



April 27, 2011

Dear Mr. Horvath,

Please find the enclosed narrative report describing activities undertaken by Mobility International USA (MIUSA) from January-March, 2010 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Adams', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

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Performance Report
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Project goals

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

Accomplishments

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

- Preparing for a technical assistance visit to Jordan scheduled for April, 2011
- Providing follow-on assistance and guidance to project partners in Colombia
- Providing follow-on technical assistance and guidance to project partners in Ethiopia
- Working with USAID/Ethiopia to provide guidance on their Disability Inclusion Strategy
- Conducting ongoing monitoring of small grants projects in Colombia and providing feedback and follow-on guidance concerning final reports and final financial reports received from small grants recipients
- Conducting ongoing monitoring of small grants projects in Ethiopia and providing feedback and follow-on guidance concerning interim reports received from small grants recipients
- Working with our Local Coordinators in Ethiopia and Colombia to carry out activities in-country
- Recruiting new Local Coordinator in Jordan
- Researching and gathering materials for the BIDC Online Resource Center
- Planning the redesign of the BIDC Online Resource Center and inclusive development tools in order to make them and the BIDC website more user-friendly and practical
- Disseminating a first quarter IDD e-news update on BIDC project activities

Table of Indicators

Indicators	2011 January-March
# of people trained Females: Males:	n/a*
# of people with disabilities trained Females: Males:	n/a*
# of people served Females: Males:	n/a*
# of organizations strengthened	n/a*

*Note: We were unable to report on these two indicators this quarter as we did not carry out technical assistance field visits this quarter.

BIDC Follow-on Communication and Technical Assistance

This quarter MIUSA provided follow-on technical assistance and communication to project partners in Colombia, Ethiopia, and Jordan.

- ***Follow-on technical assistance and communication with Colombia:*** MIUSA has continued to provide regular follow-on communication to USAID/Colombia, USAID implementing partners and Colombian DPOs:
 - MIUSA continued to provide support and technical assistance to the USAID/Colombia Mission during this quarter. In particular, MIUSA coordinated with our Mission Point of Contact, Nils Bergeson, to visit BIDC small grantee organizations along with other Colombian DPOs. This was an opportunity for Nils to meet Colombian DPOs and get a better idea of their work.
 - MIUSA provided USAID/Colombia with guidance as they begin drafting a USAID/Colombia Disability Inclusion strategy
 - MIUSA continues to work with the International Office of Migration (IOM) to provide support and resources on adopting more inclusive policies. This quarter, working closely with our Local Coordinator, MIUSA provided strategic support to IOM as they designed inclusive project proposals. The BIDC Local Coordinator met with IOM to provide support and guidance on IOM’s collaboration with the Ministry of Social Protection on inclusion issues.
 - MIUSA carried out regular monitoring of our small grants projects, providing guidance to small grantees as they finalized their projects and prepare their final reports. MIUSA is providing technical support to our small

grantees through our Local Coordinator, who meets regularly with the organizations to monitor and offer guidance on the projects. In this quarter, two grantee organizations completed their activities and one grantee submitted their final report.

- ***Communication with Ethiopia:*** Since the June 2010 field visit, MIUSA has provided regular follow-on assistance to USAID/Ethiopia, USAID implementing partners, and Ethiopian DPOs:
 - MIUSA continued to provide support to USAID/Ethiopia, working according to the follow-on plan created in coordination with the Mission after our June 2010 visit. As part of this plan, our Local Coordinator meets weekly with USAID/Ethiopia to assist in developing a Disability Inclusion Action Plan for the Mission.
 - MIUSA worked with USAID/Ethiopia to provide guidance on their draft Disability Inclusion Strategy. The BIDC Local Coordinator meets regularly with our Mission contact, Sherry Ward, to provide guidance on the development of a USAID/Ethiopia Disability Inclusion Strategy. The BIDC Local Coordinator has organized consultative meetings with USAID/Ethiopia staff and a range of Ethiopian DPOs to help inform the drafting of the USAID/Ethiopia Disability Inclusion Strategy.
 - MIUSA worked closely with the Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development (ECDD) this quarter to plan and carry out follow-on trainings with USAID implementing partners, USAID/Ethiopia Mission personnel and Ethiopian DPOs on inclusive development and how to actively further inclusion in programs. Specific guidance and technical assistance was provided to USAID implementing partners that participated in MIUSA technical assistance in June 2010 to help support their commitments to furthering inclusion in their programs. In addition, disability inclusion trainings were provided to USAID implementing partners.
 - MIUSA carried out regular monitoring of our small grants projects, providing guidance to small grantees as they began their projects and prepared their interim reports. MIUSA is providing support to our small grantees through our Local Coordinator, who meets regularly with the organizations to monitor and offer guidance on the projects. In this quarter, small grantees submitted their interim reports.
- ***Communication with Jordan:*** MIUSA has been in contact with USAID/Jordan, USAID implementing partners, and Jordanian DPOs including the following activities:
 - MIUSA worked closely with our new USAID Mission contact person within the Program Office to plan for a technical assistance visit in April.
 - MIUSA recruited Stars of Hope, a disability rights organization with offices in Palestine and Jordan to serve as BIDC Local Coordinator for Jordan and to support MIUSA with logistics coordinator for our up-coming technical assistance visit.

