

Intellectual Disabilities II Inclusion of Intellectual Disabilities into Community Development

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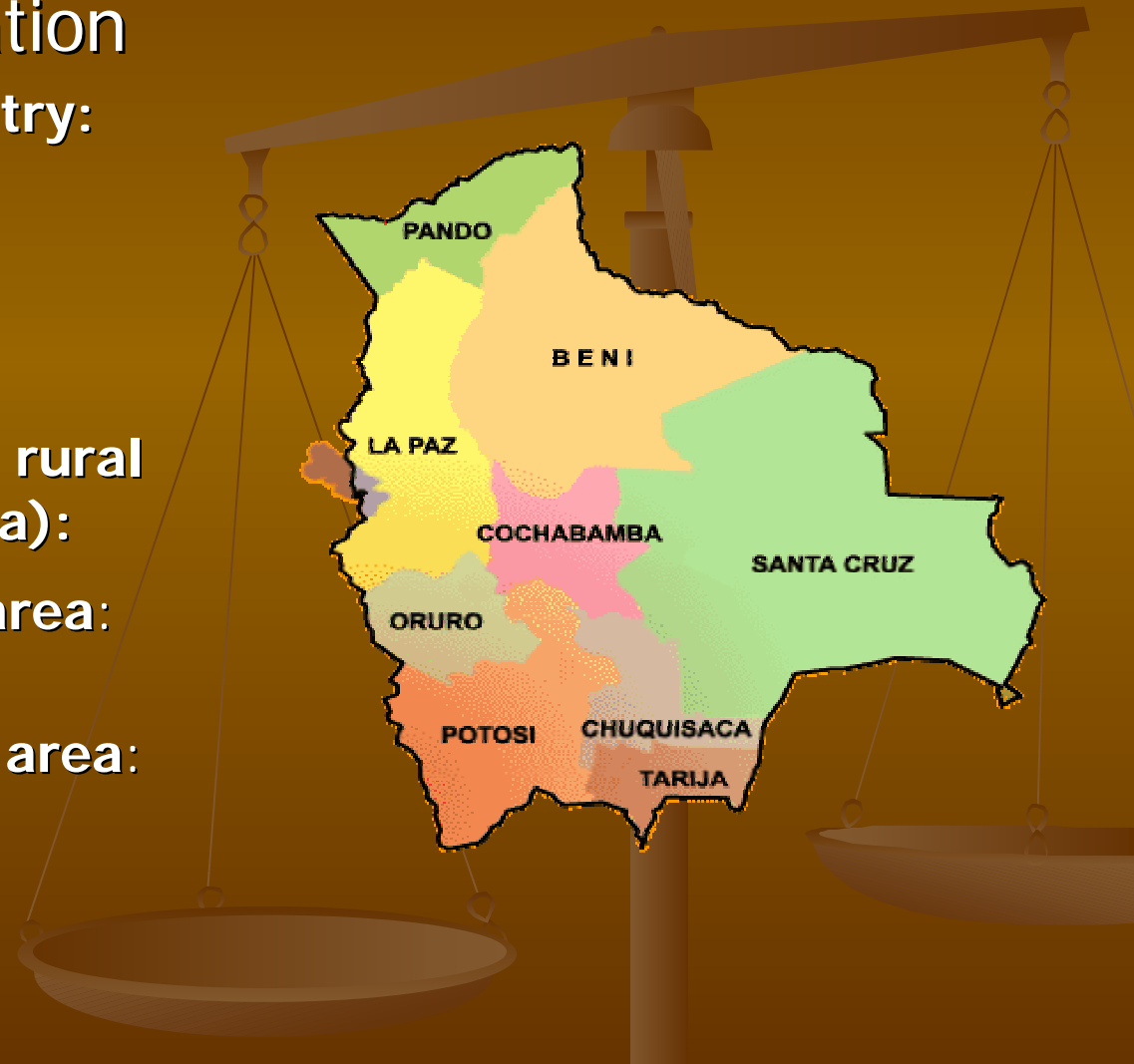
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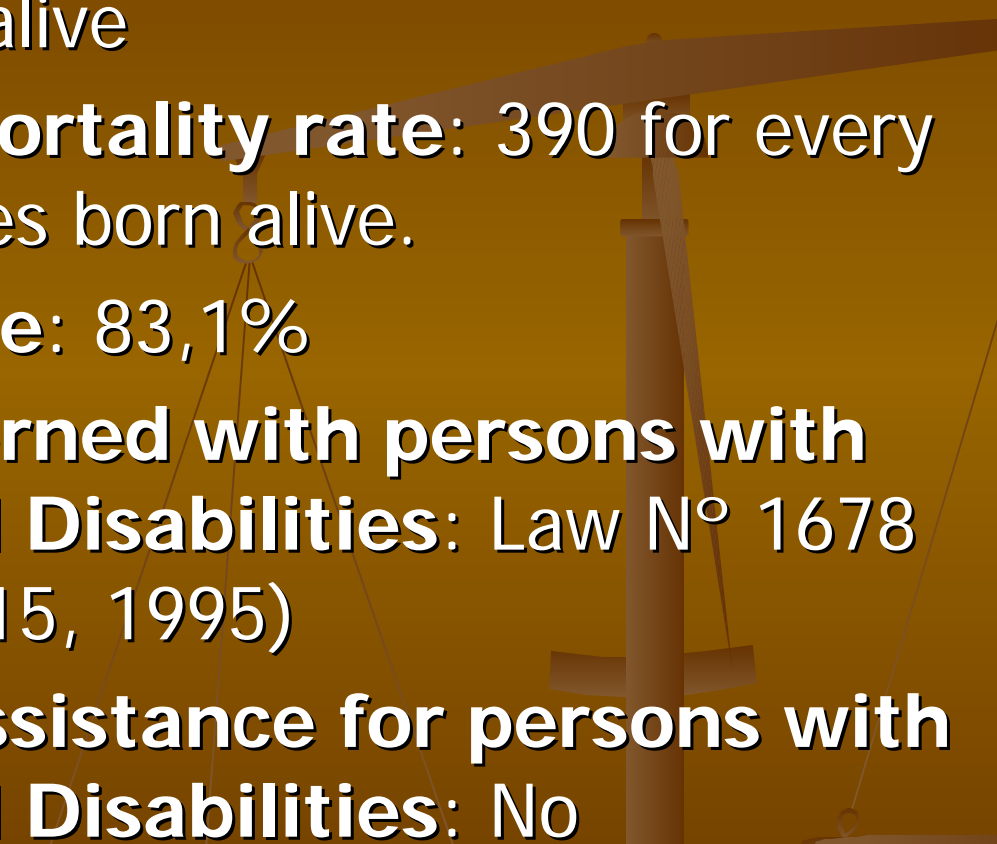
■ General Information

