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Dear Mr. Feinberg,

Please find enclosed a narrative report describing activities undertaken by Mobility International USA (MIUSA) for the second 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
2nd 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:

- Developed a BIDC technical assistance and capacity building action plan for Mali
- Prepared for and conducted introductory field visits to Colombia and Ethiopia, two new BIDC countries
- Drafted BIDC technical assistance and capacity building action plans for Ethiopia and Colombia
- Prepared for an introductory field visit to Jordan, a new BIDC country
- Prepared for an in-person planning meeting with U.S. DPO collaborators
- Provided regular up-dates to the U.S. DPO collaborators
- Coordinated the first InterAction Disability Inclusion Award to be presented at the InterAction annual forum in July, 2009
- BIDC project staff researched and gathered materials to add to the BIDC online resource center
- Disseminated MIUSA's International Development and Disability (IDD) e-news quarterly update
- BIDC project staff taught a weekend course on Disability and Development at the University of Oregon

Table of Indicators*

Indicators	2009 2nd Quarter
# of people trained Males: Females:	n/a
# of people served Males: Females:	n/a
# of organizations strengthened	n/a

*Note: We were unable to report on the three indicators this quarter as we were conducting introductory field visits to two new BIDD countries as well as carrying out planning activities around next quarter's introductory field visit to one new BIDD country.

BIDD Planning and Introductory Field Visits

This quarter MIUSA prepared for and carried out two introductory field visits and planned for an up-coming field visit to a fourth new BIDD target country. The activities included:

- ***Selection of Target Countries:*** In consultation with the USAID Disability Team in Washington and USAID Mission staff and with inputs from U.S. DPO collaborators, Jordan was selected as the fourth new BIDD target country.
- ***Developed implementation plan for Mali:*** MIUSA developed a technical assistance and capacity building action plan for Mali based on an analysis of information gathered through the introductory field visit and in close consultation with USAID/Mali and the USAID Disability Team. This document was sent to the USAID Disability Team and the USAID/Mali Mission.
- ***Introductory Field Visit to Colombia:*** Working closely with USAID/Colombia, the Disability Team at USAID/Washington and the BIDD Project Manager, the BIDD Project Coordinator and a MIUSA Consultant conducted an introductory field visit to Colombia from May 18 - 22, 2009. The focus of the field visit included:
 - Learning about the situation of people with disabilities in Colombia by meeting with Colombian DPOs, disability organizations and other relevant stakeholders working on disability issues in Colombia
 - Meeting with DPOs and learning about their previous experience working on inclusive development issues and determine possible areas of needed capacity building or technical assistance and assess potential for partnership with US-based development organizations through the small grants

- Meeting with USAID/Colombia to learn about their programs and to identify possible areas for focusing technical assistance and capacity building activities and to determine the level and scope of involvement the Mission would like to have within the BIDD project
 - Meeting 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. The meetings also provided a forum to explore opportunities for future partnerships with DPOs
- **Draft implementation plan:** Since the field visit, MIUSA has drafted a BIDD action plan for technical assistance and training which will be shared with senior staff at the USAID Mission.
- **Follow-on communication:** Since the field visit, MIUSA provided follow-on communication with USAID/Colombia, USAID implementing partners and Colombian DPOs via email and phone providing them with relevant inclusive development resources. Follow-on communication was also used to discuss technical assistance needs in more depth with USAID implementing partners.

Colombia Field Visit Table of Indicators

Indicators	2009 2 nd Quarter
Number of DPOs visited in Colombia	12
Number of USAID implementing partners visited in Colombia	6
Other stakeholders visited in Colombia (government, international non-governmental organizations and others)	2
Number of people at USAID/Colombia with whom we met	8
Number of people visited in Colombia in total	39

- **Introductory Field Visit to Ethiopia:** Working closely with USAID/Ethiopia and the Disability Team at USAID/Washington, the BIDD Project Manager conducted an introductory field visit to Ethiopia from May 18 - 22, 2009. The focus of the field visit included:

