

Promising Strategies

2008 Summary of Proposals



Associação Brasileira de Epilepsia—BRAZIL

Epilepsy at School: Teaching the Teachers

Children with epilepsy suffer prejudice at school and this fact is responsible for much of the stigma in adult life. The purpose of the program will be a teaching model about epilepsy for other States in Brazil in order to promote basic education about epilepsy directed to the biggest group of elementary school teachers in Latin America as well as in Portuguese speaking countries.

The program will be developed in two steps:

- Production of a CD about epilepsy directed at Elementary School Teachers
- Introduction of an intervention program for Sao Paulo State.

Total estimated cost is \$15,000. ABE Brazil is soliciting US\$5,000 from the Promising Strategy Program. The association has applied to other research and public organisations seeking support funding.



Epilepsy Support Association of Ethiopia

Awareness Raising Project

According to studies on epilepsy in Ethiopia, there are about 400,000 people with epilepsy of which 85% are children. Only 3% of these receive treatment because of the stigma attached to the disorder. The association proposes a school education campaign, aimed at raising awareness in a total of 13,555 students through the active participation of 150 students and 50 teachers from five major high school in Addis Ababa.

Activities will include the publication of information leaflets and posters, training of 10 persons with epilepsy in marketable skills such as tailoring crafts, hairdressing and catering.

Total cost will be US\$25,000 of which US\$5,000 is being sought from Promising Strategies. A further US\$12,000 is being solicited from Addis Ababa City Education Bureau and US\$8,000 from Addis Ababa City Health Bureau.





Gambia Epilepsy Association

Tailoring Training

This program is targeted at 12 persons with epilepsy. At the end of the program participants are expected to have acquired skills in tailoring which can be put to practical use for the propose of making a meaningful living. Participants are expected to become self-reliant and to gain more confidence.

The association will liaise with the Ombudsman to ensure that employment rights are respected by prospective employers and agencies. An awareness seminar will also be held for employers to improve their knowledge about epilepsy.

The association will partner with the National Youth Services Scheme, Women Enterprises and Bundung Vocational School in implementing the programme.

The total budget for the programme amounts to US\$5,926.



KAWE - Kenya

Training in Epilepsy Management

The overall objectives of this program are to improve the level of knowledge about epilepsy of health personnel in Kenya and to improve the capacity of the ministry of health to train and support epilepsy care in the health sector

Implementation of the project will be undertaken in stages with most training given in the form of TOT (training the trainers) from national level cascading down to community level. A national epilepsy committee will monitor progress while the Ministry of Health will use its own systems to ensure that, once trained, epilepsy care is provided in the health institutions in which the trainers are based.

Total budget is \$56,730 or which \$5,000 is requested from IBE. KAWE will contribute \$15,000 with the balance from donors (including Nationaal Epilepsie Fonds and Terres des Hommes.)



POCET - Tanzania

Training Young People in Vegetable Growing

The problem to be addressed is alleviation of poverty in young people aged between 13 and 20 years with learning disability.

Ten children will be trained in vegetable growing for a period of one year before being allowed work on their own. POCET will be responsible for obtaining land from the village government, assisting with preparation of the land and supervision of the project.

The sale of the vegetables will provide funds to continue the project. The cycle for each crop is 4 months. Once trained, the young people will become self-reliant and economically independent of their families.

The total budget for the 1st year of the project is \$5,000. The total income for the 1st year is estimated at \$4,000 making it self-sustaining at the end of PSP funding.



Namibia

Onyose Project (onyose means Star in the herero language)

Prompted by an approach from the mother of a young child with epilepsy, Namibia will hold a 4-day workshop to train 30 teachers, caregivers and people with epilepsy to enable them to manage the condition effectively. The presentation of the information will be made in a way to make it a reference work for the future. Costs will include trainer costs, consumables and training materials. A well-known person with epilepsy will attend as an example of how to live successfully with epilepsy. This persons will be trained as an advocate for epilepsy. The program will include awareness and epilepsy training, an epilepsy care program, lifestyle management guidance and a stimulation program.

The total budget for the program is \$4,839.

Partners/supporters include the Dept of Mental Health, Namibia, WHO (which has sponsored poster and leaflets) and ITCS (Information Technology Consulting Services) .