

RESPOND – HER

Report on

- Capacity building and exchange measures
- Workshop on CBR at AAU

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Duration: 14th of May until 25th of May 2012

Summarized schedule of the visit

Week 1	
Common Adaption and Refinement of Schedule Preparation of Presentations and Exchange on Qualitative Research Methods <u>Wednesday, May 16th 2012</u> Two presentations and exchange on qualitative research methods: Tobias Buchner The Quali-TYDES Project. Qualitative Life Course Research: concepts, opportunities and challenges for intercultural issues. Michelle Proyer Introducing Grounded Theory – Examples for its Application and Analysis from the International Research Project CLASDISA. Number of Participants: about 40	
Week 2	
Monday, 21 st of May 2012	Preparation of the Workshop on CBR
Tuesday, 22 nd of May 2012	Workshop: “Assessment of Professional Needs of CBR Organizations” Number of Participants: about 32
Wednesday, 23 rd of May 2012	Public Lectures: Tobias Buchner: Qualitative Tracking of Young Disabled Persons in Different European States Michelle Proyer: Classifications of Disabilities in the Field of Education in Different Cultural and Societal Contexts - Insights into Field Research and Preliminary Findings Number of Participants: about 20
Thursday, 24 th of May 2012	Finishing documentation on visit and CBR – Workshop

Detailed Report on Activities

Lectures on Qualitative Research

Wednesday, May 16th 2012 at 9am, Nelson Mandela Building, Room 209, AAU

As teaching and qualification at AAU mainly focuses on quantitative or mixed methods research we were asked to share our experiences with qualitative research. Forty students and staff members participated in our lectures on qualitative research methods. We chose to present the Life Course Approach and Grounded Theory from both a theoretical as well as practical perspective by giving insights into our current research projects CLASDISA and Quali-TYDES.

After the two lectures we had a very lively discussion on intercultural issues concerning the Life Course Approach as well as problems related to the application of Grounded Theory within complex research designs.



CBR – Workshop

Tuesday, May 22nd 2012 at 9am, Nelson Mandela Building, Room 209, AAU

See *Program of the Workshop* and *Minutes* for details.

Assessing the professional needs of CBR organizations, we invited four different groups of stakeholders:

- CBR coordinators
- Parents of children with disabilities using CBR
- Persons with disabilities/ DPOs
- Community Rehabilitation Workers (CRWs)

More than 30 participants from all over Addis Ababa and a few from outside the capital (together around 10 different organizations) joined the workshop that was opened by Professor Tirussew Teferra and moderated by Yirgashewa Bekele and Dr. Alemayehu Teklemariam Haye.

After introducing the aims of the workshop, we asked participants to discuss the following issues in four groups:

- Good practice in CBR
- Challenges faced

- Ideas for solutions



Group of Parents



Group of CRWs

During the discussion session it became clear that this workshop served a very important purpose: Everybody seemed eager to exchange and was looking for a platform to discuss problems faced in the field of CBR.

After a break every group presented their findings which were discussed thoroughly. The opportunities academically based (further) education could provide, were raised as one of the core discussion points.

Public Lectures on Quali-TYDES and CLASDISA

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Following our presentations of the methodological backgrounds of current research activities on May, 16th 2012 we invited interested students and staff members to get to know more about the projects themselves.

After presenting preliminary results from CLASDISA and Quali-TYDES we engaged in a very interesting discussion with an audience of around 20 persons. All in all this session lasted around 3,5 hours without break (!).

Remarks:

- Excellent cooperation between the staff of AAU and AV (special thanks to Dr. Alemayehu, Belay, Yirga, Moges and Tilahun)
- Due to lack of time we were not able to visit any CBR organizations

Further Ideas on Cooperative Measures

- Follow Up Workshop on CBR: Focusing on one group of stakeholders and/or including organizations from outside Addis/rural areas
- Follow Up on lecture on qualitative research methods: Workshop on qualitative research materials from the projects CLASDISA/Quali-TYDES
- Visit of CBR organizations
- Compiling all BA/MA/PhD Thesis' on CBR

'Further Activities'



Enjoying our time with colleagues from AAU and wonderful Ethiopian food!!