

Emergency Wheelchair Services

For individuals and organisations aiming to develop appropriate wheelchair services in emergency response situations.

Course overview

The aim of this two-day workshop is to provide an overview of the challenges and solutions for wheelchair provision; including how to set up and run wheelchair services in an emergency response situation.

Resources

A range of wheelchair service tools and handouts will be made available to the participants in hard and soft copy

Learning Outcomes

Day 1 (same as Wheelchair Services in low Income Countries course)

Day 2

Participants will be able to:

- List the 8 steps of a wheelchair service and explain considerations for each step in emergency response situations
- Explain strategies for transition from emergency to long-term service provision
- List key prescription safety tips for common user groups in disaster situations
- Explain how to use 5 key wheelchair service tools, covering planning, implementation and evaluation
- Outline how to provide awareness raising for government level decision makers for appropriate wheelchair provision as per WHO guidelines
- Demonstrate basic mobility skills including assisting users up/down steps, slopes and over rough ground
- Demonstrate essential wheelchair maintenance required for wheelchair users
- Demonstrate essential fitting techniques for emergency basic level service provision

Course Outline

Day 1

(Wheelchair Services in low Income Countries Course)

Day 2

09.00 – 09.30

Introduction to course

09.30 – 10.30

Wheelchair service steps in emergency situations

- Logistic issues at each step
- Service provision differences between temporary and permanent wheelchair users at each step
- Recommendations for service roll-out

10.30 – 11.00

Transition from emergency to long-term service provision

- Service facilities and infrastructure changes
- Realistic timetabling
- Follow up of existing clients
- Different service levels and staff training needs
- Access to a range of appropriate mobility products

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00

Emergency wheelchair service tools

- Explanation of planning, implementation and monitoring tools

12.00 – 12.45

Awareness raising for appropriate wheelchair provision

- Stakeholder meetings/working groups
- Use of guidelines and standards
- Data collection

12.45 – 13.45

Lunch

13.45 – 14.45

Mobility skills

- Independent mobility over rough ground and up and down slopes
- Assisted mobility over rough ground, up and down slopes and steps

14.45 – 15.00

Wheelchair maintenance

- Demonstration of home maintenance activities

15.00 – 15.15

Tea break

15.15 – 16.15

Assessment and fitting techniques practical

16.15 – 16.25

Questions

16.25 – 16.30

Evaluation and Close