

Country Report

1. Name of Training Course: THE GROUP TRAINING COURSE IN MENTAL RETARDATION IN FY 1997

2. Name of Participant: ROBAM
MWABA

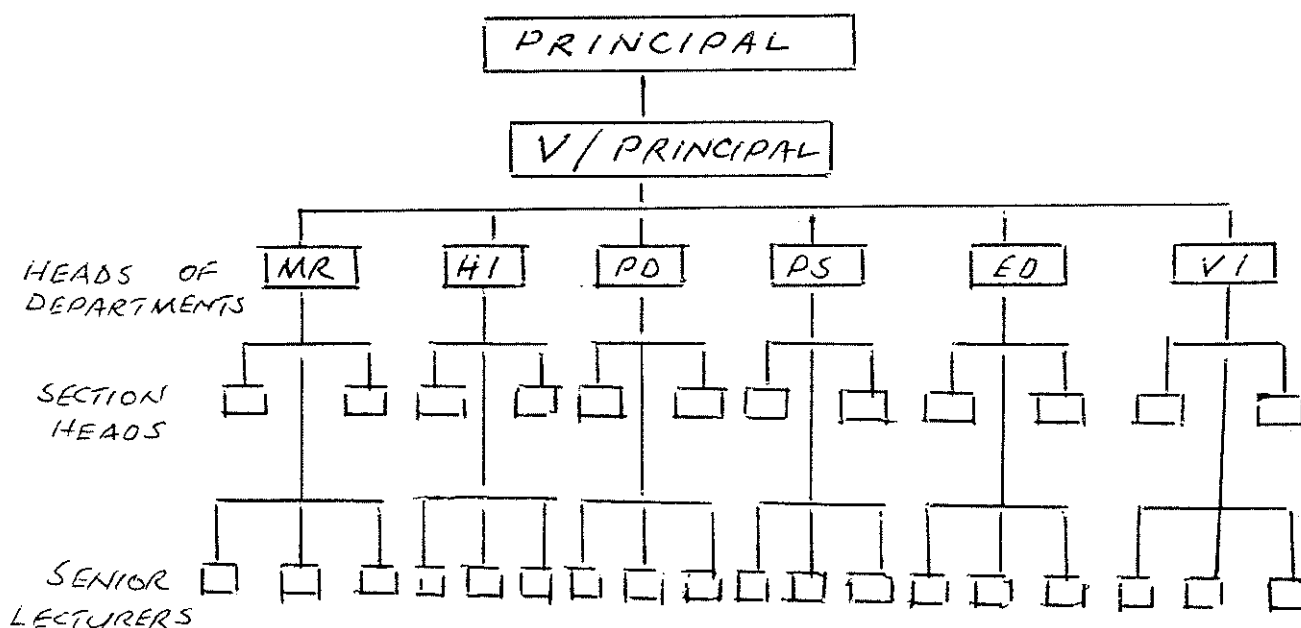
3. Name of Country: ZAMBIA

4. Name of Your Organization: LUSAKA COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS OF THE HANDICAPPED
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5. Organization Chart:

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

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE OF LUSAKA COLLEGE



Functions of the organisation

- To train in-service students at both certificate and diploma levels in special education
- Offer assessment services to the community
- Perform advisory role to the government and other Institutions on special education
- It is a distribution centre for teaching equipments and materials for units, centres and schools of children with special educational needs especially in the area of V.I.
- Chairs Interministerial Committee of Special Education

Own Job

- Plan administer and manage activities of the department of mental retardation
- Offer lectures to students in Activities for Daily Living (ADL) Curriculum for special needs, Adapted physical education and teaching methods.
- Performs an advisory role to Ngos on mental retardation

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.

THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TREND IN REHABILITATION SERVICES
FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The government through the Ministry of Education has established schools, day centres and units in regular schools aiming at equipping the mentally retarded with academic, social and pre-vocational skills. At tertiary level, the Ministry of Science and Technology through the Department of Training and Vocation with the assistance of FAMR; Finnish Association for the Mentally Retarded, equips the mentally retarded youths with vocational skills.

WELFARE/SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

There is a provision in place by the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare through the National Trust Fund for Disabled's Commission for the Handicapped to give loans to the handicapped to enable them set up small scale business.

MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The Government through the Ministry of Health provide free medical services to the mentally retarded persons who may need such services. In this provision the urban mentally retarded person has excess to better medical services than the rural one.

FINANCIAL AIDS

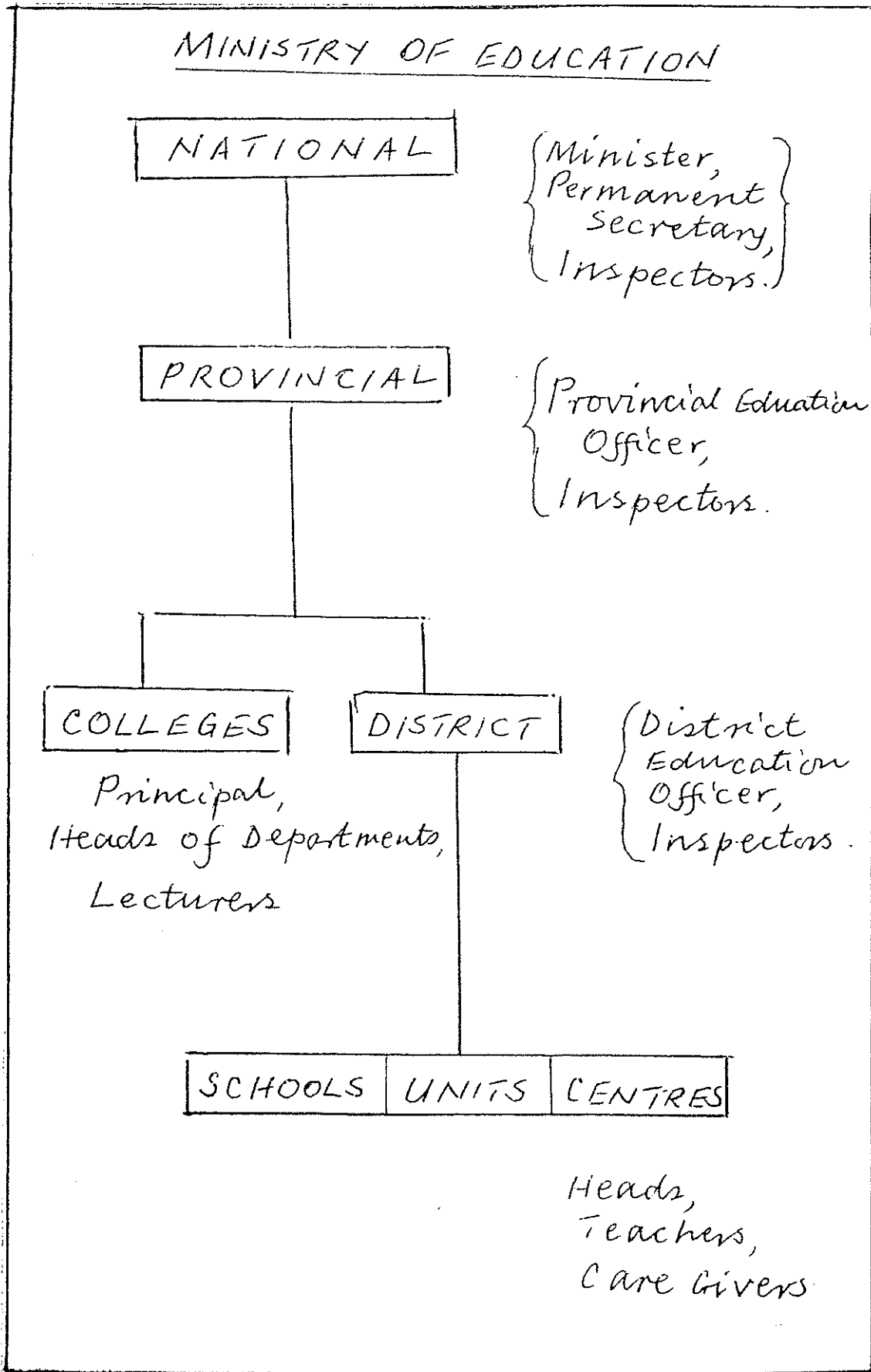
Government effort in financing the activities for people with mental retardation is supplemented by donor agencies, parental organisations, churches, business houses and individuals; both at home and abroad.

