Mentor's notes: Mobility assistive products



1. Checklist of documents

- List of key words
- Key messages
- Product examples
- TAP Mobility assistive products screening form
- TAP Mobility assistive products foot screen guide.

2. Checklist of equipment

- Tablets / computers
- Head phones
- Notebook and pen.

3. Group discussion opportunities and activities to prepare for

Topics with interactive sections		Suggested instruction and mentor's planning notes	
Lesson One: Mobility and different mobility problems			
Topic one: Introduction	(After watching a video about Martin from the Solomon Islands who explains how a well fitting wheelchair and cushion helped heal his pressure wounds)		
	Reflection		
	Do you know anyone who uses one or more mobility assistive products?		
	If yes, what assistive product do they use? In what way does it assist them? Think about whether it assists a person to:		
	 Sit up, transfer, stand, walk and/or not fall over Move around in a different way Manage or prevent health problems. 		
Topic 3: Foot wounds	(After introducing information about foot wounds)		
	Discussion		
	It is estimated that globally, every 30 seconds, someone has a lower limb amputation due to a diabetic foot wound.		
	 Do you know anyone who has developed a foot wound? Do you know how it started? How was it managed? Did it heal, or lead to more complications? 		

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	(At the end of topic 3, which is the last topic in the lesson) Discussion forum Introduce yourself and where you are from. Share whether you use assistive products yourself, and/or why you are completing this module.	Mentors to clarify for learners if they should use the discussion forum on the TAP platform, or a different chat (e.g. local WhatsApp group.)		
Lesson three: How to carry out a mobility assistive products screen				
Topic one: Simple mobility and health risk check	(After information about assessing if a person has sudden loss of mobility) Reflection Can you think of anyone you know who suddenly became unhealthy or lost their mobility? Did they have a health condition (illness)?			
Topic two: Foot screen and Topic three: Simple screening questions for mobility assistive products	(Throughout these two topics, learners are asked to practice aspects of the foot screen.)	Mentors to ensure learners have at least two copies of the Mobility screen form, and to practice parts of the foot screen.		
Topic four: Plan	 (Towards the beginning of this topic) Question What can you do if you do not have these products (walking aids, portable ramp, grab bars in the home, transfer board)? Click to see answer Keep a record of the need for different products and discuss with your supervisor Identify whether there are other services which can supply these products Discuss with the person whether they are able to get the products See whether wheelchair / prosthetic / orthotic workshops are able to make any of these products. 			

Topic four: Plan	(After explaining that some people may need more specialist services and therefore referral) Reflection What services are there available for you to refer people to? Think about what person or service you would refer to if a person needed: Health care Wound care	This is a good opportunity for mentors to clarify referral pathways and processes in local context. Be specific about the services they should refer to. A handout that lists referral organisations would be very useful.
	 Rehabilitation – for adults Rehabilitation – for children Diabetes care Foot wound clinic A wheelchair Repairs to a prosthesis Assessment for a prosthesis. Are these services readily available? Do you know how to refer a person to these services? 	
Topic four: Teach	(After introducing information about suitable shoes) Discussion Think about the features of the example shoes. Do you think your shoes are 'suitable shoes'? Think about other people in your community and the shoes that they wear. Are they suitable shoes?	
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After completing this module learners need to practice carrying out a mobility screen through:

- 1. Supervised role play with colleagues
- 2. Supervised practice with clients.

Mentors may use the skills checklist to monitor and discuss the learner's progress in gaining competency (safe and efficient practice).