DPO) partners for each country:
  - The Federación Nacional de Ecuatorianos con Discapacidad Física (FENEDIF) (The National Federation of Ecuadorians with Physical Disabilities and
  - The Albanian Disability Rights Foundation (ADRF)
  - Coordinadora de Organizaciones de Personas con Discapacidad de Guatemala (COPDIGUA) (The Coordination of Organizations of People with Disabilities of Guatemala)
  
- drafted scope of work and tentative schedules of activities for each technical assistance visit.



## **Technical Assistance to USAID Missions, Contractors and DPOs**

Each Mission initiated activities to bring USAID staff on board for staff trainings, and to facilitate invitation of contractors and grantees to the BIDC technical assistance activities.

### USAID/ Ecuador

USAID /Ecuador staff confirmed that most Mission staff have completed the USAID E-learning course. Upon request from USAID/Ecuador and with permission from the CTO, MIUSA sent CD ROM copies of the e-learning course, which USAID / Ecuador plans to distribute to implementing partners.

In consultation with USAID and DPO partner FENEDIF, MIUSA outlined a plan for the technical assistance visit. USAID/Ecuador sent notices in March notifying all USAID staff and contractor of the upcoming technical assistance and specific workshops at which their attendance would be requested. After discussion with USAID, a round-table meeting on inclusive development was planned to take place during field visit, and invitations extended to representatives from other international cooperation agencies working on inclusion of people with disabilities in development.

MIUSA compiled training materials, arranged for Spanish language and alternate format versions, established partnership agreements with FENEDIF, and implemented logistical arrangements in preparation for the April 2006 technical assistance visit to Ecuador.

Please see attached proposed outline of the Field Visit to Ecuador.

### USAID/Albania

In consultation with USAID / Albania and DPO partner ADRF, MIUSA outlined core components and proposed a schedule of meetings, training sessions and workshops during the May technical assistance visit. This will include:

- Workshop and training sessions for USAID Staff and International Development Organizations with contracts or grants with USAID.
- Site visits to contractor/grantee program offices or activities
- Workshops and capacity building activities for DPOs
- Site visits to DPO programs
- Coordination and training with contractors and grantees through the NEXUS partner listing.

MIUSA provided information to USAID / Albania about requirements for meeting access standards in new USAID building projects, as USAID / Albania is planning a move to a new office facility in early June.

In ongoing research on DPO activities in Albania, MIUSA learned that the US Peace Corps has implemented projects in Elbasan, Albania, that involve people with disabilities. MIUSA contacted US PCV in Elbasan to inquire about the project activities.



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## USAID/Guatemala

MIUSA and USAID/Guatemala made a joint decision to reschedule the technical assistance trip tentatively planned for March, to June 5-12, 2006, in order to more effectively accommodate activities related to the Inclusive Education aspects of the TA and training program.

Responding to requests for technical assistance on inclusion of students with disabilities in design and implementation of standards in education, MIUSA prepared a portfolio of materials on inclusive education, in English and Spanish, for contractor Juarez and Associates and USAID/Guatemala. MIUSA submitted resumes of US specialists on inclusive educations to USAID / Guatemala, for their review and feedback, toward selection of a resource specialist for the June technical assistance visit.

Following review of Guatemalan DPOs and consultation with US and international DPOs, MIUSA introduced COPDIGUA, an umbrella organization of Guatemalan DPOs, to USAID / Guatemala and proposed that they serve as our DPO partner. USAID/ Guatemala met with Silvia Quan, COPDIGUA member and also Human Rights Procurator for the governmental Consejo Nacional para la Atención de Personas con Discapacidad [National Council for the Disabled] or CONADI, and reported that a letter of introduction from Ms. Quan had been well received by the US Ambassador. USAID/ Guatemala accepted COPDIGUA as a BIDC project DPO partner, and will add CONADI to the USAID / Guatemala website listing of Guatemalan governmental offices with which USAID works.

MIUSA began to compile training materials and arrange for Spanish translations and production of alternate format versions, initiated discussion with DPO partners on roles and responsibilities, and made initial logistical arrangements in preparation for the June 2006 technical assistance visit to Guatemala.

