INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT “ALL INCLUSIVE”

Multi-sectoral participation in support of the integration of people with disabilities in
the region of Dar es Salaam - Tanzania

Foundation of the project “All Inclusive”

After the launch of the Rehabilitation Centre Inuka in 2009 in a far off region of the
country, respected members of the Government and the local Bishop were asked to
promote an initiative in Dar Es Salaam, the most important city in Tanzania where more
than 5 million people live, over 300.000 of these being disabled.

The experience in Inuka was characterised from the beginning as a pilot scheme which
could and should be replicated all over the country in accordance with the framework
laws on disability approved by the Tanzanian Parliament in 2010.

Inuka was the first recognised rehabilitation centre in the country and it was us - following
research backed by Sapienza University and two Tanzanian universities - who prompted
the local politicians into establishing a system representative of the actual situation on
disability operating in the country, coordinated by the Health Ministry in order to define
an overall strategy consistent with the good practice already tested by us.

Included in this “good practice” there is for sure the method of Rehabilitation on a
Community basis which favours a relationship with the village, the territory and above all
with the families who in this way play a key role in the rehabilitation process of children
with disabilities.

In addition to this, care has been taken in the sustainability of the project so that the
social and health initiatives are connected to an active income production to liberate
them from the uncertainties of external donations.

In accordance with the new law on international cooperation (no. 125, 2014), we want
relations with the Partner Countries and not with the Third World Countries. Our ONG
intends to offer itself as an organism able to provoke the government and the local
authorities to take on initiatives in accordance with these national laws and international
agreements.

Through the “All Inclusive” project the supported communities intend to reach these
objectives:

To take on at least 3000 children and adolescents under 18 with disabilities

About 10.000 direct recipients - like the relatives of the patients and the community to
which they belong.
A REHABILITATION GYM IN MEMORY OF GIANCARLO

Giancarlo Fratocchi - 1963, after obtaining a degree in Developmental Therapy, as a conscientious objector, did 18 months of civil service in a Community for disabled people in Capodarco.

He completed his professional preparation by obtaining a degree in Physiotherapy and a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Healthcare.

Renowned expert in various rehabilitation centres in Rome, he also took an active didactic role as a lecturer at Conventions at Sapienza University, the Faculty of Medicine, Neuro Therapy degrees and Psycomotorial development.

Loved by his patients and by his students for his commitment and professionalism, he dedicated his time and attention to the problems of the least protected, first in Eastern Europe and then in Africa.

The meeting of Communities in the World is a good occasion to link a professional commitment and an ethical application: through Giancarlo many young students have become acquainted with the project of the Inuka rehabilitation centre in Tanzania and many friends have decided to fund the project which has taken on more than 1400 disabled children. He was afflicted by illness in the middle of this work and in three months he was taken away from his loved ones Martina and his three children.

The project “A Rehabilitation gym in memory of Giancarlo” is also a way to make his loss less unreasonable and a more significant way to keep him alive with us.

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The “All Inclusive” project was officially launched in Tanzania on the 21st April 2017 in an opening ceremony at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park Sports Centre. The Vice Commissioner for Disabilities in the Social Services Department of the Tanzanian Government, Mrs Josephine Lyengi and the Italian Ambassador in Tanzania, Roberto Mengoni were present at this ceremony along with other important people from the local social and economic scene, involved on various levels in the world of disabilities.

In July the staff selection was made, the final choice being: 2 physiotherapists, 1 occupational therapist, 1 psychologist, 1 social assistant, 1 doctor and 15 community nurses. The planning for a territorial survey was initiated (contacting the authorities, distribution of information leaflets, working on preliminary disability evaluation records and methodology and contents of questionnaires etc.). From September 2017 the 10 chosen workers started working daily in the KILA SIKU CBR Centre. In the four areas of the KAWE quarter, 2 days of raising awareness were organised (the 7th and 9th of August 2017) known as screening days. These days had the aim of reaching the possible families or mothers of disabled children directly in the principal gathering places in the community. On the 26th August an agreement was signed with the construction company SKYWARDS to begin construction next month.