- **Name of Country:**
Bolivia
- **Area (sq.km):**
1.098.581 Km2.
- **Population**
(population in rural
and urban area):

Population in rural area:
3'109,095 Habitants.

Population in urban area:
5'165,230



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- **Life expectancy:** 64 years.
 - **Infant mortality rate:** 68 for every 1000 babies born alive
 - **Maternal mortality rate:** 390 for every 100000 babies born alive.
 - **Literacy rate:** 83,1%
 - **Laws concerned with persons with Intellectual Disabilities:** Law N° 1678 (December, 15, 1995)
 - **Financial assistance for persons with Intellectual Disabilities:** No

CULTURE, VIEW AND FOLKLORE



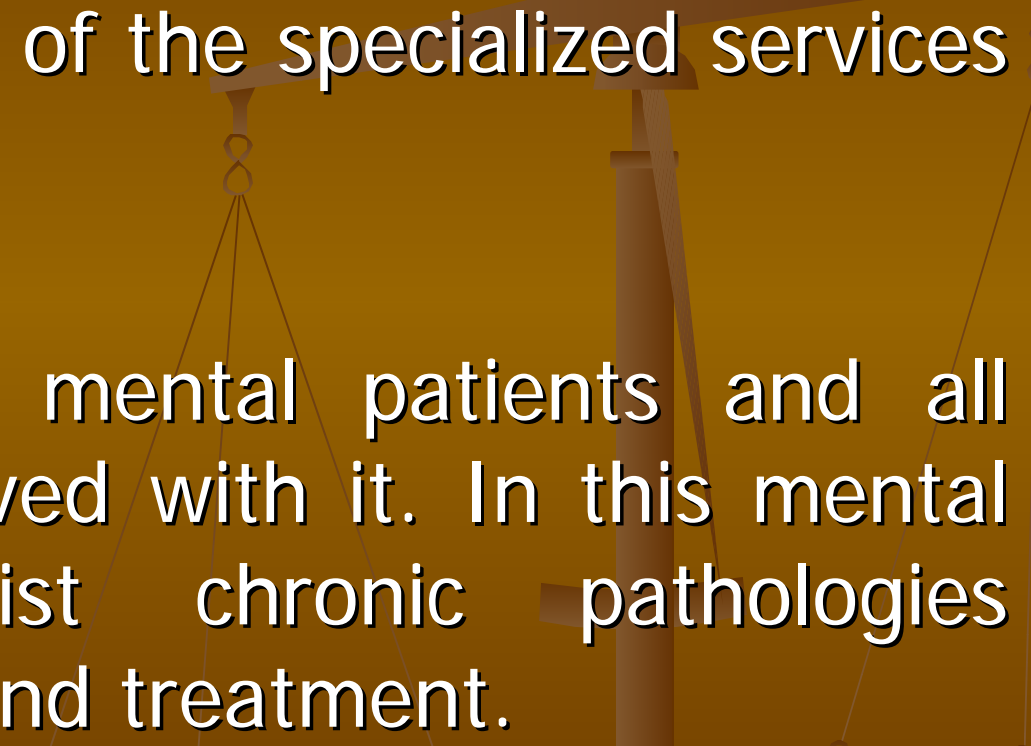


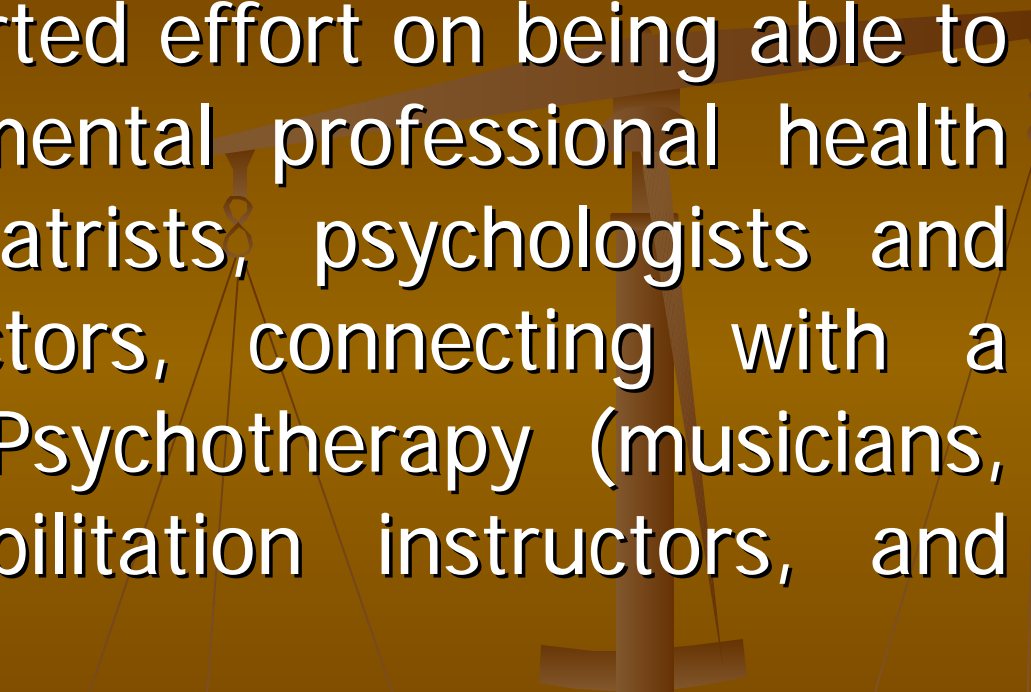




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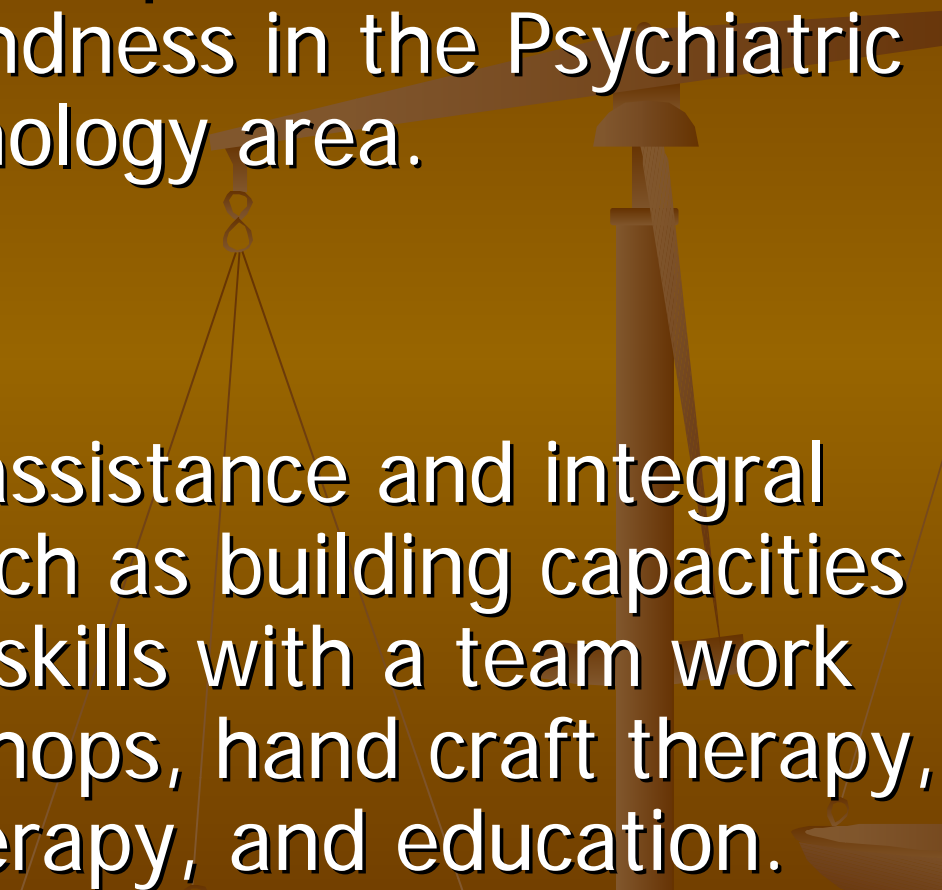
Mental Health Area (Unit):