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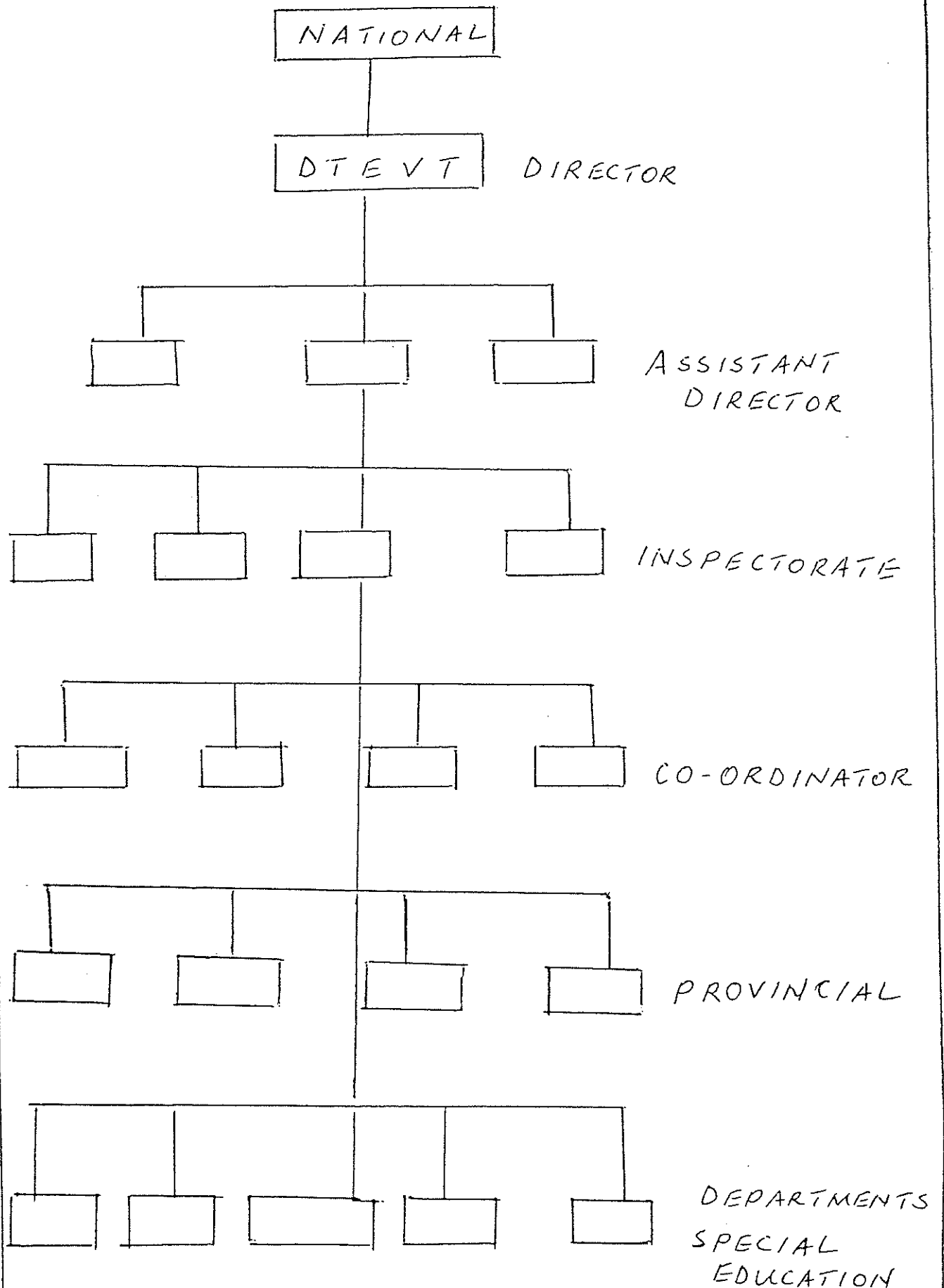
VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

Voluntary activities in Zambia are provided for by such organisations as:

- (a) Special Olympics; Zambia, which provides sports activities for the mentally retarded. The administration and management of this organisation is purely on voluntary basis.
- (b) Zambia Association for Children and Adults with Learning Difficulties; ZACALD, is another organisation which is largely voluntary. (Particularly at school, district and provincial level).



