

Rehabilitation System: Services for the Disabled, Russian Federation

Assignment	Assisting the Russian government in a project aiming to gradually reduce the number of disabled people isolated in society and increase the numbers of disabled people enjoying independent professional and social lives.
Client	Government of Russia
Financing Agency	European Union (Tacis)
Partners	CARE Austria, AS/Tr
Composition of Team	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : Team Leader, Social Services Expert <i>Partner(s)</i> : Expert on Social Rehabilitation and Social Inclusion of Disabled People
Period of Assignment	From March 2007 to December 2009 Staff months: <i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : 53; <i>Partner(s)</i> : 34
Contract value	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : € 3,309,000 <i>Partner(s)</i> : € 683,200
Background	The project is working under the overall policy direction and leadership of the Ministry of Health and Social Development, which has been tasked by President Putin to implement the Federal Targeted Programme “Social Support for the Disabled for the years 2006-2010”. The project will be used to improve and modernize the existing system of rehabilitation, promote the pro-active inclusion of people with disabilities and the use of their potential in society, and develop missing elements or components of a modern rehabilitation system that provides a continuous cycle of rehabilitation services from birth onwards.
Description of project	The project has three components: Component 1: Improvement of federal and regional legal regulations in the area of social policies and social protection of the disabled. This component focuses on formulating policies and drafts of laws which will regulate social policy and social protection of the disabled. These concepts will be developed on the basis of an analysis of the existing federal legislation and the legislation of the pilot subjects, as well as of the relevant legal practice. Component 2: Support in the development of a national system for training of specialists for a process of comprehensive rehabilitation of disabled people. This component focuses on formulating concepts and proposals for the comprehensive development of the system for training and re-training of rehabilitation specialists based on the analysis of the relevant practice and recent experience in Western Europe.

Component 3: Development of the rehabilitation system for disabled people in the pilot regions through competitive contracting and active involvement of non-governmental institutions and agencies in the delivery of social rehabilitation services.

This component focuses on diversifying service delivery to the disabled and their families by building up regional systems of rehabilitation service provision and conducting pilot modules with the aim to develop and implement social rehabilitation models for different categories of the disabled, depending on age (0-18 and 18-35), type of impairment, congenital/acquired disorders etc.

Services provided

Project management and technical assistance services.
Rehabilitation services for the disabled: medical + social.
Social inclusion of the disabled.
Advocacy and public relations.
Organization of study missions to EU countries.