- It is part of one of the specialized services in this hospital.
 - We work with mental patients and all pathology involved with it. In this mental Unit we assist chronic pathologies providing care and treatment.
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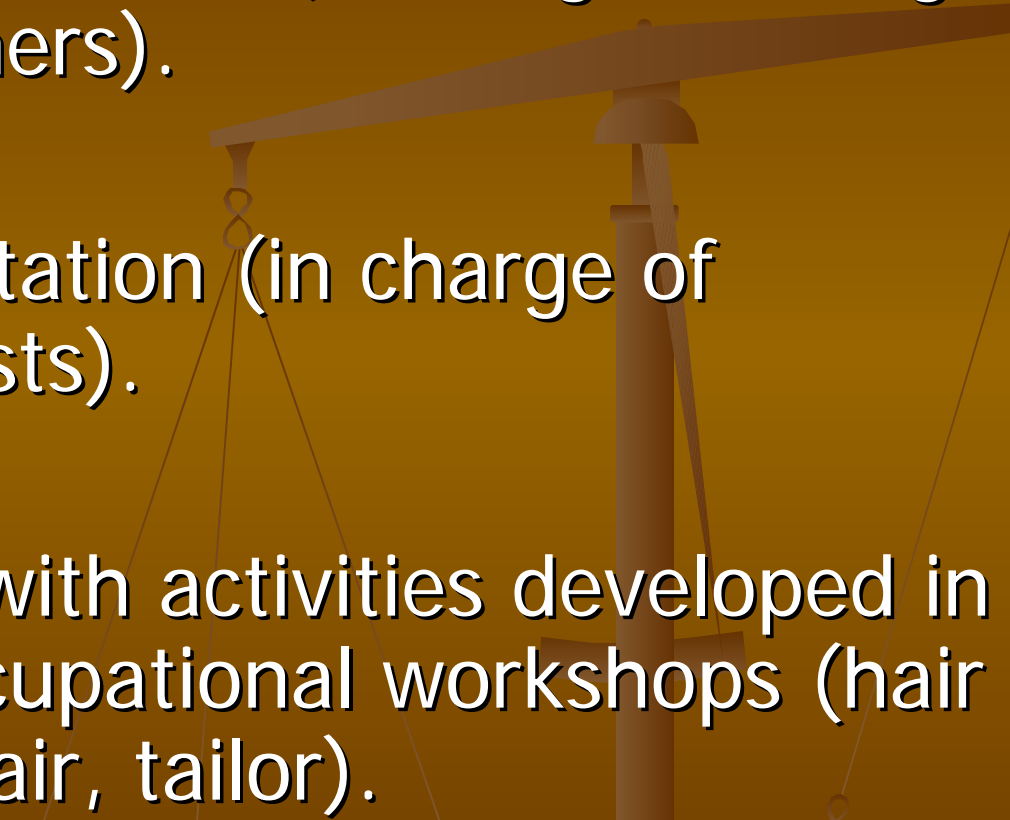
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- In a very concerted effort on being able to integrate the mental professional health such as psychiatrists, psychologists and therapy instructors, connecting with a work team in Psychotherapy (musicians, skill and rehabilitation instructors, and others).

LAW ABOUT PWID IN BOLIVIA

- On December 15, 1995, the Law 1678 of persons with disabilities was approved and issued on August 4, 1997.
- Law 1678 on persons with disabilities, in its first Article, agrees with the definitions of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Disabled Peoples' International (DPI). Persons with disabilities are defined as those who have deficiencies from the point of view of functional efficiency in conducting their activities. Disabilities represent, in consequence, the level of disorder.

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- Vision: Giving quality and specialized attention to the hospitalized mental patients and kindness in the Psychiatric area as of Psychology area.
 - Strategy:
Giving medical assistance and integral rehabilitation such as building capacities and developing skills with a team work based on workshops, hand craft therapy, occupational therapy, and education.

Activity's programs:


- Cognitive rehabilitation (reading, drawing, puzzles, and others).
 - Physical rehabilitation (in charge of physical therapists).
 - Create abilities with activities developed in the different occupational workshops (hair stylist, shoe repair, tailor).
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My position and duty in Mental Health Unit

- Academic research, periodical dissertations, medical assistance, diagnose and treatment and clinical case discussions, are some of the activities as a psychiatry resident, yet along these the assistance to intellectual disability patients.



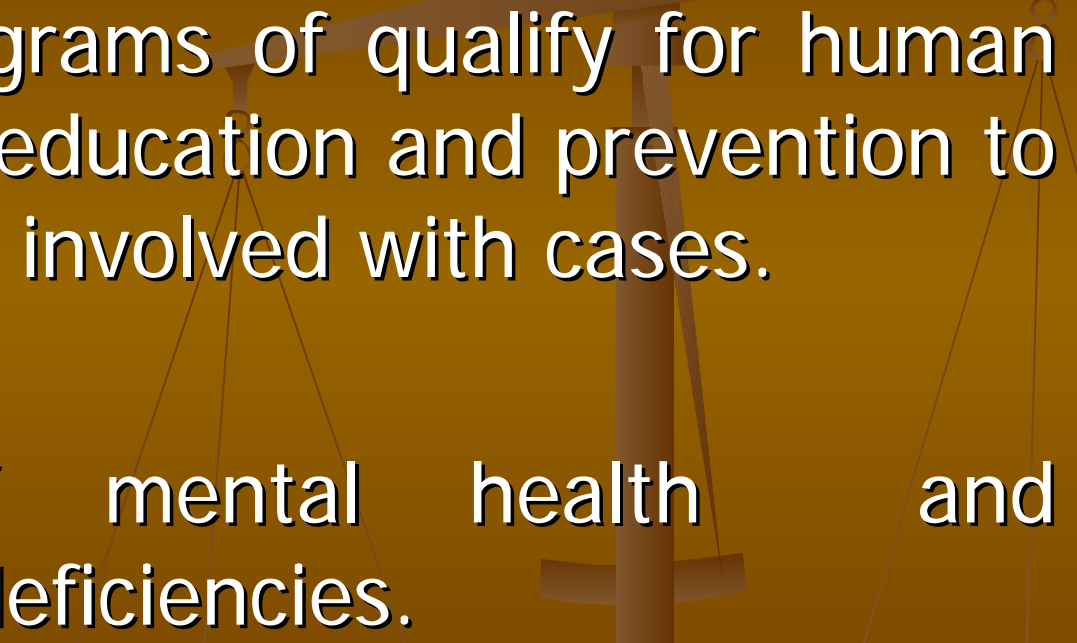
Community Development:

