



International Council for Education of  
People with Visual Impairment

# Annual Report

October 2018 - September 2019



## Our International Partners and Members of the Executive Committee





## President's Message

I am pleased to share with you the ICEVI Annual Report for the period of October 2018 to September 2019. During this period, ICEVI has continued to work with its partner member organisations to improve the quality of education provision for children and young people with visual impairment, and to support global efforts to reduce the number of children with disabilities who experience educational or social marginalisation.

The United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, recently released the 2019 progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals. He noted that 262 million children aged between six and 17 years, that is, 1 out of 5 children, are not attending school; and more than half of all children and adolescents of primary and lower secondary school age worldwide are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics.

ICEVI and our partner members are working to address several of the priority areas identified in the UN Secretary General's 2019 report. We have, for example, taken advantage of inclusive digital technologies to provide open access resources in the field of education for children with visual impairment. I invite you to explore these resources on our website, [www.icevi.org](http://www.icevi.org), in particular the thematic, accessible editions of ICEVI's journal, *The Educator* (published in English and Spanish); the start-up teacher training curriculum that is designed for countries with limited training programs in the field of vision impairment; and the instructional videos that address various mathematical concepts introduced during the primary and secondary years of schooling. This Annual Report addresses these initiatives and also presents updates on the ICEVI-Nippon Foundation higher education and employment program in East Asia, implementation of the country champions program across ICEVI's seven regions; and planned and recent ICEVI conferences.

During the period covered in this report, I had the privilege to represent ICEVI at four remarkable international conferences: (1) the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance, Melbourne Australia, April 2019; (2) the International Seminar on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Education for the Blind in Thailand, Bangkok Thailand, May 2019; (3) the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Special Education, Surabaya Indonesia, July 2019; and (4) the 17<sup>th</sup> Deafblind International World Conference, Queensland, Australia, August 2019. Each of these international conferences emphasised the rights and perspectives of persons with disabilities, and renewed by appreciation of ICEVI's Mission that identifies inclusion in education as a positive driver of social, health and economic outcomes for all children, including children with blindness, low vision, deafblindness, or visual impairment with additional/multiple disabilities.

This year, as in previous years, it is the community of ICEVI members and partners which strengthen the productive work of ICEVI at global, regional and national levels. I take this opportunity to thank ICEVI CEO, Dr. M.N.G. Mani, members of the ICEVI Executive Committee, and our valued partner member organisations for their ongoing contributions to the Mission and strategic goals of ICEVI. As we prepare for the ICEVI General Assembly in Madrid, Spain in June 2020, I look forward to updating you on our important work in contributing to the realisation of inclusive, equitable and quality education for children with visual impairment, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Frances Gentle**  
President, ICEVI

In continuation of the Annual Report 2017-18, ICEVI is proud to present the report of the organisation for the period October 2018 to September 2019. The last report of ICEVI was presented at the EXCO meeting held in Manila, Philippines in October 2018. ICEVI continues to reflect the vision of the Executive Committee that the organisation should make a positive, collaborative impact on education access and achievement for children with visual impairment globally. ICEVI continues to focus on advocacy and strengthening initiatives in mainstream national programs, drawing inspiration and perspectives from the Sustainable Development Goals. ICEVI from time to time is reviewing the Strategic Goals of 2017-20 and continues to address every priority identified for the quadrennium.

This Annual Report highlights ICEVI's areas of focus, including collaboration with United Nations bodies, strengthening of the ICEVI regions, teacher preparation and disability-inclusive curriculum development, development of enriching mathematics instructional videos, higher education and employment training for young adults with visual impairment, and influencing national legislation in the area of disability. These aspects are enumerated in this Annual Report of the organisation.

## Regional Conference of the East Asia Region

ICEVI encourages the conduct of conferences in each of its seven regions during the Quadrennium. In October 2018, the regional conference of ICEVI East Asia region was conducted in Manila, Philippines. This conference was coordinated by the ICEVI East Asia region through the effective organisational abilities of the Resources for the Blind Inc. (RBI), Philippines, which is one of the leading organisations working in the area of visual impairment in the East Asia region.

The participation of large numbers of local participants was encouraged by the Government of Philippines, local organisations of disabled persons and parent groups, and professional associations in the field of disability. The conference was attended by more than 300 participants drawn from the Philippines and different parts of the world. The conference emphasised building partnerships and networks and linking ICEVI activities with parents. One unique feature was the presence of a large number of young graduates of the higher education program that has been implemented by the



Resources for the Blind Inc. These graduates have also taken part in the Philippines Country Champions program, organised by ICEVI. The graduates conducted two workshop sessions during the conference that highlighted how young students with visual impairment should become role models to overcome barriers that they come across in their educational and social settings.