- Learning about the situation of people with disabilities in Colombia by meeting with Ethiopian DPOs, government representatives, disability organizations and other relevant stakeholders working on disability issues in Ethiopia
 - Meeting with DPOs and learning about their previous experience working on inclusive development issues and determine possible areas of needed capacity building or technical assistance and assess potential for partnership with US-based development organizations through the small grants
 - Meeting with USAID/Ethiopia to learn about their programs and to identify possible areas for focusing technical assistance and capacity building activities and to determine the level and scope of involvement the Mission would like to have within the BIDC project
 - Meeting 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. The meetings also provided a forum to explore opportunities for future partnerships with DPOs
 - Meeting with Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development who supported MIUSA logistically during the introductory field visit and provided consultation and guidance on disability issues in country
- **Draft implementation plan:** Since the field visits MIUSA has drafted a BIDC action plan for technical assistance and training which will be shared with senior staff at the USAID Mission.
- **Follow-on communication:** Since the field visit, MIUSA provided follow-on communication with USAID/Ethiopia, USAID implementing partners and Ethiopian DPOs via email and phone providing them with relevant inclusive development resources. Follow-on communication was also used to discuss technical assistance needs in more depth with USAID implementing partners.

Ethiopia Field Visit Table of Indicators

Indicators	2009 2 nd Quarter
Number of DPOs visited in Ethiopia	7
Number of USAID implementing partners visited in Ethiopia	7
Other stakeholders visited in Ethiopia (government, international non-governmental organizations and	3

others)	
Number of people at USAID/Ethiopia with whom we met	18
Number of people visited in Ethiopia in total	57

- **Communication with Jordan:** MIUSA is pleased to have initiated communications this quarter with USAID/Jordan as well as with our DPO contacts in country.
- **Established dates for field visits to Jordan:** Working closely with USAID/Jordan, MIUSA set dates for an introductory field visit to Jordan, scheduled for August 15-21, 2009.

Work with U.S. DPO Collaborators:

This quarter, MIUSA maintained regular communication with the U.S. DPO collaborators including: Disability Rights Education Defense Fund (DREDF), Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI), the U.S. International Council on Disability (USICD), and the World Institute on Disability (WID). MIUSA also began planning and preparing for a BIDC planning meeting with U.S. DPO collaborators to be held in July.

- **Communication and planning with U.S. DPO Collaborators:**
 - MIUSA provided regular BIDC up-dates via email, individual phone calls and a conference call in order to inform them of project activities and solicit their inputs and suggestions for field visits to Ethiopia, Colombia and Jordan
 - MIUSA shared results of field visits with U.S. DPO collaborators and explored opportunities to work together
 - MIUSA held a conference call with U.S. DPO collaborators and USAID/Washington Disability Team staff in which we reported back on project activities, gave feedback on introductory field visits to Colombia and Ethiopia and discussed the timing and structure for the BIDC planning meeting to be held in July. The meeting will gather U.S. DPO collaborators and USAID/Washington Disability Team staff to review technical assistance and capacity building activities per country, define collaborator's roles, their scope of work and timelines

Enhancing visibility of disability inclusion in development:

- **Global Perspectives on Disability Course:** MIUSA staff taught a Global Perspectives on Disability course at the University of Oregon sponsored by the university. BIDC Project Coordinator Susan Dunn taught a

component of the course on disability and development issues, including information on USAID's Disability Policy.

- **Disability Inclusion Award:** This quarter MIUSA worked with InterAction to develop the InterAction Disability Inclusion award. Established in honor of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), this award recognizes InterAction members who demonstrate exceptional commitment to inclusion and expanding leadership opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the world. MIUSA received several outstanding nominations from U.S. development organizations including American Jewish World Service, Heifer International, International Youth Foundation, Medical Assistance Programs International, Mercy Corps, Opportunity International, Perkins School for the Blind and Trickle Up. MIUSA, InterAction and members of the InterAction Disability Affinity group reviewed the eight nominations and are pleased to announce that Trickle Up has been selected to receive the 1st Annual Disability Inclusion Award. The Award will be presented at InterAction's annual Forum on July 6th by His Excellency Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States.
- **Disability Affinity Group:** MIUSA began coordinating logistics for the 2nd annual InterAction Disability Affinity Group meeting. The meeting will take place during the InterAction Forum on July 7th, 2009.