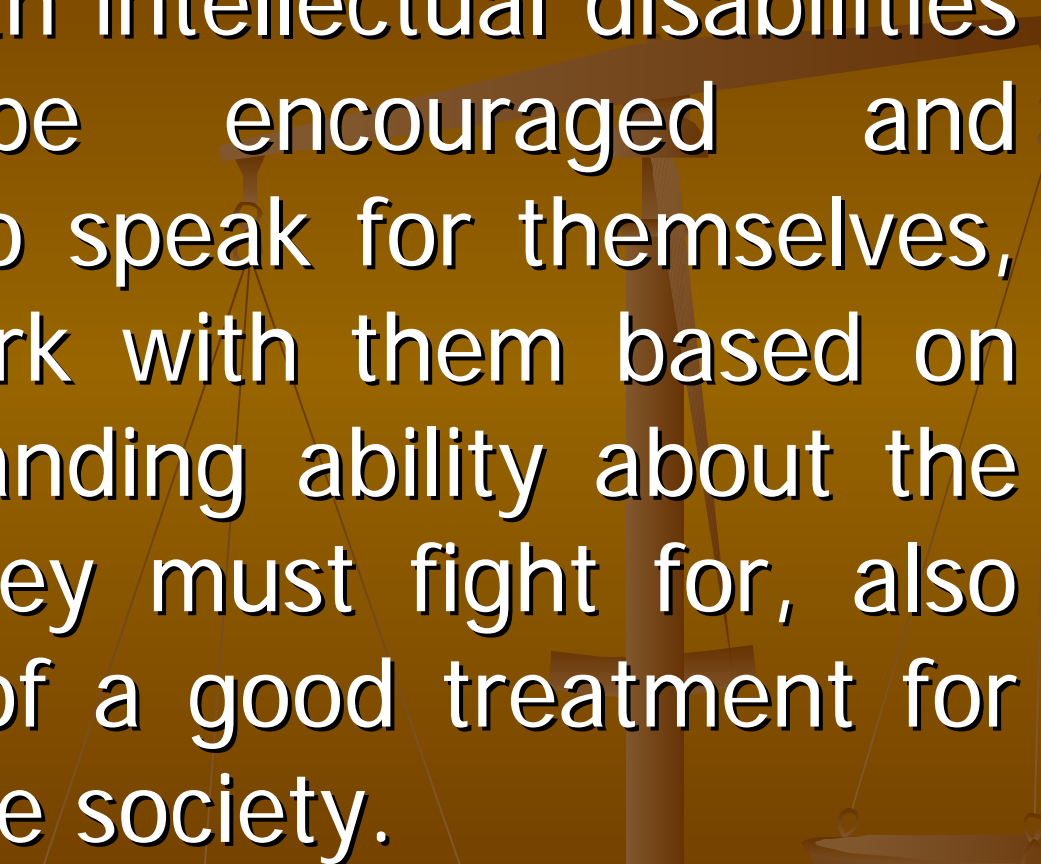
- Monitoring access to education and employment for people with intellectual disabilities.
 - Identify cases about people who have learning difficulty, physical disability, hearing impairment, visual impairment and other cases related with intellectual disabilities in the community.
 - Improving priorities for future changes to legislation and policy about intellectual disabilities.
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Community Health:

- We would need to complement the project with a program of Primary Attention in Mental and Physical Health for patients with intellectual disabilities.
- Taking care of people with intellectual disabilities and give the medical assistance and integral rehabilitation.
- Empowering people with intellectual disabilities.

