

Country Report

1. Name of Training Course: THE GROUP TRAINING COURSE IN MENTAL
RETARDATION IN FY 1995

2. Name of Participant: MIRIAM ORTIZ

3. Name of Country: ECUADOR

4. Name of Your Organization: MINISTRY OF HEALTH
EUGENIO ESPEJO HOSPITAL

5. Organization Chart:

Participants are requested to outline their function of the organization and their own job.

- Evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of neurological patients with psychological problems.
- Psychological evaluation and stimulation of neurological patients with learning disabilities and intelectual deficit.
- I give psychological tests of intellegence, personality, mental status, depression and anxiety, etc.
- I make Psychotherapy.
- Participation in staff meeting of the Neurological Service.
- Investigation activities of de Neurological Service in Psychological area.

6. The current situation and trends in rehabilitation services.

Participants are requested to outline the status of educational, welfare/social and medical systems and services, financial aids and voluntary activities for people with mental retardation in their own country.

In Mental Retardation there are some Institutions working in this area.

The Ministry of Education has schools to people with MR. There are some private schools too.

There are Professional Rehabilitation Centers in the bigger cities Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca.

The Ministry of Health has hospitals in every province, but the infrastructure is nor good enough to make the diagnosis of M.R., because there are not the specialists and human resorces.

Some private institutiones and also foundations help people with MR.

There are voluntaries and Parents associations involve in this subject.

Actually there is the National Center of Disabilities its function is coordination of the actions between public and private organisms to solve the disabilities problems.

7. Participants are requested to state their own philosophy on rehabilitation services for people with mental retardation and problems to solve when making the philosophy an actuality.

MR must have multidisciplinary treatment:
Medical, Psychological, Educational and Social.
The way to do it, will be.

- 1.- Prevention,
- 2.- Integral attention,
- 3.- Social and laboral integration of people with MR.

The general politics must be oriented to:

Prevent disabilities, avoid or diminish physical, psychological, and social consequences.

Give to people with MR the resources, services and specific rehabilitation measurements necessary to get the best personal development and guarantee the complete and active participation in the social environment. Make real their rights to have economical security and avoid any discrimination.

There are many difficulties in order to solve this problem.

The Ecuadorian government doesn't have enough economical and human resources.

MR is not well understood, because physical and sensorial disabilities have more priority than MR.

In my country there are some institutions working in disabilities, but this doesn't have a complete organization and coordination for that reason the functions are duplicated.

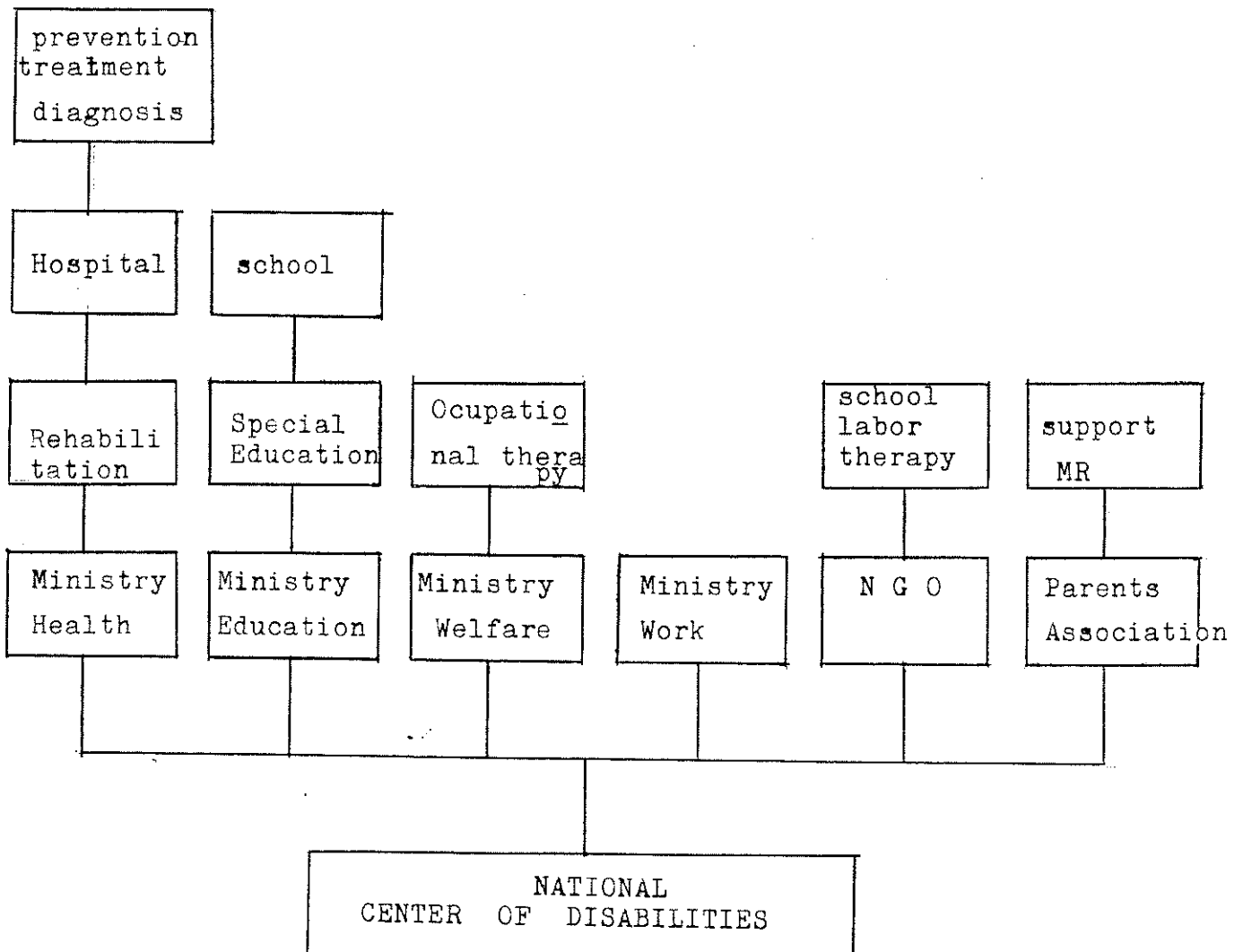
8. Participants are requested to describe community-based rehabilitation programmes provided for people with mental retardation in their countries, if any.

In my country there are some community-based rehabilitation programmes, but they are not only for people with MR, these are for people with all the disabilities.

These are located in urban-marginal areas. The structure is poor.

9. Service delivery system and relevant laws and regulations

Participants are requested to draw an organization chart or flow chart (starting from sections at the lowest level) for every agency in their country which is responsible for service delivery systems.



Notes: It is advisable to use audio visual aids such as films, slides, pictures, etc., when presenting the country report.