**PROJECT PROPOSAL MODEL**

**TITLE**: sign language teacher training programme

**OBJECTIVES**: the objectives of this project are

1. To train deaf persons with sign language skills to enable them to teach their own language
2. To prepare training material for such a programme
3. To set up a country-wide network of trained sign language teachers

**RATIONALE:**

According to the experience shared worldwide by deaf persons, any real improvement in their situation can only take place through improving the status of sign language. For this to happen, qualified teachers are needed to teach sign language to various groups of people who need sign language skills in their daily life: teachers of deaf children, family members of deaf children, professional in health care and social welfare, deaf persons with no signing skills.

**WORK PLAN:**

The sign language teacher training programme is a two-year project.

Activities in the first year

*Preparatory work:*

* Locating the prospective trainees in various parts of the country
* Finding partners in cooperation to carry out the programme (a teacher training college, a sister organization in a neighboring country)
* Finding some materials to be elaborated to qualify for the needs of this specific programme
* Finalizing the original plans and budgets, setting concrete targets for the programme

*Activities:*

* Running the first training workshop of 7 days in a series of three with 10-15 participants and 2-3 instructors. This first part introduces trainees to the linguistic structure of sign language and information on deaf community.

Activities in the second year

* Running the second and third workshops, both of 7 days with the same 10-15 participants and 2-3 instructors. The contents of these workshops are theory concerning learning and teaching, group dynamics and practical teaching assignments, preparing a teaching material pack for future use as well as information on how to prepare and run a sign language course.

**BUDGET:**

The total budget for the 2 year project is 325.250 units of money.

Personnel

* Project coordinator for 24 months 1x 24x 5.000 120.000

*3 Workshops*

Cost of 3 trainers:

Fees 3 x 3 x 7 days 200/day 12.600

Travelling 3 x 3 x 250 2.250

Board and lodging 3 x 3 x 7 x 300 18.900

Cost of 15 participants:

Travelling 3 x 15 x 250 11.250

Board and lodging 3 x 15 x 7 x 300 94.500

Allowances 3 x 15 x 7 x 50 15.750

Other costs

Communications

Materials

Travels (coordinator)

Fees for interpreters 50.000

**REQUESTED FUNDING ASSISTANCE:**

The association running this programme can provide …. Units of the total of 325.250 needed. The remaining balance of … units will have to be found from other sources. The preparatory work as well as the workshops will be run in the premises of the association with no rent.

**EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS:**

By running this programme the association aims to create a nationwide network of training sign language teachers with the ability to independently organize and run sign language courses in various parts of the country.