function after an impairment is acquired) and recreation should be provided free of charge and be consistent with promoting the fullest possible social integration and individual development of the child, including cultural and spiritual development. Such measures can promote inclusion in society, in the spirit of Article 23 of the CRC, which states that a child with a disability “should enjoy a full and decent life, in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child’s active participation in the community.”

States parties to the CRPD have obligated themselves to take action to eliminate discrimination against children with disabilities and to make their inclusion in society a priority. Comprehensive national strategies with measurable outcomes will make it more likely for all children to realize their rights. International cooperation and exchange of information and technical assistance – including advances in teaching or community-based approaches to early intervention – could further these aims. Development assistance programmes focusing on children can help by taking into account the needs of children with disabilities and their families, particularly in low-income settings where systems to protect and promote the rights of children with disabilities may be weak.

Services for children with disabilities are delivered by a range of government and non-governmental institutions. Appropriate multi-sectoral coordination involving family members would help to avoid gaps in provision and should be attuned to changes in the child’s capacities and needs as she or he grows and experiences life.

**Community-based rehabilitation**

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) programmes are designed and run by local communities. CBR seeks to ensure that people with

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**CBR MATRIX**

- **HEALTH**
  - PROMOTION
  - PREVENTION
  - MEDICAL CARE
  - REHABILITATION
  - ASSISTIVE DEVICES

- **EDUCATION**
  - EARLY CHILDHOOD
  - PRIMARY
  - SECONDARY & HIGHER
  - NON-FORMAL
  - LIFELONG LEARNING

- **LIVELIHOOD**
  - SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
  - SELF-EMPLOYMENT
  - WAGE EMPLOYMENT
  - FINANCIAL SERVICES
  - SOCIAL PROTECTION

- **SOCIAL**
  - PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
  - RELATIONSHIPS MARRIAGE & FAMILY
  - CULTURE & ARTS
  - RECREATION, LEISURE & SPORTS
  - SOCIAL PROTECTION

- **EMPOWERMENT**
  - ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATION
  - COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
  - POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
  - SELF-HELP GROUPS
  - RECREATION, LEISURE & SPORTS

*Source: World Health Organization.*