

## Wheelchair Services in Low-Income Countries

For individuals and organisations aiming to develop appropriate wheelchair services in low-income countries.

### Course overview

The aim of the workshop is to provide an overview of wheelchair provision in less resourced settings, covering the three main areas of products, services and training. This will enable participants to establish or enhance basic level wheelchair services (as defined by WHO 'Guidelines on the provision of Manual Wheelchairs in less resourced settings').

### Learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Use an assessment tool to evaluate an appropriate wheelchair
- List the advantages and disadvantages of a range of wheelchair products available in less resourced settings
- Explain five simple modifications to improve basic wheelchairs and cushions
- Describe the Motivation recommended service process and explain four key fitting techniques
- Describe two key health issues and management for a broad range of wheelchair users
- Describe three key access issues and management for a broad range of wheelchair users

## Course Outline

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction and welcome
09:45 – 09:55	Motivation Charitable Trust
09:55 – 11:10	Overview of appropriate wheelchair products around the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental / lifestyle / cost issues</li> <li>• Advantages / disadvantages of a range of available wheelchair designs</li> <li>• Evaluating available wheelchairs</li> </ul>
11.10 – 11:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.25 – 12.30	Basic wheelchair modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivation locally made cushion range</li> <li>• Adapting orthopaedic / hospital transfer wheelchairs</li> <li>• Locally available materials</li> <li>• Examples of modifications</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:10	Wheelchair Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of different wheelchair provision approaches</li> <li>• Introduction to Motivation assessment and fitting guide</li> <li>• Demonstration of Motivation assessment and fitting techniques</li> <li>• Explanation of supporting assessment and fitting documentation</li> <li>• Access issues – toileting / buildings / mobility skills</li> </ul>
15:10 – 15:25	<i>Tea break</i>
15:25 – 15:55	Health issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure sores and skin checking</li> <li>• Bladder and bowel management</li> </ul>
15:55 – 16:15	Training Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of training documents and resources</li> </ul>
16:15 – 16:30	Questions
16:30 – 16:40	Evaluation
16:40 – 16:45	Next Steps