Promoting Disability Rights

Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation

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The logo is in tune with the concepts referred to in the Vision, Mission and General Objective of the **Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation** (CBRF).

The three human figures represent the community (figure in brown), persons with disability (figure in yellow) and Human Rights (figure in blue).

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to form Disabled People’s Organizations and access their rights through collective action – to work hand in hand with the other members of the community and with Government authorities. The hands of the figures are joined together to depict this mutual support within the community, in view of promoting an equitable society where human rights and dignity are respected. The hands are raised to signify achievement through action. The overall body language of the figures reflects the sense of confidence and freedom through this group process.
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We Move Towards..

Our Vision:
The vision of Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation (CBRF) is of an equitable world where the rights and dignity of Persons with Disability are realized and where they participate fully and effectively in society, leading to a good quality of life.

Our purpose:
The purpose of CBRF is to work with Persons with Disabilities (P WDs), their families, communities, organizations and institutions for their empowerment and inclusion in society by facilitating Disabled People’s Organizations (DPOs) and networking at local, national and international levels to address the gaps that exist at various levels.

Our priority groups among persons with disabilities are:

• Poorest of the poor in unreached rural or urban areas
• People with multiple and severe disabilities
• Children and women with disabilities
Dear Friends and co-travelers,

We are proud and humbled at the same time, to present the first Annual Report of the Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation (CBRF). This organization registered as a Society on 19 January 2011 at Delhi, has been visualized and awaited since several years. There have been detailed deliberations among the team, governing body, funders and other well-wisher groups of CBR Forum, which convinced us, both of the need for becoming an autonomous body and also of the trust placed on us.

I would like to put on record and as an ongoing reminder from the governing body, that CBRF has come into existence to further the voice and leadership of the poor disabled persons in the country. We believe their strong voice and leadership will be the motive force towards ‘a just and equitable and dignified society’ envisioned by our Organisation. The Memorandum of the Association has ensured, significant built in representation in the governing body, from disabled persons, female gender, diverse regions and also of two allied institutions to enable this journey.

Our immediate focus after the registration has been, on building in the systems for statutory accountability, as also for strengthening the competence of the organizational systems. We are also in the process of articulating our policies and procedures, in all the spheres of our involvement, keeping the focus on the empowerment of the most marginalized disabled persons. Experts from various disciplines are helping us in this endeavor. We expect affirmative policies and practices in partner organizations joining us in this collective journey. Our strategic directions will continue to be built upon the good practices of CBR Forum over the last one and a half decades.

I conclude, expressing gratitude from the governing body, to the various constituents of our partnership, namely - NGO partners, disabled people’s organizations (DPOs), the three training institutions, resource persons as well as the secretariat team. We also express appreciation to our steadfast funding partners. We step ahead into the future, confident in the guiding light of the Almighty leading our paths.

Sincerely,
Mani Kalliath
Dear friends,

CBR Forum has been operating as a project of Caritas India since 1996. It has worked extensively for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in various parts of the country. In the last year it has been working with over 50,000 persons with disabilities, building their capacities to attain their rights. The Forum got itself registered as a new Society and acquired a new name Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation (in short called CBRF) on 19 January 2011.

CBRF is today in the process of formulating plans to work with leaders of Disabled People’s Organizations (DPOs). It hopes to build the capacities of these persons with disabilities: to understand the UNCRPD and to collaborate with the concerned authorities in view of ensuring that their rights are realized.

In view of realizing the above, the new Foundation also desires to create replicable models which it hopes others will emulate. Two such models it has in mind are:

1. The “District Level Initiative” – a model wherein 7 to 8 partners work in cohesion with DPOs to bring about essential systemic change at District level to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are realized and

2. The “Mainstreaming” model, wherein persons with disability are mainstreamed in existing programmes of the NGO partner in view of ensuring that they become part of everyday life.

It is with the above desire that CBRF intends to explore and commence partnerships over the next year with selected NGOs across the country.

