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Dear Mr. Feinberg,

Please find the enclosed narrative report describing activities undertaken by Mobility International USA (MIUSA) for the third quarter of 2009, in fulfillment of the goals of the *Building an Inclusive Development Community* project (Award Number: GEW-A-00-01-00012-00).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require clarification. We look forward to continuing to work closely with USAID on this exciting project.

Sincerely yours,

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Building an Inclusive Development Community: Technical Assistance on Inclusion of People with Disabilities

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Performance Report
3rd Quarter 2009

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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

Highlights for this quarter of the Building an Inclusive Development Community (BIDC) project include:

- Conducted face-to-face project planning meeting with US DPO Collaborators
- Conducted introductory field visit to Jordan and drafted BIDC Action Plan for review by USAID/Jordan
- Finalized BIDC Action plans for Ethiopia and Colombia
- Prepared for technical assistance field visit to Colombia
- Recruited and interviewed potential Local Coordinators for Colombia, Ethiopia and Mali
- Presented the InterAction Disability Inclusion Award and facilitated a Disability Working Group at the InterAction Forum
- Disseminated IDD e-news update

Table of Indicators**

Indicators	2009 2nd Quarter
# of people trained Males: Females:	NA
# of people served Males: Females:	NA
# of organizations strengthened	NA

**Note: We were unable to report on these indicators this quarter, as no trainings were conducted.

BIDC Planning and Introductory Field Visits

- ***Introductory Field Visit to Jordan:*** Working closely with USAID/Colombia and the Disability Team at USAID/Washington, the BIDC Project Manager conducted an introductory field visit to Jordan from August 18-22, 2009. Through the field visit MIUSA staff:
 - Learned about the situation of people with disabilities in Jordan by meeting with disability organizations and other relevant stakeholders working on disability issues in Jordan
 - Met with DPOs to learn about their previous experience working on inclusive development issues, determine areas of need for capacity building or technical assistance, and gauge potential for partnership with US-based development organizations through the small grants
 - Met with USAID/Jordan to learn about their programs, identify possible focus areas for technical assistance and capacity building activities, and determine the level and scope of involvement the Mission would like to have within the BIDC project
 - Met with USAID implementing partners to learn about existing development programs including the extent to which programs currently include people with disabilities, and determine possible areas for future technical assistance and training.
 - Explored opportunities for future partnerships between USAID implementing partners and DPOs.

- ***Draft technical assistance plan for Jordan:*** Following the introductory field visit, MIUSA compiled findings and drafted recommendations for technical assistance and training in Jordan. The draft action plan will be shared with senior staff at the USAID Mission.

- ***Follow-on communication:*** MIUSA has maintained post-field visit communication via email and telephone with USAID/Jordan, USAID implementing partners and Jordanian DPOs, providing them with relevant resources, discussing technical assistance needs, and beginning to plan a technical assistance field visit.

Jordanian Field Visit Table of Indicators

Indicators	2009 3 rd Quarter
Number of DPOs visited in Jordan	15
Number of USAID implementing partners visited in Jordan	8
Other stakeholders visited in Jordan (government, international non-governmental organizations and others)	2
Number of people at USAID/Jordan with whom we met	4
Number of people visited in Jordan in total	50

- ***BIDC Action Plans for Colombia and Ethiopia:*** MIUSA developed action plans for technical assistance and capacity building for Colombia and Ethiopia, based on an analysis of information gathered through the introductory field visits and in close consultation with USAID/Colombia, USAID/Ethiopia and the USAID Disability Team. These documents were sent for review to the USAID Disability Team and the USAID/Colombia and USAID/Ethiopia Missions.

- ***Prepared for field-based technical assistance in Colombia:*** Working closely with USAID/Colombia, MIUSA established dates (October 25 - November 7, 2009) and priorities for technical assistance, and began identifying key stakeholders and planning training activities. MIUSA also contracted with a local organization to provide logistical support for our technical assistance visit.

- ***Recruited and interviewed potential Local Coordinators for Mali, Ethiopia and Colombia.*** Local coordinators will assist with logistical arrangements for technical assistance field visits and facilitate announcement of the small grants in each country.

