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Comprehensive Library and information service model for the blind and partially sighted: A collaborative approach.



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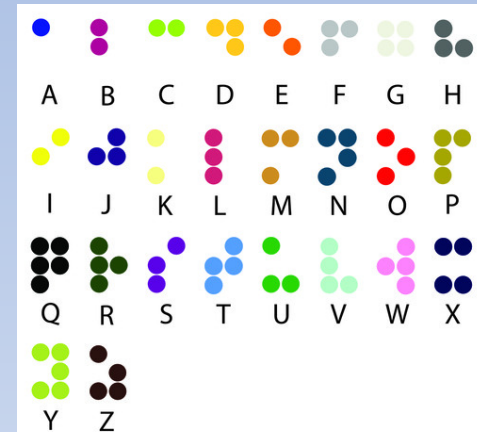
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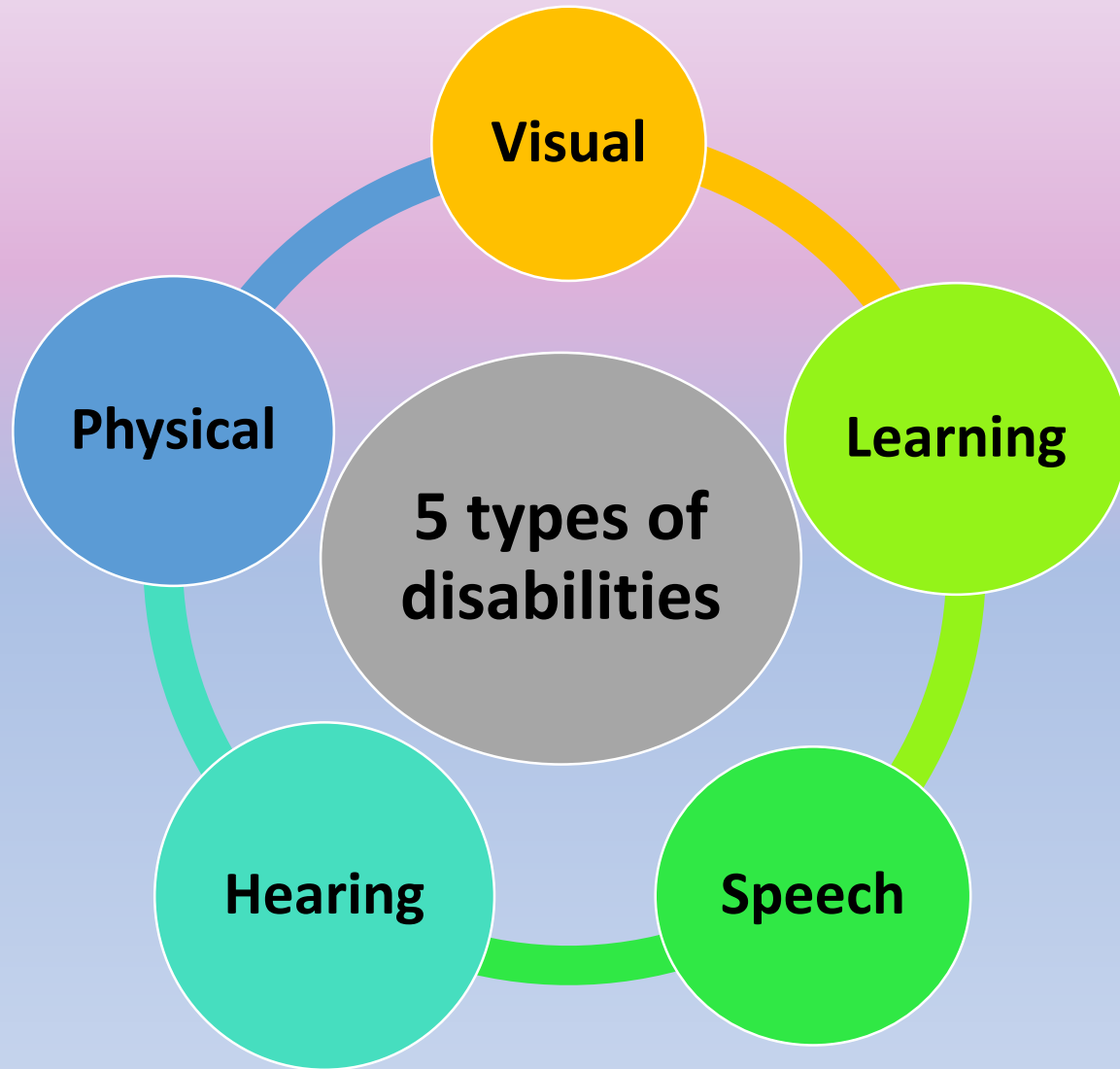


Background

- ❑ This project is based on envisaged partnership approach in 2017, to overcome challenges faced by the NWU and surrounding NWU campuses.
- ❑ Proposal was compiled; approved by LIS management, internal and external stakeholders.
- ❑ Partnership was established in 2018 through SASOL community trust sponsorship.
- ❑ The tripartite MOU was signed in October 2018.
- ❑ Stakeholders engagement materialised in November 2018 for planning.
- ❑ With the aim of addressing the needs of the visually impaired.



Background



Project Objectives.