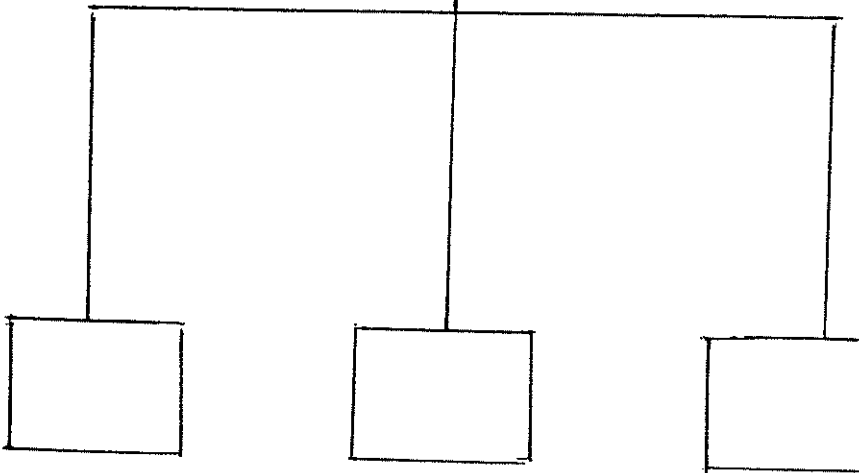
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FAMR / DTEVT PROJECT

