NECIC
http://www.necicmalaysia.org

7th National Early Childhood Intervention Conference
• Child • Family • Community
✉ necic2018@gmail.com 🌐 www.necicmalaysia.org

Engaging local community to make the rights to inclusion real

Presented by

Pauline Wong

Email add: paulinewong@malaysiancare.org

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Community definition…

Paul Spicker (1995) defined community as:

'a **group of people** linked by common characteristics or **culture**; a group of people linked through **social relationships**, people living in a confined **geographical** area; people who share a set of **common interests**.'

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Community definition…

George Hillary (1955) viewpoints of community definition was…

'at the core function and existence of community is *PEOPLE*. How *people act and engage* with one another defines both the **type of community**, how **strong** and how **effective** that community is.'

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

1
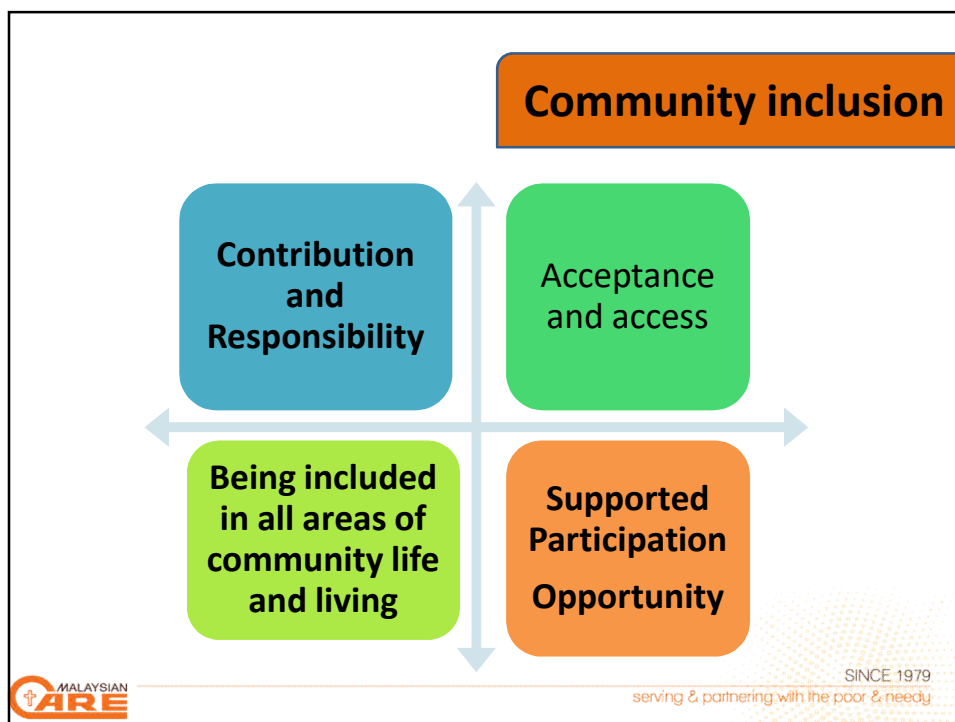Disability is both a cause and consequence of poverty

2
About 80% of the world's population of people with disability live in low income countries & experience social and economic disadvantages and denial of rights.

