<u>Project Proposal –Vocational Training in Physiotherapy (PT) and Income</u> Generation for the blind Persons (Phase I)

BPA's School of Physiotherapy (PT):

BPA started its own school of PT for the blind, in 1982. It runs two-year certificate course and one-year advance diploma course, which are recognized by Dept. of Education, Gujarat. The course curriculum was developed on the pattern followed by the Royal National Institute for the Blind, UK. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowernment provided the initial support for purchase of the PT equipments.

15 to 20 students per year are admitted to the certificate course (minim. qualification SSC) that are granted the certificates by Secondary Education Board, Gujarat and are recognized by many state Govts, for employment in Govt. hospitals. Till date around 300 students have already passed out and are employed beneficially. The courses are run free of cost including lodging and boarding, teaching materials like cassettes and tape recorder, Braille papers and books etc.

The physiotherapy equipment is "Made in India" and by now is outmoded in its technology and effectiveness. The recent developments and research in physiotherapy has given rise to new generation equipments, which are more customer- friendly, more effective, and auto- programmable for various patients' needs.

The school employs 3 permanent staff and 8 visiting faculty from reputed hospitals and schools. They are specialist in non-physiotherapy fields like physiology, anatomy, cardiology, psychology, medicine, nursing, orthopedics and ortho-prosthetic etc.

Ever-increasing Role of Physiotherapy and Job Opportunities for the Blind Physiotherapist:

It is said that the job of a physiotherapist starts where the job of a medical doctors ends. Apart from the normal treatment and rehabilitation, PT also helps in prevention of secondary deformities. Physiotherapy improves mobility, health and reduces the risk of injuries. The following trends have substantially improved the role of physiotherapist in the modern society:

- A. With life span increasing, the aged and old people require constantly such services
- B. With the reluctance of qualified physiotherapist to go and serve in rural areas the blind physiotherapist have more opportunities in such location.
- C. There is an increase awareness for fitness among all age and genders
- D. Blind physiotherapists have a better feeling and psychological/ sympathetic aspects of treatment with the patients.
- E. There is a mushrooming growth of fitness centers, nursing home, sports club, rehabilitation center and community health centers with a physiotherapy unit.

Need for Up Gradation (Phase-I):

As mentioned earlier, the physiotherapy equipment installed in the school is outmoded, of old technology and not effective enough for the patients. The students learning and doing practice on these equipments find it very difficult to get employment in government hospitals and other reputed private clinics, which are equipped with latest and modern equipments.

The BPA School of physiotherapy has always been seeking to improve the quality of its education & the installed equipment to meet the expectations of the society in these modern times. The up- gradation of the PT equipment is our first step.

The total project involves high investments; it is therefore split into 2 phases spread over say two years. The 1st phase covers electric operated movement therapy table (Manumed 632), Stimulation & pain therapy equipment (Endomed 582 ID), and ultra sound equipment (Sonopuls 590). The 2nd phase will cover Traction unit (Eltrac 471), short wave diathermy unit (Curapulse 670)

Currently the starting salary of our graduated blind students (2 Yr certificate course) is about Rs.3000/ per month, and after 3 to 4 year experience gets about Rs.6000/-. With implementation of the said up gradation proposal, it is possible for them to get about 25% higher salary.

Project Objectives:

- 1. To upgrade the physiotherapy equipments and technology and resultant quality of education in physiotherapy.
- 2. To empower the candidates with better skills, capacity to earn more.
- 3. To facilitate easier employment for our blind physiotherapist in government hospital and reputed private clinics.

Category	Parameter Name	Data Provided by NGO						
Project 1 synopsis	Project name	Vocational training in Physiotherapy and Income generation for blind persons-Phase I						
2	Project description- Phase I	Purchasing and installing new technology PT equipments in PT school for the blind and thereby improving the quality of education, employment opportunities and earning levels. For detailed description see annexure-1						
3	Period of time for which funds are requested (in months)	4-6 months						
4	Total funding		Funding Type	Rupees	\$			
	needed for		Non-Recurring (Sr. no. 8)	8,50,740	19785			
	project in \$		Non-Recurring (Sr. no. 10)	50,000	1163			
			Total	9,00,740	20948			
			Recurring-1Yr (Sr.no. 9)	51,000	1186			
			Recurring-1Yr (Sr.no.11)	1,68,000	3907			
			Total	2,19,000	5093			
_	Decision (for the		Totals	11,19,740	26040			
5	Project funds sought from Ashraya (% of total funds)	Total non-recurring cost US\$ 20948 It is 80% of total project cost						
6	Other sources for funding (name the sources)	The total recurring expenses for the project are indirectly donated by well to do out door patients in kind. Also we have commitments from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to support for such costs.						
Funding details 7	Delineation of usage of funds	See below						
8	■ Direct							
	equipment to be disbursed	S.No. Equipments Description Function						
	to				IRS.			
	beneficiarie s (list the equipment)		1 Manumed 632 A universal movement therapy table 2 Endomed 582 ID For stimulation and pa			275660		
			Endomed 582 ID	For stimulation relief	291390			
		3	Sonopuls 590 with Accessories	For ultrasound therapy		283690		
		Total Amount 850						