PROJECT
DIRECTOR

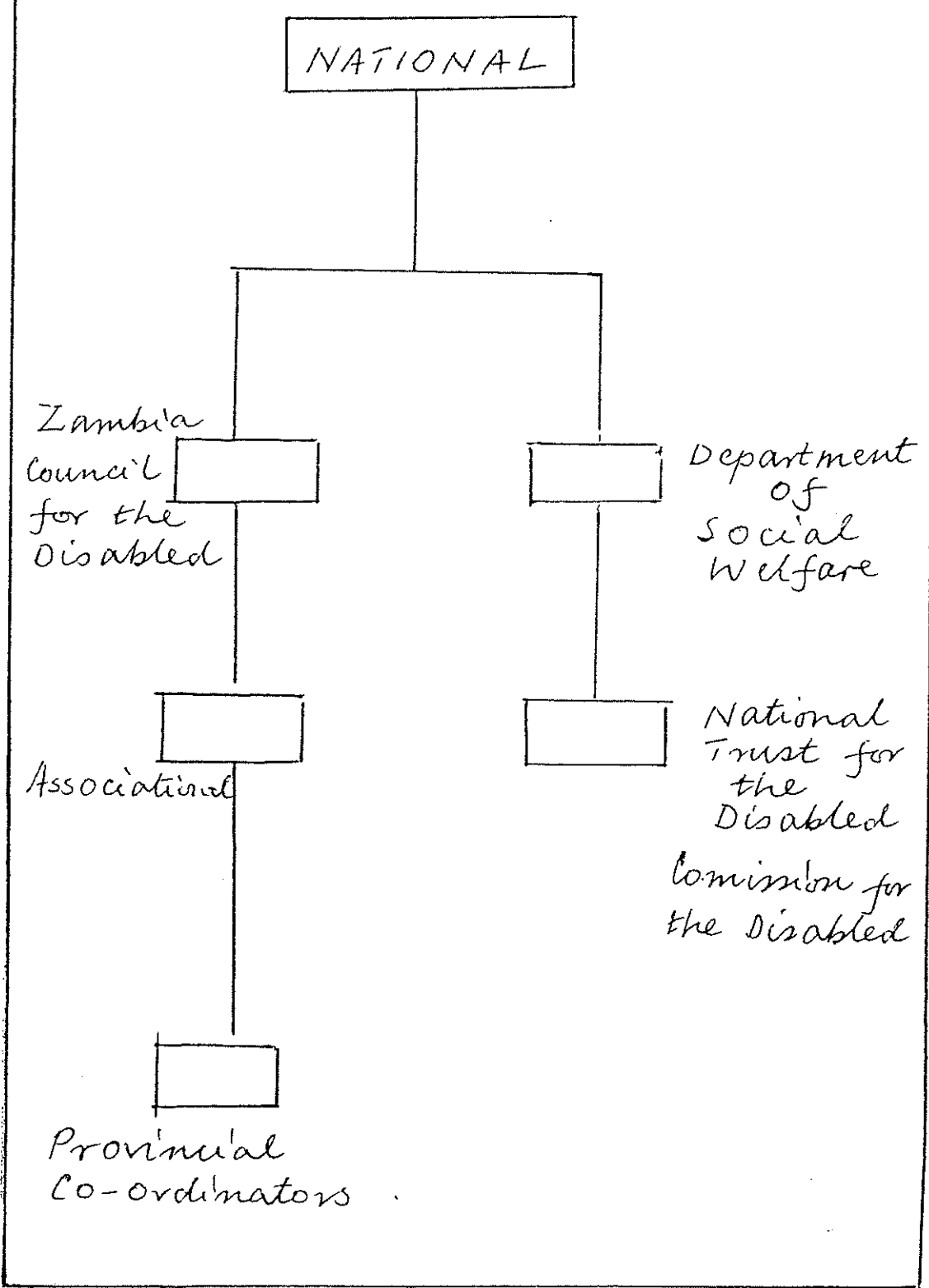
ACCOUNTANT



PLACEMENT
OFFICERS

SKILL TRAINING
CO-ORDINATORS

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY
AND SOCIAL WELFARE



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ZAMBIA
ORGANISATION

MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORT
AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

NATIONAL
SPORTS COUNCIL

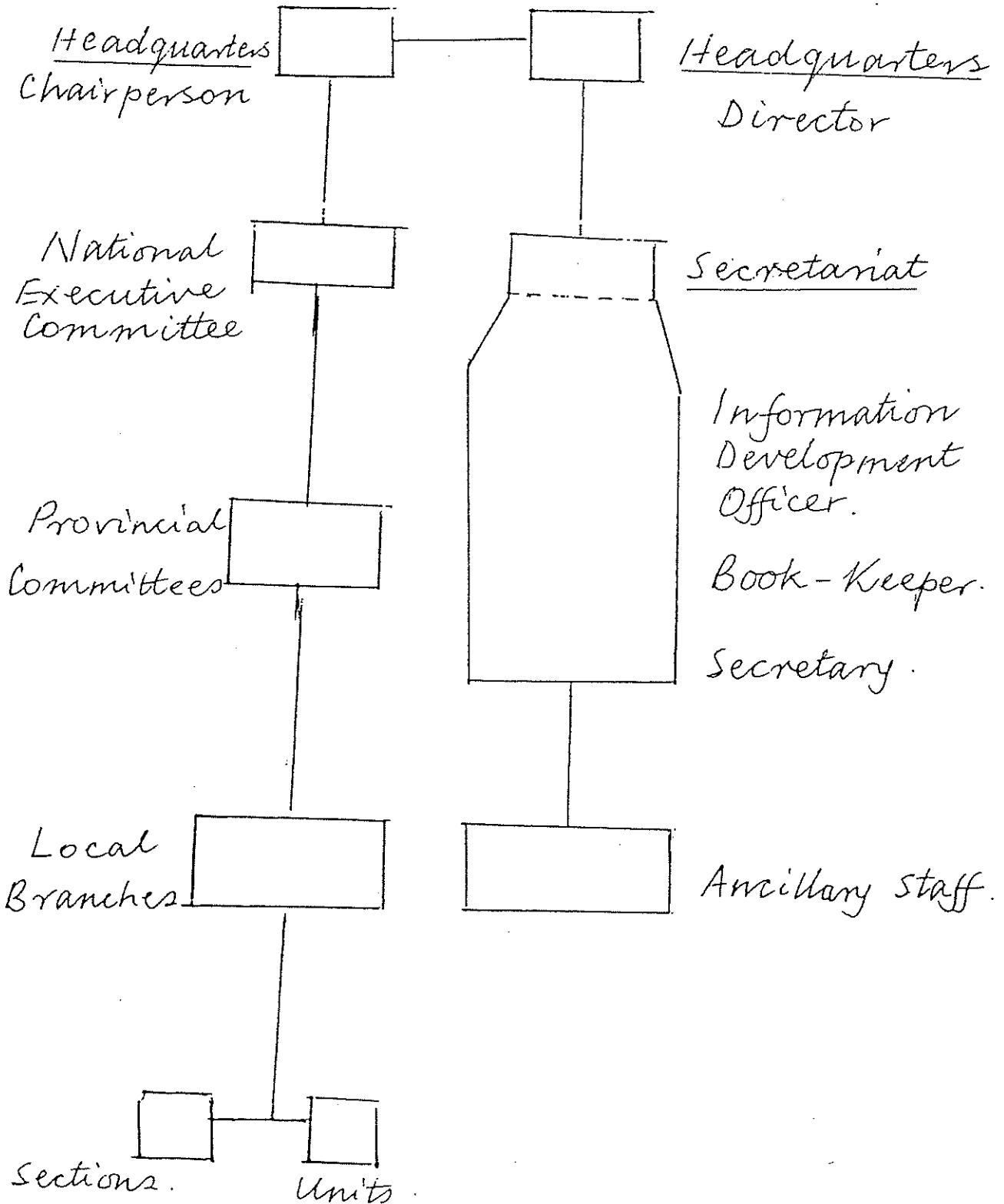
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DISTRICT
COMMITTEE