BIDC Online Resource Center

The *Building an Inclusive Development Community (BIDC) Resource Center* offers practitioners and policymakers straightforward and effective tools for inclusion that can be readily integrated into their existing framework. This quarter BIDC project staff gathered materials and resources specifically on HIV/AIDS and disability, inclusive education and emergency response programming to be added to the Resource Center. In addition, BIDC project staff drafted one page 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 second International Development and Disability (IDD) quarterly e-news update which included information on BIDC project activities as well as links to non-MIUSA resources, publications and opportunities that promote inclusive international development. The growing

IDD e-news listserv includes over 400 members from all regions of the world, including BIDD 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.

The link to the sign-up form can be accessed at:

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

Activities planned for next quarter

In the next quarter, MIUSA will:

- **Finalize implementation plans for Colombia and Ethiopia:**
 - Develop and begin implementation of technical assistance and capacity building action plans for Colombia and Ethiopia based on analysis of information gathered through the introductory field visit and in close consultation with USAID/Colombia, USAID/Ethiopia, the USAID Disability Team and U.S. DPO collaborators
- **Continue planning and conduct introductory field visit to Jordan**
- **Draft a BIDD technical assistance and capacity building action plan for Jordan**
- **Work with U.S. DPO Collaborators:**
 - Conduct face-to-face meeting with U.S. DPO collaborators and USAID/Washington Disability Team staff to define collaborator's roles, their scope of work and timelines
 - Continue to provide regular BIDD updates to U.S. DPO collaborators and get their inputs and suggestions for the BIDD technical assistance and capacity building action plans
 - Gather U.S. DPO collaborator's inputs on the introductory field visit to Jordan
 - Share results of field visit to Jordan and technical assistance plans with U.S. DPO collaborator's and explore opportunities to work together
- **Send out a recruitment announcement and hire a Local BIDD Project Coordinator in each BIDD country:** The local coordinator will assist with logistical arrangements for technical assistance field visits and facilitate announcement of the small grants.
- **Announce small grants competition:** MIUSA will work closely with USAID missions and local coordinators in each BIDD country to announce a small grants program prior to first technical assistance field visits.
- **Send out an IDD e-news update on BIDD project activities**
- **Continue to update the BIDD online Resource Center with inclusive development tools**
- **Participate in 2009 InterAction Forum** to present the Disability Inclusion Award, facilitate a Disability Affinity Group meeting and network with U.S. NGOs who have programs in BIDD countries.

Challenges and unexpected results:

MIUSA faced some challenges this quarter in terms of communication with USAID Missions. There was a delay in communication from the USAID/Mali Mission after our main contact there moved to a new Mission, as well as a change of Mission Director. During this time of transition, it has been difficult to move forward on planning.

MIUSA plans to schedule a conference call with USAID/Mali once a new Program Officer is in place to introduce them to the project, provide background information on the introductory visit and review the technical assistance and capacity building action plan with them.

After the introductory field visit to Ethiopia, our main contact at the USAID Mission also changed. MIUSA initiated communication with the new BDC contact person who was enthusiastic about the project given her previous experience at Trickle-Up where she participated in one of MIUSA's inclusive development trainings. Since the field visit, MIUSA has maintained regular communication with our new USAID contact via email and phone which has helped to ensure continuity despite the change of staff.

We also faced challenges in scheduling the introductory field visit to Jordan. The scheduling of the Jordan field visit was pushed back to August, rather than the previously scheduled plan of June or July due to Mission scheduling issues.

However, MIUSA has had excellent communication with USAID/Jordan in the planning of the introductory visit. Providing a BDC information sheet listing our past accomplishments and an overview of our project activities going forward has helped to clarify the BDC project objectives. In addition, regular communication by phone with USAID/Jordan has also helped to ensure a clearer understanding of the BDC project and our objectives for the introductory field visit.

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.