- MIUSA worked with USAID/Jordan, USAID implementing partners and our BIDC Local Coordinator for Jordan to plan and prepare for our technical assistance visit.
- **Reallocating BIDC Resources:** Following USAID/Washington's approval of our request to re-direct resources from Mali into other BIDC countries, MIUSA finalized a plan to reallocate those resources appropriately to maximize project impact in the long-term.

Small Grants Program

- **Colombia:** This quarter MIUSA provided support and guidance to the four organizations awarded small grants in Colombia. Two of the organizations finalized their activities this quarter, and one submitted a final report.
 - **Surcoe** (the National Association of the Deafblind of Colombia) completed their project on improving the capacity of persons with disability, focusing on persons with deafblindness. Leadership training modules were adapted for deafblind trainees, focusing on the human rights approach to disability inclusion, networking, leadership, and advocacy. Nine Deafblind activists (two women and seven men) were trained and then went on to conduct training sessions for the Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES) which dealt with initiatives for persons with disabilities, particularly with deafblindness, who are victims of forced displacement. The partnership between Surcoe and CODHES was a productive one, with CODHES considering the organizations to be "strategic allies working to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the contexts of displacement."
 - **FundaMental Colombia** completed activities providing training seminars for persons with psychosocial disabilities and focal point staff members of the International Office for Migration (IOM). FundaMental succeeded in forming a group of people with psychosocial disabilities as self-advocate leaders. Twenty-one persons were engaged in the training project, 16 of which have disabilities. As well as engaging the International Office for Migration (IOM) from a logistical and training perspective, FundaMental also worked with the Archangel Foundation, the National University of Colombia, the Ministry of Social Protection, and the National Council on Disability.
 - **CALEM** (The Center of Attention for Individuals with Spinal Injuries) continued to hold weekend workshops on gender, identity, rights, and disability which are enhancing the empowerment and leadership skills of 12 women with disabilities. One of the outcomes of the project will be a network of women with disabilities, which CALEM is developing in conjunction with The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and FENASCOL (the National Federation of the Deaf of Colombia).
 - **Asdown** (the Colombian Association for Down's Syndrome) continued their research on how various national and international development agencies

include people with disabilities in their programs. Organizations being investigated include UNICEF, UNESCO, World Vision, and IOM, in order to establish a baseline on the role of international agencies and investment in promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in programming.

- **Ethiopia:** This quarter MIUSA offered assistance and information to the four small grants recipient organizations in Ethiopia
 - **ENAB**, the Ethiopian National Association of the Blind, completed work on an extensive training manual for including persons with visual impairments in education-focused projects. PACT and MIUSA offered input on the manual which will be used to conduct training for PACT staff members.
 - **ENAD**, the Ethiopian National Association of the Deaf, is providing training on inclusive project development, focusing on inclusion of people who are deaf. The project is being carried out with Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR-Ethiopia) and includes workshops on disability rights, disabled women's issues, and inclusive HIV/AIDS services.
 - **ENAID**, the Ethiopian National Association on Intellectual Disability, worked in close collaboration with Ashten Children Support Organization and Oxfam Canada to hold workshops on disability inclusion and the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities. During this quarter, ENAID conducted public workshops for an estimated three hundred persons, a third of which are persons with disabilities. Trainings dealt with inclusive development and the UN-CRPD as well as working with regional administrators and district heads to encourage the inclusion of persons with intellectual and other disabilities in policies and programs.
 - **ECIL**, the Ethiopian Centre for Independent Living, has been waiting for a change in registration status in Ethiopia to begin project activities. We provided guidance to ECIL on restructuring their project for providing people with disabilities access to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment information.

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 disability and gender based violence, inclusive early childhood education, inclusive tourism and inclusive emergency response to be added to the Resource Center. MIUSA also planned the redesign of the Online Resource Center in order to make it more user-friendly.