3
Most of the developmental initiatives ignore the NEED of people with disability in the community
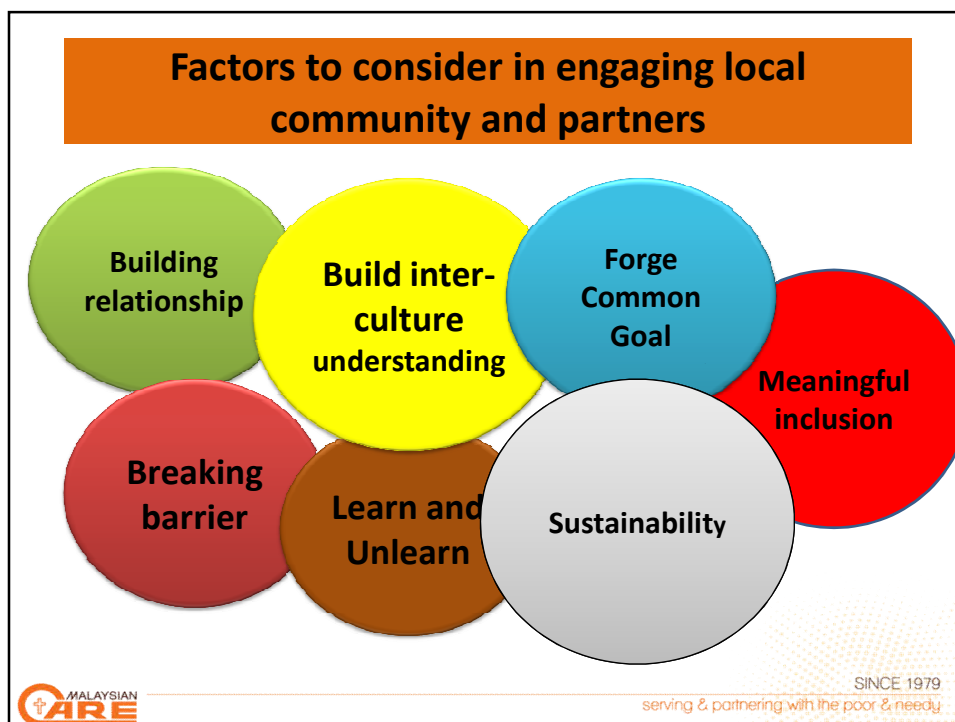
World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation

4

Community inclusion

Contribution and Responsibility	Acceptance and access
Being included in all areas of community life and living	**Supported Participation Opportunity**

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

What we want to see…

Local community is *empowered* to remove barriers for people with disabilities and their families, and *play an active role* in facilitating the *inclusion* of people with disabilities and their families in *community activities*.

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Factors to consider in engaging local community and partners

Building relationship

Build inter-culture understanding

Forge Common Goal

Meaningful inclusion

Breaking barrier

Learn and Unlearn

Sustainability

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979

serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Three Cups of Tea

2006, Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin

"The *first time* you share tea with a Balti, you are a stranger.

The *second time* you take tea, you are an honored guest.

The *third time* you share a cup of tea, you become family, and for our family, we are prepared to do anything, even die."
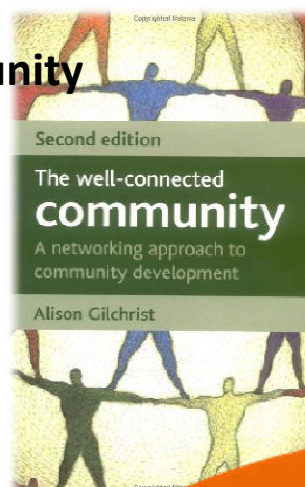
Haji Ali

The Well-Connected Community
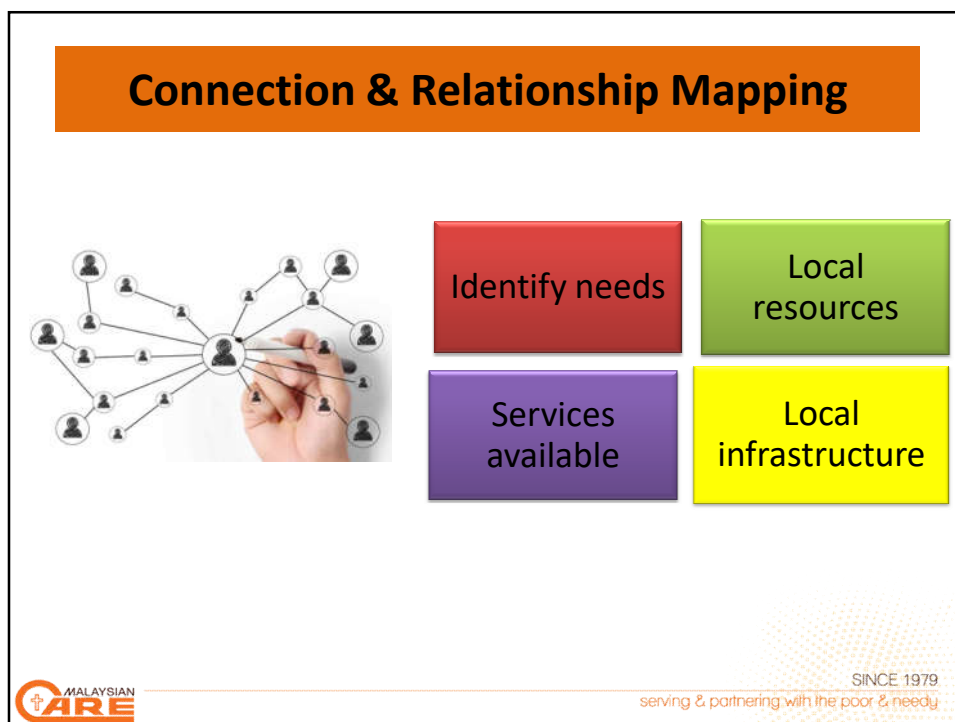
2009, Alison Gilchrist

The concept of collective efficacy has been developed as a way of explaining the shared belief that working together people can change their situations and challenge injustice.