- ❑ Contribute to new knowledge generation and capacity building enablement over time.
- ❑ Maximise efficient use of existing infrastructure.
- ❑ Share resources and expertise that would result in fully independent persons.
- ❑ Contribute to skills development to effect professional growth and personal development.
- ❑ Support and enhance existing provincial information literacy.

Problem Statement.

- ❑ Identify and address barriers and challenges for VI society.
- ❑ Establishment of libraries for the VI society.
- ❑ Identify basic information literacy needs for VI.
- ❑ Lack of training establishments facilities.
- ❑ Lack of VI awareness support.



Methodology

- ❑ 24 community libraries were sampled for piloting.
- ❑ Feasibility study conducted using the following sources:
 - ✓ Statistics SA infographics.
 - ✓ SALB users database.
 - ✓ IFLA checklist.
- ❑ An observation checklist revealed a need of an intervention in service provision.
- ❑ Compliance with legislative guides regarding IL.
 - ✓ Constitution
 - ✓ Bill of rights.
 - ✓ White paper 2006,2010.
 - ✓ SALB Act.
 - ✓ Promotion of access to information act.



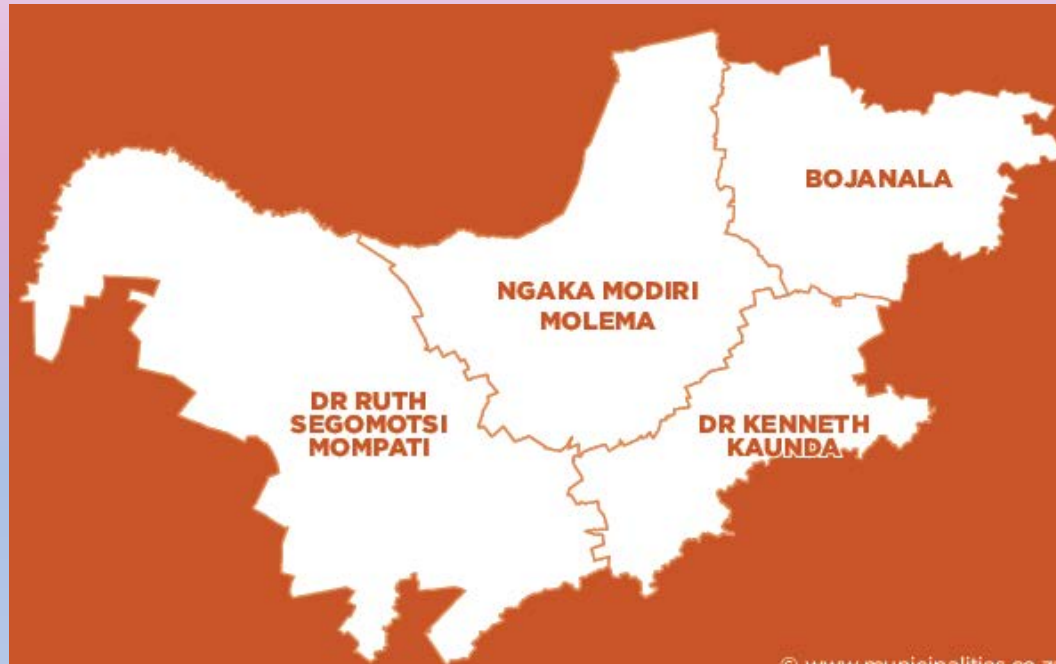
North West VI library statistics.

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- Boitekong 1
- Koster. 10
- Letlhabile 10
- Mogwase 14
- Mphebotho and
- Papintjana 45
- Rustenburg 18
- Swartreguns 20

NGAKA MM. DM:5

- Boikhutso 0
- Khunwana10
- Mahikeng 40+
- Setlagole35
- Zeerust 4
- Letsopa 30



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DR KENNETH K. DM:124

DR RUTH SM. DM:36

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- Ipeleng 11
- Jouberton 40
- Klerksdorp20
- Tshing 6
- Wolmaranstad 11

DR RUTH SM. DM:6

- Christiana 4
- Ipelegeng 14
- Morokweng0
- Pudumoe5
- Taung4
- Vryburg 5

Approach.



Purpose of VI mini library.

- To make community libraries in the North West Province accessible to VI's.
- To train identified community library officials on VI services.
- Mobilising and enrolment of VI patrons.



Findings.

- ❑ Limited services for Patrons.
- ❑ Affordability of assistive devices.
- ❑ Compromised level of literacy.
- ❑ Outdated assistive devices and curriculum in special schools.
- ❑ Ignorance of services available and support for VI.
- ❑ Social factor (Behaviour, living conditions, communication).
- ❑ Psychological factors (attitude).

Implications.

- ❑ Promotion of service and available support.
- ❑ Sensitization of the society on how to interact with the VI's.
- ❑ Need for training of staff in various types of libraries.
- ❑ Integration of library functions to cater for all societal groups.
- ❑ Promotion of social cohesion through inclusive reading (NDP).
- ❑ Exposure of visually impaired society to latest ICT resources.

Usefulness of the project.

- ❑ Involved and informed society.
- ❑ Improved levels of literacy.
- ❑ Enhanced VI service points.
- ❑ Retrain users and staff on ICT and IL developments.
- ❑ Sustainability-
 - ✓ Through sites monitoring and support.
 - ✓ Procurement of latest assistive devices.
 - ✓ Continuous awareness creation to communities.
 - ✓ Knowledge generation through research.

THANK YOU

