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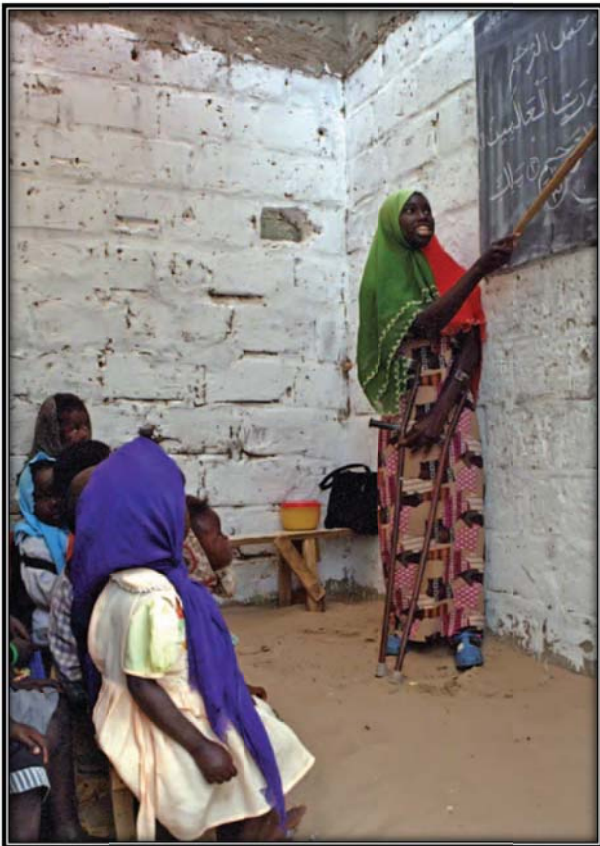
for the Promotion of the Prevention of Limb Loss and of the Provision of Prosthetic, Orthotic, Wheelchair/Special Seating, Medical and other vital Rehabilitation Services to persons of all ages suffering Limb Loss and associated Complex Physical Disabilities in the United Kingdom and Internationally

WELCOMED COLLABORATION 'MAKING IT WORK'

from good practice to good policy

Making it Work 'MIW' is a global multi-stakeholder initiative to promote effective

implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 'CRPD'.



MIW supports research and advocacy projects at local, national and regional levels, which promote inclusive policies in line with the CRPD.

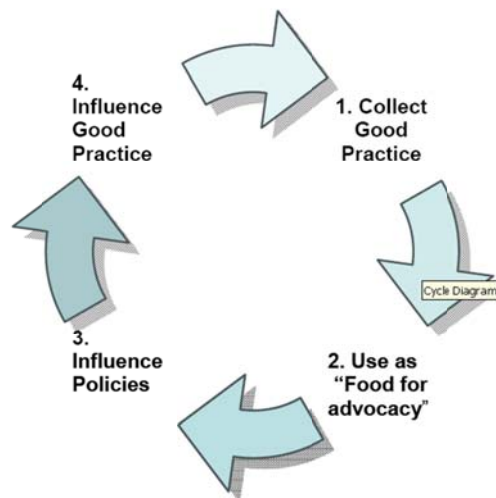
The MIW International Coordination Team and International Advisory Committee oversee and guide the global direction of the initiative. MIW projects are driven by steering committees composed of NGOs and disabled people's organisations 'DPOs' from each region. Projects have already started in South-East Europe, the

Middle East, Central and South America and West Africa. Additional projects are in development.

The CRPD entered into force on May 3, 2008. This human rights law represents a significant step towards addressing the poverty, social exclusion and discrimination faced by people with disabilities worldwide. For most countries, however, there are significant gaps between the standards set by the CRPD, national policies and the reality on the ground for people with disabilities.

In all countries of the world there are innovative projects and good practices that have achieved real impact in addressing the barriers experienced by people with disabilities.

MIW projects document and exchange these examples of good practice and use them to make recommendations for policies that uphold the principles of the CRPD. The MIW approach



is focused on constructive advocacy, where civil society organisations can utilise their knowledge and experience of what works to promote strategies for inclusive development.

MIW is designed to influence policies reflecting the disability rights approach.

A key achievement of MIW has been the development of the MIW Methodology: a step-

by-step Guideline that supports civil society (in particular DPOs and disability & development NGOs) on “How to set up and manage a MIW project.” A practical Toolkit will complement the information in the Guideline.

MIW's aim is to provide a global platform for sharing experiences from different MIW projects around the world.

Stephanie Stuart Director of Handicap International UK said: ***“The methodology of Making it Work is very clear, and the work that is produced and then shared on the website helps to ensure that disabled people are involved in influencing policies that affect them.”***



Philip Garvin, Chief Executive Officer of Response International said: ***“It is now***



universally accepted that the rehabilitation of disabled people pays an economic as well as a social dividend. But translation of this knowledge into action by the creators of policy, and those entrusted with the cheque book, lags far behind economic realisations and can only be considered a most awkward progress. The emergence of a voice for the sector which coherently describes the way

forward is one long overdue and I commend it.”

A copy of each document is available on the supporting documents page of APLLG website (www.apllg.eu/9.html).

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