As CBRF embarks on this journey, it is confident that its vision: “of an equitable world where the rights and dignity of Persons with Disability are realized and where they participate fully and effectively in society, leading to a good quality of life” will be realized by PWDs themselves.

Together with them, we look forward to a society that respects the rights of PWDs!

Mr. Nicholas Guia Rebelo
Registration of New Society:
The society was registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 as Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation (in short CBRF) on 19 January 2011. The new society has its registered office located at Caritas India, CBCI Centre, 1, Ashok Place, Goledakkhana, New Delhi 110 001 and its administrative office at No. 14, C. K Garden, Wheeler’s Road Extension, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore 560 084. The prime aim and purpose of the society is to work with Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), their families, communities, organizations and institutions for their empowerment and inclusion in society by facilitating Disabled People’s Organizations (DPOs) and networking at local, national and international levels to address the gaps that exist at various levels.

Board meetings:
The General Body of Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation consists of 15 members and meets once a year. Ten of these form the Governing Body which meets thrice a year.

Formation of sub - Committees:
The Governing Body has set up some sub - committees, comprising of experts in different fields, to set in place appropriate systems for the efficient functioning of CBRF.
## Finances

Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation  
Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2011

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period  
ended March 31, 2011

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DATE: 07.06.2011  
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Chartered Accountants  
B. ISSAC  
Partner
Main events of the Year 2011 -2012

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| **June 2011** | • Board Meeting of CBRF  
• Training of new Resource Persons |
| **August 2011** | • Orientation Workshop for the new Mainstreaming Partners |
| **October 2011** | • Commencement of process of capacity building of the DPO(Disabled People’s Organization) leaders  
• Assessment of new MS programmes |
| **November 2011** | • Board Meeting of CBRF |
| **December 2011** | • Project Management Workshop for new Mainstreaming Partners  
• Developing a syllabus for DLI and MS along with the Trainers |
| **January 2012** | • Project Management Workshop for new DLI Partners |
| **February 2012** | • Board Meeting of CBRF |
Persons Behind the Scene

Collective action for Basic Rights Foundation (CBRF) was registered in 2011. Today, CBRF has two institutional members and 13 other members on its General Body. Of these, 10 form the Governing Body. The General Body meets once a year while the Governing Body meets thrice a year.

General Body and Governing Body Members:

President:
Dr. Mani Kalliath, Director Programs, Basic Needs India, Bangalore.

Vice President:
Dr. Kurian Zachariah, Head of PMR Department, St. John’s Medical College & Hospital, Bangalore.

Secretary:
Ms. Christy Abraham, International Theme Manager-HIV and AIDS-ActionAid International.

Treasurer:
Rev. Fr. Frederick D’Souza, Deputy Executive Director, Caritas India, Delhi.

Other Members:
- Most Rev. Bishop Gerald Almeida, CBCI.
- Sr. Merly Tom Kizhakayil, Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre, Shillong.
- Ms. Ketaki Bardalai, Executive Director, Foundation for Social Transformation, Assam.
- Mr. Muntha Pavan Kumar, General Secretary, Swadhikaar, Andhra Pradesh.
- Dr. Sangita Agarwal, Founder General Secretary of Shubham, Bihar.
- Ms. Bhargavi, V. Davar, Director, Centre for Advocacy in Mental Health, Maharashtra.
- Ms. Selvi P, Advocate, Chennai.
- Dr. D. K. Manavalan, IAS (Retd), Executive Director, Action for Food Production (AFPRO), New Delhi.
- Ms. Jayashree Ravindran, Executive Director, Ability Foundation, Chennai.
- Ms. Radhika Alkazi, Managing Trustee, ASTHA, New Delhi.
- Ms. Jaya Peter, Consultant, Madhya Pradesh.
“Never bend your Head, Hold it High look the World Straight in the eye”

Helen Keller
(US deaf & blind educator -1880 -1968)