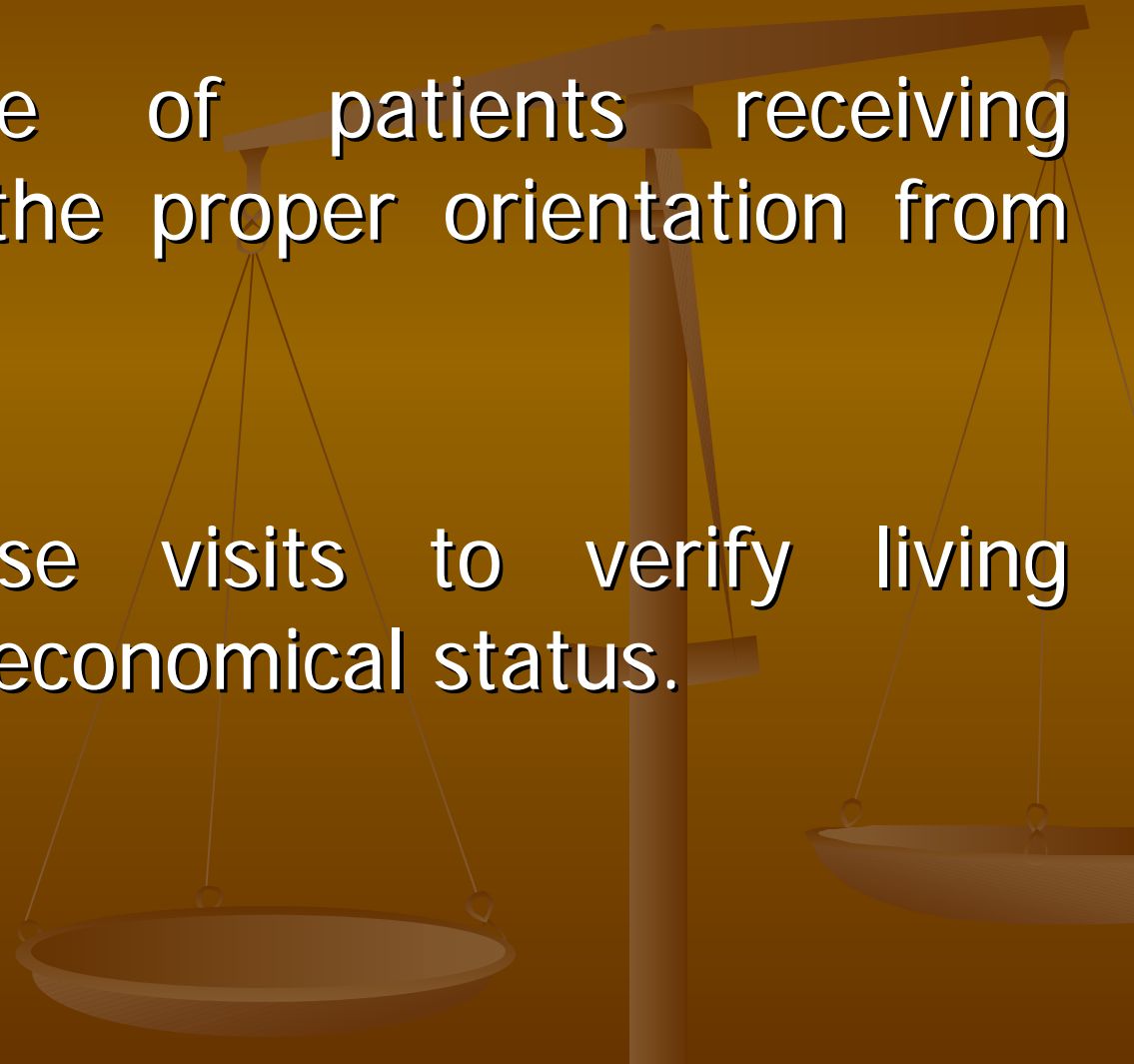
Community Based Program for PWD

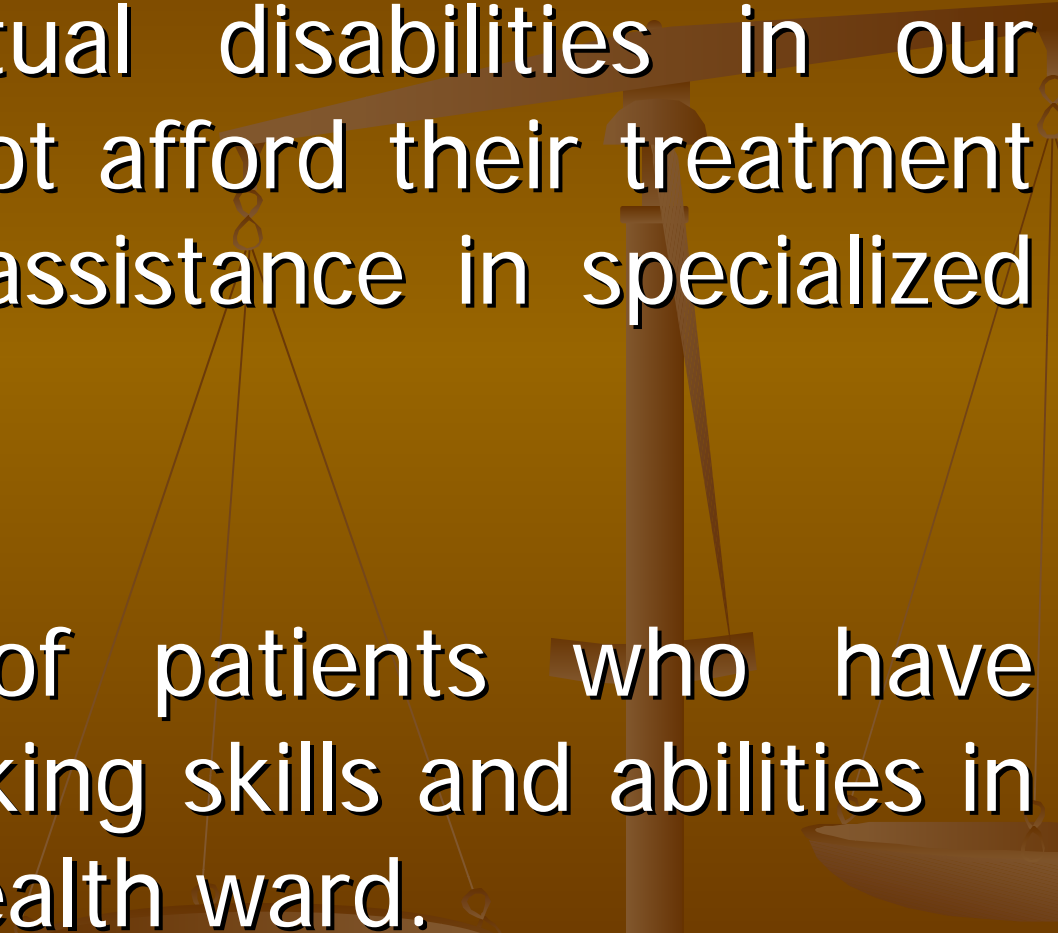
- Improving programs of quality for human life as such as education and prevention to the community involved with cases.
 - Promotion of mental health and prevention of deficiencies.
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- In our institute (mental health area) individuals with intellectual disabilities need to be encouraged and empowered to speak for themselves, we try to work with them based on their understanding ability about the rights that they must fight for, also the demand of a good treatment for insertion to the society.

Social Welfare

- The assurance of patients receiving attention and the proper orientation from social services.
- Periodical house visits to verify living conditions and economical status.



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- Contact with volunteer entities for donations because most of the people with intellectual disabilities in our country cannot afford their treatment and receive assistance in specialized centers.
 - Supervision of patients who have acquired working skills and abilities in the mental health ward.



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