Second edition

The well-connected **community**

A networking approach to community development

Alison Gilchrist

Relationship = respect, inclusiveness, participation, well-being

---

Process

Identify Community Contact point

Community Engagement

Programmes Bumblebee World Play Day Youth activities

Community Participation **Community Organisation**

Services / programs needed

Journey and Equip partners and community

Relationships Building

Needs Identification

Partnership and Intervention

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Key Focus

Need Assessment

Community Participation

Community Empowerment

Community selection

Next Step

Project implementation

Community Engagement

Connection & Relationship Mapping

Identify needs

Local resources

Services available

Local infrastructure

Create a Culture of Collaboration

One person…Can make a point

Two persons…Can draw a line

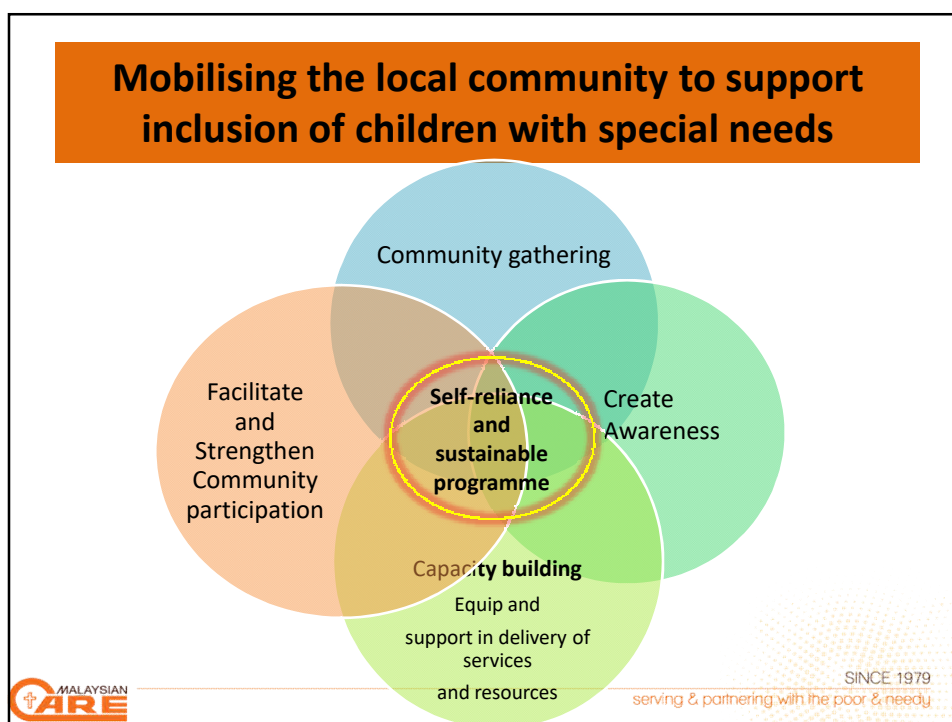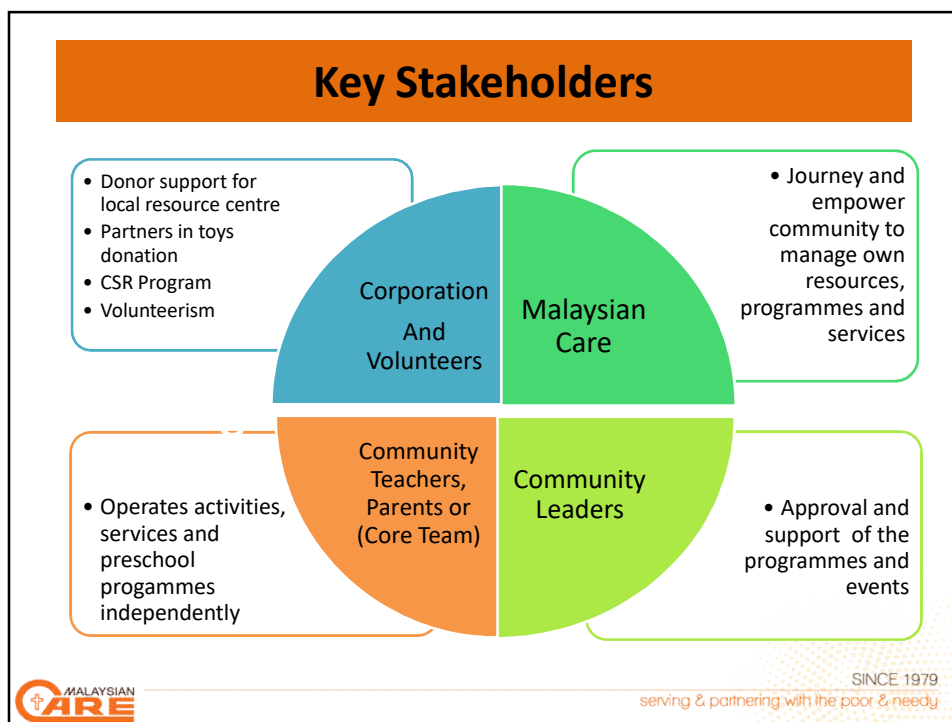**Three persons…Can create a space**