Work with U.S. DPO Collaborators:

MIUSA conducted face-to-face BIDD project planning meetings in Berkeley, California, on July 20-21, 2009. Representatives of collaborating US DPOs participated in the meetings, including Disability Rights Education Defense Fund (DREDF), the World Institute on Disability (WID), and (by conference call) U.S. International Council on Disability (USICD). Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI) was scheduled to participate, in person or by telephone, but had to cancel due to schedule conflicts. Sue Eitel, of the USAID/Washington Disability Team, also joined the meetings, at which MIUSA presented an overview of BIDD project objectives and strategies for training and technical assistance. MIUSA also presented information gathered from introductory visits, identified in-country stakeholders and discussed priorities for technical assistance established for each country. In addition, MIUSA solicited observations and recommendations from participants, identified each participant organization's relevant experience and expertise, defined training team roles, clarified project timelines and availability of each training team member, and prioritized next steps.

Enhancing visibility of disability inclusion in development:

InterAction Disability Inclusion Award

MIUSA BIDD staff attended the InterAction Forum July 6-9, 2009, where CEO Susan Sygall and His Excellency Luis Gallegos, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States, presented the First Annual InterAction Disability Inclusion award. The Inclusion Award, established in honor of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), recognizes InterAction members who demonstrate exceptional commitment to inclusion and expanding leadership opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the world. The 2009 award went to Trickle Up.

While at the InterAction Forum, MIUSA also convened the second annual meeting of the InterAction Disability Affinity Group, and networked with other U.S. NGOs who have programs in BIDD countries.

BIDD Online Resource Center

The *Building an Inclusive Development Community (BIDD) Resource Center* offers practitioners and policymakers straightforward and effective tools for inclusion that can be readily integrated into their existing framework. This quarter, BIDD project staff drafted tip-sheets that provide up-to-date information and resources on the inclusion of people with disabilities in various development sectors. Once finalized, the draft tip sheets will be shared with U.S. DPO collaborators as well as inclusive development specialists for their inputs and suggestions. With their feedback, the tip sheets will be posted on the Resource Center. The Resource Center can be accessed through MIUSA's website: <http://www.miusa.org/idd/IDDresourcecenter>

International Development and Disability E-news Updates

MIUSA produced and disseminated the quarterly International Development and Disability (IDD), an e-news update which provides information on BIDC project activities as well as links to non-MIUSA resources, publications and opportunities that promote inclusive international development. The IDD e-news listserv includes over 400 members from all regions of the world, including BIDC project partners and grantees and MIUSA's extensive network of leadership program alumni. Registration for the listserv can be accessed from MIUSA's IDD homepage at:

<http://list-manage.com/subscribe.phtml?id=071ab7edca>

Activities planned for next quarter

In the next quarter, MIUSA will:

- **Conduct technical assistance field visit to Colombia (October 2009)** with a training team that includes DPO Collaborators DREDF and WID, and Colombian DPOs.
- **Announce small grants competition in Colombia:** The small grants competition will be announced in Colombia by the MIUSA training team during the technical assistance field visit. Small grant applications will be accepted and reviewed during the next quarter, and grants will be awarded by the first quarter of 2010.
- **Finalize implementation plans with USAID/Ethiopia and USAID/Jordan**
- **Continue to solicit feedback on implementation plan from USAID/Mali**
- **Select training teams and plan technical assistance field visits to Jordan (tentatively planned for first quarter 2010) and Ethiopia**
- **Contract local BIDC Project Coordinators in each country**
- **Announce small grants competition:** MIUSA will work closely with USAID missions and local coordinators to announce a small grants program, during technical assistance field visits to each country.
- **Work with U.S. DPO Collaborators:** MIUSA will conduct report-back sessions and evaluation activities with US DPO Collaborators, and will coordinate follow up technical assistance by Colombian training team members to USAID/Colombia, implementing partners and Colombian DPOs. DPO Collaborators will be invited to participate as reviewers for small grant applications for Colombia.

- Send out an IDD e-news update on BDC project activities
- Continue to update the BDC online Resource Center with tools for inclusive development.

Challenges and unexpected results:

MIUSA continued to face challenges this quarter in terms of communication with USAID Missions. In spite of repeated attempts on our part, we have not had significant communication from the USAID/Mali Mission after our main contact there moved to a new Mission and a new Mission Director was appointed. During this time of transition, it has been difficult to move forward on planning.

At USAID / Ethiopia, our main contact also left the Mission after our introductory field visit, but after a short delay, MIUSA has resumed regular communication with a new USAID point person, via email and phone. Perhaps due to the size of the Mission, the process of getting feedback on proposed technical assistance plans and timelines continues to be slow, which has resulted in some delay. We have identified a strong candidate for Ethiopian Local Coordinator, with whom we plan to contract in the next quarter. We are optimistic that having an on-the-ground representative will make communication with Mission staff more expedient and effective.

Conclusion

We are pleased to continue working 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.