SCHOOLS
COLLEGES

ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN
AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING
DISABILITIES (ZACALD)



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.

COLLEGE PHILOSOPHY ON REHABILITATION SERVICES

PHYLOSOPHY :

Reaching the people with Mental Retardation not reached through community based rehabilitation services.

The College plans to embark on training of manpower like parents, ancillary staff in special schools and any other interested persons from other organizations such as churches and Ngos.

The purpose will be to equip trainees with skills and knowledge that will help them to identify, assess, plan and counsel persons with Mental Retardation through home visitations, seminars and workshops.

This outreach programme will also provide services to mentally retarded whose impairments prevent normal attendance in schools, as one of the strategies mentioned in the education policy document of Zambia 1996 project will also help sensitize community on the educational, medical and social service available for the mentally retarded in the country.

OBJECTIVES

The project the college intends to undertake is expected to meet the following

(a) Prevalance/Incidence

There is scant information regarding the number of persons with mental retardation in Zambia. But a small survey conducted in a high densit township (Bauleni in Lusaka 1995) indicate that many mentally retarded children are unattended to.

(b) Accessibility

Due to non availability of transport, it would be very difficult to reach the mentally retarded through out the country.

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

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAMMED FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.

The following are the community based rehabilitation programmes that are currently in place in Zambia:

(a) NDOLA COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROJECT

This programme is currently being run by a church organisation based in Ndola (Ndola Diocese), the programme covers only two (2) out of eight (8) districts (towns) on the Copperbelt Province of Zambia, these are Ndola and Luanshya towns. The activities in this community based rehabilitation includes providing knowledge and skills in carpentry, cooking and crafts to the mentally retarded persons at community level. Personnel involved in this programme include special education teachers and vocational skill instructors.

(b) CHILILAMBOMBWE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

This community based rehabilitation programme which started in 1994, in Chililambombwe; a town in the Copperbelt Province, aims at providing literacy to mentally retarded persons in schools and out of school. It also mounts awareness campaigns on the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded persons. Co-ordinators of this programme are special education teachers.

This gloomy picture on the available community based rehabilitation programme for the persons with mental retardation, suggests that the need to extend such programmes to other parts of the country.

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.

SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Service delivery system to the handicapped and the mentally retarded inclusive, is at present being carried out by the Government and private organisations. The larger Government stake holders in the delivery of service to the handicapped are:

- Ministry of Education;
- Ministry of Science and Technology; and
- Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare.

In addition to these Governmental organisations, there are also Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) that are involved in providing the services to the handicapped, mentally retarded inclusive. These organisations include ZACALD, FAMR, SOZ, etc.

The service delivery being carried out by the three (3) Ministries and the three (3) Non-Governmental organisations are supported by the Handicapped Persons Act of 1968; Chapter 551 of the Laws of Zambia.

The main purpose of the Act is to enable this service delivery to provide rehabilitation vocational training and general welfare services for the people with disability.

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