MALAYSIAN CARE
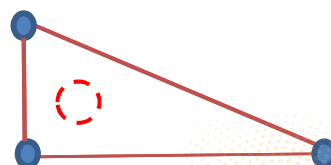
SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Partnership the Key Stakeholders: (local community and local partners)

Community Engagement & Collaboration

project developer
service provider
private business man
NGO
community
local authorities

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Key Stakeholders

- Donor support for local resource centre
- Partners in toys donation
- CSR Program
- Volunteerism

Corporation And Volunteers

Malaysian Care

- Journey and empower community to manage own resources, programmes and services

Community Teachers, Parents or (Core Team)

Community Leaders

- Operates activities, services and preschool progammes independently

- Approval and support of the programmes and events

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Mobilising the local community to support inclusion of children with special needs

Community gathering

Facilitate and Strengthen Community participation

Self-reliance and sustainable programme

Create Awareness

Capacity building

Equip and support in delivery of services and resources

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Ideas to engage community and partners

Bumblebee- Mobile Toy Library

World Play Day

Inclusive Preschool Project

Community gathering

Mobile Toy Library

Bumblebee
Mobile Community Centre
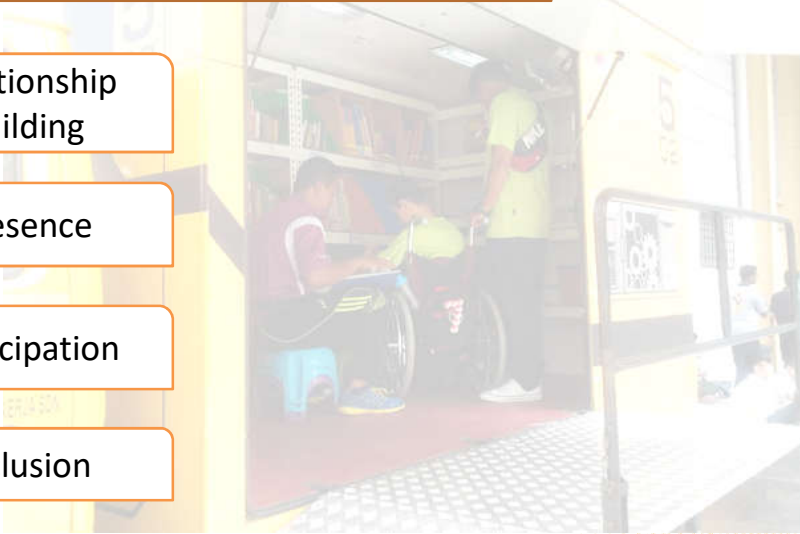

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

19

Bumblebee – Mobile Toy Library

Relationship Building

Presence

Participation

Inclusion

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Create Awareness

Create Disability Awareness talk organised by the key person in the community, partner with Malaysian Care and other stakeholders e.g. Government / NGO
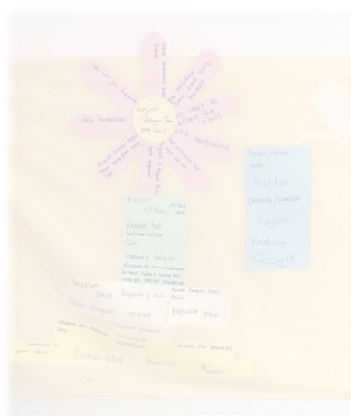
SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Community -Capacity Skills Building