## **Support for Innovative Projects (Small Grants)**

This quarter, MIUSA engaged in discussions with staff of each partner Mission on parameters, goals, guidelines and procedures for implementing a “Community Partnerships” small grants program in each country, in which disabled peoples’ organizations would receive grants for projects to promote inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in development activities. MIUSA will discuss the small grants programs with Mission staff during each technical assistance visit, in order to ensure that implementation is most fully informed by the on-the-ground conditions in each country. Grants programs will be launched following the technical assistance visits, in accordance with recommendations from each Mission.



## **Technical Assistance Materials and Information**

Materials created this quarter for field visits included:

Menu of BIDC Training and Technical Assistance (English and Spanish)  
Disability and Development Fact Powerpoints for Guatemala and Ecuador (English and Spanish)  
Inclusive Development Powerpoint (English and Spanish)  
Inclusive Development resources and reference CD created  
DPO questionnaires in Spanish and English (Ecuador, Guatemala) and English only in Albania.

## **Activities planned for next quarter**

**Technical assistance:** Conduct a technical assistance field trip to each country.

**Small grants:** Discuss protocol, guidelines, criteria and timeline for announcement, selection and administration of small grants with each Mission. Establish external review committee.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** Submit benchmarks and impact indicators for CTO approval. Conduct evaluation activities for each technical assistance field visit.

**Dissemination:** draft timeline for participation in meetings with USAID personnel and other professional meetings.

## **Conclusion**

We look forward to continuing to work closely with USAID to plan and implement intensive technical assistance to USAID Missions, USAID grantee organizations and contractors, and disabled peoples' organizations in selected countries. Thank you once again to USAID for support and cooperation to make this important work possible.



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### **Building an Inclusive Development Community- ECUADOR**

**Project goal: To increase participation by people with disabilities, including women and girls, in international development programs as participants, agents, administrators and consultants.**

Mobility International USA will provide technical assistance and expertise to affect an increase in inclusive development practices and promote an increase in participation by people with disabilities thru:

- 1) Technical assistance and training for management and program staff of USAID funded contractor and grantee organizations;
  - a. Introductory training on inclusive development practices and policies for USAID contractor and grantee organizations, across all sectors;
- 2) Technical assistance and capacity building trainings and workshops for Ecuadoran Disabled People's Organizations; and
- 3) Support and technical assistance to USAID/Ecuador Strategic Team Leaders, Program Officers, Mission Management and Contracts Office on inclusive development policies and practices.

#### **Technical Assistance Field Visit**

Objectives:

- 1) Introduce the *Building an Inclusive Development Community* project to USAID contractor and grantee organizations, USAID Mission staff, and disabled people's organizations.
- 2) Provide specific technical assistance and expertise to USAID staff and personnel to further the knowledge and practical implementation information presented in the USAID e-learning course.
- 3) Provide introductory training on inclusive development to USAID contractors and grantees.
- 4) Facilitate capacity building and technical assistance activities with DPOs.
- 5) Facilitate a networking and small group working session between DPOs and USAID contractor and grantee organizations.



***Monday, April 24, 2006:***

- Project introduction meeting with USAID, FENEDIF and MIUSA. Meeting held at USAID.
- Courtesy call with Alexi Panehal, Mission Director, USAID/Ecuador
- Introduction and consultations with representatives from local DPOs.
- Workshop for disabled women.

***Tuesday, April 25, 2006:***

- Capacity Building and Inclusive Development TA Workshop with representatives from local DPOs.

***Wednesday, April 26, 2006***

9:00-3:00 Technical assistance training program for USAID contractor/grantee organizations, USAID Program Officers and World Bank staff

- Site visits to USAID Contractor programs.

***Thursday, April 27, 2006***

- Check in with USAID
- Site visits to USAID Contractor programs
- Site visits to DPOs

***Friday, April 28, 2006***

9-11:00 Training and technical assistance networking and small working group event with contractors/grantees and local DPOs and USAID program officers.

- Debriefing with USAID Mission Director, Alexi Panehal. Presentation of next steps and accomplishments.
- Individual consultations with USAID offices and/ individual staff or

***Saturday, April 29, 2006***

- DPO Training and Capacity Building activities.

Sunday, April 30, 2006

- MIUSA trainer(s) depart.





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