The Resource Center can be accessed through MIUSA's website:
<http://www.miusa.org/idd/resourcecenter>

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

In the next quarter, MIUSA will:

- **Plan and carry out a technical assistance visit to Jordan:** MIUSA is planning a technical assistance and training trip to Jordan for the next quarter. During this trip, MIUSA will work closely with various offices within the USAID/Jordan Mission to discuss disability inclusion and start developing a Disability Inclusion Plan. MIUSA will also meet with USAID implementing partners to conduct training specific to the needs of the Mission and partners in country.
- **Follow-on technical assistance in Colombia:** Based on needs identified during the October 2010 field visit, MIUSA will work closely with in-country partners, USAID/Colombia, and our Local Coordinator to provide follow-on support and communication. We will continue to work closely with IOM this next quarter to provide support and guidance on inclusive initiatives. We will continue to work closely with the USAID/Colombia Mission to provide support and guidance on the development of a USAID Mission Disability Inclusion Plan.
- **Plan and carry out a technical assistance visit to Colombia:** MIUSA will carry out a final technical assistance visit to Colombia at the latter end of the next quarter. The technical assistance visit will include work with USAID/Colombia on their Disability Inclusion Strategy; disability and development trainings for USAID staff, USAID implementing partners and Colombian DPOs. The technical assistance visit will also include a forum for exchange between project partners on lessons learned, success stories and strategic planning for the future.
- **Small grant monitoring and support in Colombia:** MIUSA will work closely with small grantees this quarter to discuss next steps and sustainability of their projects after the small grants end. We will also begin identifying and engaging local trainers to provide DPOs capacity building training in networking, financial management and advocacy; areas highlighted as priorities after completing the small grants projects.
- **Follow-on technical assistance in Ethiopia:** Based on the follow-on technical assistance plan, MIUSA will continue to work closely with USAID/Ethiopia, in-country partners, and the Local Coordinator to provide follow-on support and communication in the next quarter. In particular, MIUSA will continue to work with USAID/Ethiopia on the development and implementation of a USAID Mission Disability Inclusion strategy. With the support of the BIDC Local Coordinator in Addis Ababa and the ECDD, training sessions and follow-up activities on inclusion will be conducted for the USAID Mission and our in-country partners.
- **Plan a technical assistance visit to Ethiopia:** In the next quarter MIUSA will work closely with USAID/Ethiopia to plan our final technical assistance visit to Ethiopia tentatively scheduled for July, 2011. The technical assistance visit will include work with USAID/Ethiopia on implementation of their Disability Inclusion Strategy; disability and development trainings for USAID staff, USAID implementing partners and Ethiopian DPOs. The technical assistance visit will

- also include a forum for exchange between project partners on lessons learned, success stories and strategic planning for the future.
- **Small grant monitoring and support in Ethiopia:** MIUSA will monitor and provide guidance to the small grants projects in Ethiopia. During the next quarter the small grant recipients will be submitting their final reports so we will work closely with our Local Coordinator to provide support on narrative and financial reporting requirements.
 - **Work with U.S. DPO Collaborators:**
 - Plan an in-person meeting with U.S. DPO Collaborators to discuss lessons learned from the BIDC project and strategies for moving the inclusive development agenda forward.
 - **Continue to work closely with Local BIDC Project Coordinators:** The Local Coordinators in Colombia, Ethiopia, and Jordan will assist with logistical arrangements for technical assistance field visits and monitoring of small grants projects. They will also continue to provide invaluable follow-up support and in-country communication between USAID, implementing partners, and DPOs.
 - **Promote inclusion with development organizations at U.S. headquarter level:** MIUSA will continue to work at the headquarter level with development actors that received technical assistance during our in-country visits to Ethiopia, Colombia, and Jordan. MIUSA will also work with development actors who participated in MIUSA's 2010 Gender, Disability and Development Institute and through contacts at InterAction. MIUSA hopes to encourage these development actors to institute disability inclusion related policies and indicators for their country offices.
 - **Disseminate a quarterly IDD e-news update on BIDC project activities.**
 - **Continue to update the BIDC Online Resource Center with inclusive development tools.**

Challenges and Unexpected Results

MIUSA experienced some challenges this quarter in terms of communication with USAID Missions, in particular USAID/Jordan. We began communication with an interim Mission contact in this quarter but did experience some delays in scheduling our next technical assistance visit as our interim contact person transitioned into their new role at USAID. We succeeded in beginning communication with a new Mission contact mid-quarter and have since had constructive engagement with the Mission. It is particularly helpful having a Mission contact within the Program Office and we are optimistic that regular communication and productive dialogue with the Mission will continue. The Mission did request that we limit our technical assistance visit to one week and that we shape focus our trainings on sector specific workshops with USAID implementing partners. They recommended that we conduct capacity building workshops with Jordanian DPOs on our next technical assistance visit.

Conclusion

MIUSA is 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.