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Community Participation

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Bumblebee – Mobile Toy Library

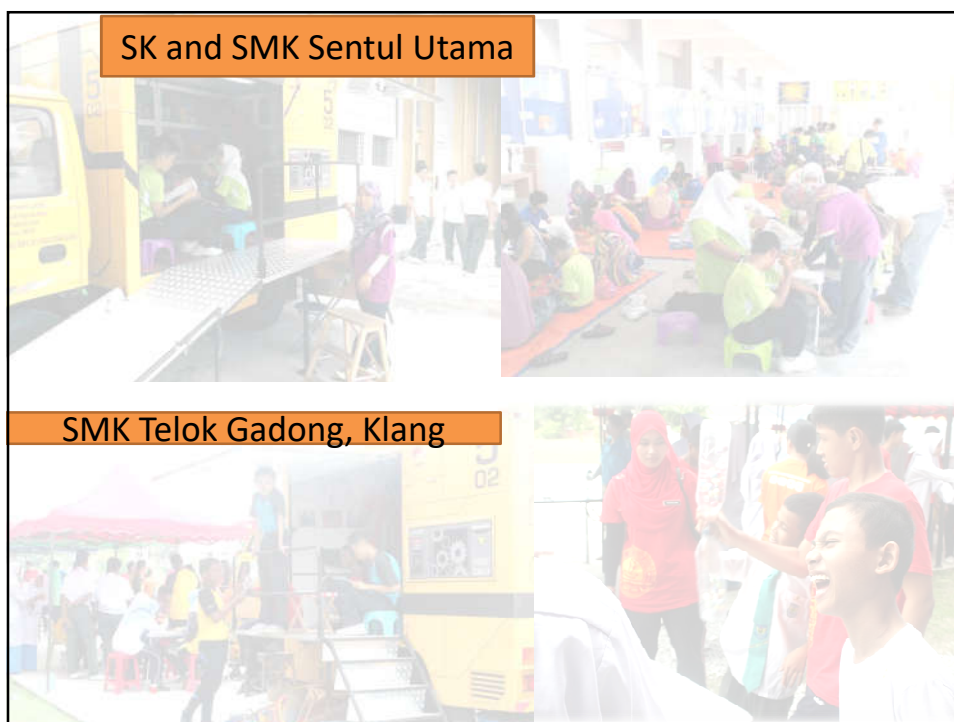- Low Cost Flats
- Squatters
- Villages
- Schools

Urban setting

- **Learn through Play**
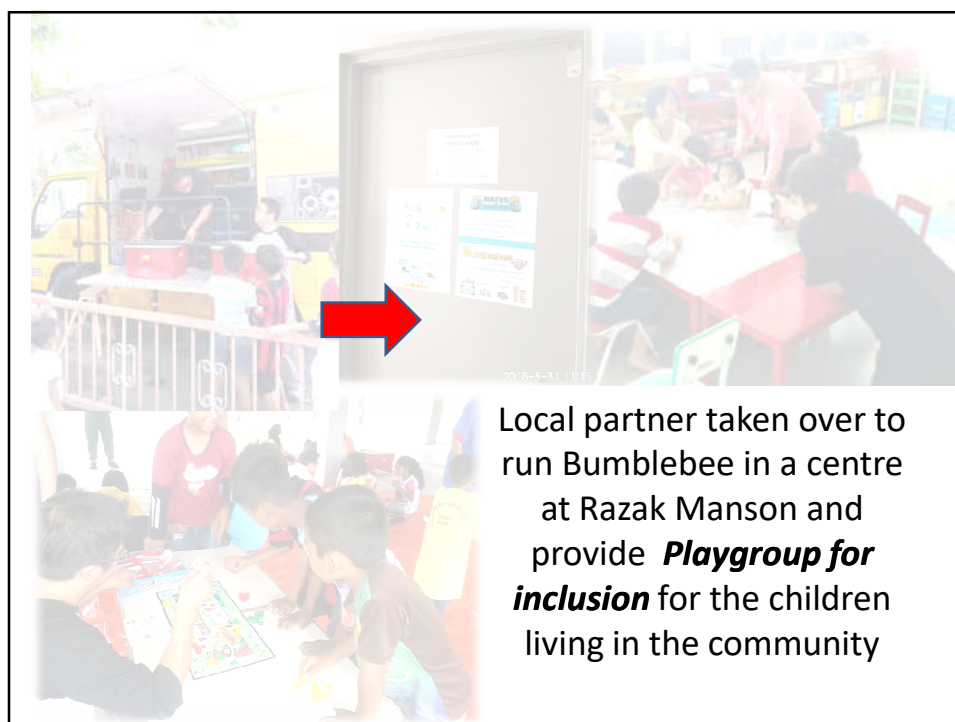- **Connecting with the community**
- **Inclusion**
- **Have Fun**