9	■ Indirect										
3	equipment needed to		#	Descrip of Materi		Size	Capacity	Quant		Amoun (Rupees	
	provide service to		1	Accesso	ories	N/A	N/A			Included	t
	beneficiarie s (list the					IV/A	IN/A			machine	e
	equipment)							1000		30,000	
	for 1 year		2	Tape- recorder and cassette		Normal	N/A	casset 15 Tape record	tes -	15,000	
			3	Books, Braille papers etc		N/A	N/A	35 Se		6,000	
							Rupee			51,000	
10	■ Other near		Totals					Dolla	Dollars 118		
10	Other non- recurring expenditur							Amount Rupees)			
	e (list the items)	1 Installation cost incl. Cable, Electrical Distribution Boxes, etc							Nil		
		2 Related Office Furniture & Fixtures 5							50,000		
									Rup	ees	50,000
		Totals						Dollars 116		1163	
11	■ Recurring										
	expenditur e (annual)	# Description of Item Amo			Amour	nt (Rup	ees)	Fu	nding		
								y Annua		So (Y	ought ear 1)
			visit (exi	aries for t ting facult sting)	ty (11	nos)	33,000 ave.		6,000		Nil
		2	Salary for teacher (Additional requirements 1 No.)			7,500	90,000		90,000		
		3	Salaries for Assistants (existing)			10,000	1,20,000)	Nil	
			Overheads— Depreciation, Rent, Repairs, Electrical, Communication and Stationary etc.			6,500		3,000		8,000	
		Tota	ıls	_		Rupees	57,000		4,000		88,000
						Dollars	1326	1	5907	1	3907

12	Number of employees involved in project	 11 teachers / Visiting faculty (already existing) 1 physiotherapy teacher to recruit 4 assistants (already existing)
13	 Qualificatio ns of employees in project 	 11 Qualified and specialist (Graduates and post graduates in medical and Para medical sciences) The two-year certificate and one year diploma courses in PT are run under State Education Board, Gujarat and are recognized by various state governments.
14	 Transportat ion (types and number of occurrence s) 	Not applicable
15	Other costs (specify)	None
16	Sources for purchase of direct equipment	M/s Hospimedica International Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi – dealers for M/s Enraf Nonius B.V.,Netherlands
17	Sources for purchase of indirect equipment	Accessories included along with machine from machine supplier i.e. Hospimedica International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi Others from local suppliers
Project applicabilit y18	Number of beneficiaries being affected by project	 15 to 20 blind/low vision candidates per year for two year certificate course 20 blind/low vision candidates for one year diploma course
19	Criteria used to select beneficiaries (list them)	Minm. Qualification SSC, blind or low vision, admission all India basis with 50% seats for Gujarat Minm. Qualification for Diploma is Certificate course
20	Main problem being solved or addressed by project	The blind graduates in PT are empowered with added skills to treat patients on latest technology PT equipment. This would facilitate easier employment in Govt. hospitals & other reputed clinics and earn more.
21	Geographical domain of applicability (list the states)	All India
22	Median yearly income of beneficiaries, in Rupees	Below Rs.50, 000/- Per Year (average)

23	Revenue							
	generation	# Sale Item	# Of	Amount (Rupees)				
	opportunities		Per	Per	Monthly	Annual		
	created (list the opportunities		job	Month				
	with potential in	1 Treatment of OPD	Nil	10 to12	Nil	Nil		
	Rupees per	Total Revenues (Potentia	New	Nil	Nil			
	year)	Total Revenues (Potentia	Rupees Dollars	Nil	Nil			
	,	Note: - As per BPA's policy to serve the disabled persons, Outdoor Patients for physiotherapy are treated free of cost, irrespective of their financial capacity. We observed that many of the well to do patients contribute by donating teaching materials, cassettes and tape-recorders for the blind students.						
24	Income generation			Manthly	Annual	_		
	opportunities			Monthly	Annual			
	created (list the	Rupees	4000	48000	_			
	opportunities with potential in	Dollars	93	1116				
	Rs. per year)	The Opportunities thus created provide bread & butter earning possibilities for the blind PT graduates. They stand better chances to get jobs in Govt. hospitals & other reputed hospitals and clinics in urban areas						
Future potential 25	Future investments needed (\$ by year)	Phase-II next year 2006-07. Approximate cost US\$ 24700						
26	Usage of future funds	Electric traction unit Eltra 471 (Rs.5,23,000= US\$ 12163) Short wave Diathermy Unit Curapulse 670 (Rs.5,39,000= US\$ 12535)						
27	Applicability to other geographical areas (state Yes or No)	N/A.	·			,		
Monitoring 28	Suggested methods of monitoring funds usage	Purchase Invoices, Goods in students enrolled/passed, Salar			os of install	ation, lists of		
29	Periodicity of reports (in months)	Half-yearly						