To the community

Rural setting

Create Inclusion through Play

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

SK and SMK Sentul Utama

SMK Telok Gadong, Klang

At Bumblebee, a little girl, turned her head to her mom with a *joyful smiling face* after completed putting back the colour blocks onto the wooden truck.

Local partner taken over to run Bumblebee in a centre at Razak Manson and provide *Playgroup for inclusion* for the children living in the community

World Play Day 2018

WORLD PLAY DAY
9 Jun 2018
Kota Marudu

More than 300 families, teachers from different cmmunities and 500 children participated included children with special needs

Community Participation with key partners
- Local Ketua Kampung
- Local Preschools
- Unicef
- Other NGO

More than 300 residents attended
About 260 children included children with special needs

Partner with the local community leader
Create Disability Awareness Talk

Model of *Community partnership* for inclusion in rural poor services

Family, Preschool and Community

- Family: 3 children (1 Child with Spinal Bifida, 2nd child – typical and 3rd child with Autism)
- Identify **one key person** in the community
- Connect with the preschool teachers
- Build relationship with the community
- Collaborate with the local preschool and community to assist this family
- Capacity Building – train the local preschool teacher to include children with special needs

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

Model *Community Support* for one family with 3 children with Cerebral Palsy in a rural poor area

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

MALAYSIAN CARE

Possible challenges in community mobilisation

- Not a straightforward process
- Need time - take years
- Skills to managing group dynamics
- Other issues

SINCE 1979
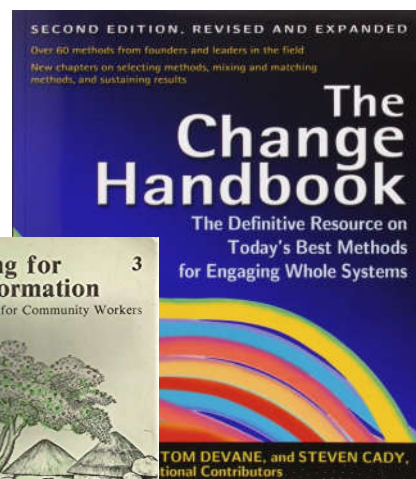serving & partnering with the poor & needy
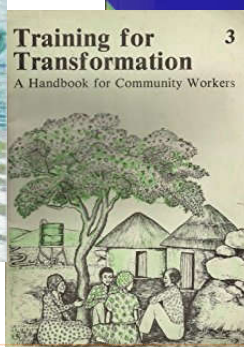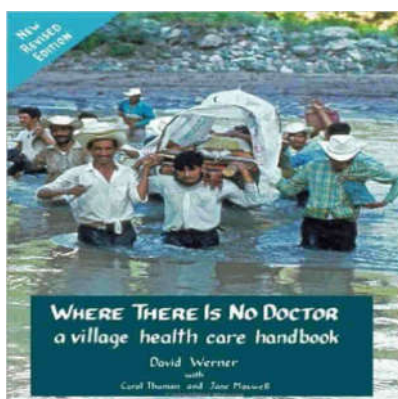
MALAYSIAN CARE

Outcome

- Share local knowledge and resources
- Local ownership
- Self-reliance among community members
- Trust and partnership
- Capacity building skills – address own issues
- Sustainable and last longer and bring long-term benefits to the community.

MALAYSIAN CARE

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy

MALAYSIAN CARE

Reference manuals

SINCE 1979
serving & partnering with the poor & needy