The East Asia Regional Conference was also used as a platform to bring national and international organisations together, including the international agencies working in the East Asia region. Side meetings were organised to explore the possibilities for networking and partnerships for the benefit of the disability sector in the region.



## ICEVI Education Forum, Philippines

In conjunction with the ICEVI Executive Committee meeting that was held in Manila following the East Asia Regional Conference, ICEVI organised a one day forum focusing on education in the Philippines. The Education Forum was facilitated by executive members of ICEVI who served as resource persons. The Forum provided the opportunity for discussion with policy makers, parents, educators and other professionals in the Philippines about the international education scenario and global initiatives in the areas of inclusive education, early intervention and education, low vision, technology, and policy formulation. The focus of each session was on how the global initiatives link



with similar areas of focus in the Philippines. The Education Forum was attended by more than 150 people, representing various sectors in the Philippines. The participants raised a number of questions at the Forum and interacted with the ICEVI resource persons.

## Launch of Burmese Text to Speech Software

ICEVI and the Overbrook School for the Blind, in particular the Overbrook Nippon Network on Education Technology program (ON-NET), have been working on an indigenous text-to-speech software program for the Burmese language. Increased access to technology in Myanmar will expand educational and employment opportunities for persons with visual impairment. This initiative was technically supported by Mr. Dang Hoai Phuc from the Sao Mai Vocational & Assistive Technology Centre for the Blind and his colleagues. The team worked with their counterparts in Myanmar, including representatives from the universities and technology centres, and also the Myanmar National Association of the Blind. After a strenuous work for 2 years, the text-to-speech software was launched on 17 January 2019 in Yangon, Myanmar. The launch was attended by

people with visual impairments, representatives from the Government of Myanmar and voluntary organisations, Universities, ICEVI, The Nippon Foundation, and ON-NET.

The launch of the TTS generated a lot of interest among visually impaired people in Myanmar, several of whom mentioned that the TTS has become a light of hope for persons with visual impairment. ICEVI is proud that this software has opened avenues for educational and employment opportunities for children and adults with visual impairment in Myanmar.



## Governance Framework

One of the significant activities of the ICEVI Executive committee during 2018-19 is the development of a governance framework that is founded on the Vision and Mission of ICEVI, and sets out the governance and management linkages between ICEVI global and the seven ICEVI regional bodies. The governance framework is of particular importance as the ICEVI regions becoming registered entities. A Governance Committee was established by the ICEVI Executive Committee, and includes the President and CEO of ICEVI, members of international partner member organisations, and representatives of the ICEVI Regional Presidents. The EXCO meeting held in Manila in October 2018 endorsed the draft governance framework and recommended further development of the framework prior to its tabling for approval at the 2019 EXCO meeting.

The President and CEO of ICEVI have appreciated the support of the Governance Committee in

developing the draft governance framework. Particular thanks are extended to Sabine Fijn van Draat of the Royal Dutch Visio, who took the initiative of coordinating the drafting of the framework. The framework reflects the consensus of the Governance Committee, and highlights the future functioning of ICEVI global and regional bodies, with an emphasis on compliance, resource mobilisation, activity planning and implementation, reporting, and transparency of management processes.

The Governance Committee will discuss potential amendments to the ICEVI Constitution once the governance framework has been approved by the ICEVI EXCO. Any proposed constitutional amendments will be tabled at the ICEVI General Assembly in 2020 for approval and adoption.

## Registration of the ICEVI Africa Region as a legal entity

The Africa Regional Board has been working for some time on registration as a legal entity. Registration will enable the Board to work directly with the ICEVI international partner members and other organisations to access resources for implementing activities in the region. After in-depth deliberations of members of the Regional Board and Principal Officers of ICEVI, the Africa Regional Board has determined to register the Africa Region as an NGO in Nairobi, Kenya, with compliance with the governance rules of the Government of Kenya. The Africa Regional Board will continue to include members from other African countries and to provide a regional perspective in planning. The registration process

has been completed and the Africa Regional Board is likely to secure approval from the Registrar of Societies in Government of Kenya in the coming months. This will provide leverage for the region to strengthen activities not only at the regional level but also at the national level.

The ICEVI Africa Regional President, together with the global President and CEO of ICEVI, has invited all members of the Africa Regional Board to a meeting that will be held in conjunction with the Africa Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in October 2019. The board will deliberate on how national and regional activities can be effectively planned, implemented and monitored.

For the benefit of the ICEVI constituency, we report that to date, three regions of ICEVI have undertaken registration as legal entities. These are the Europe, Pacific, and Latin America regions. The other four regions of ICEVI are considering the

pros and cons of registering as legal entities. With or without registration of the ICEVI regions as legal entities, regional development continues to be a strategic priority of the ICEVI Executive Committee.

## The ICEVI Africa Forum



The ICEVI Africa Forum will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

ICEVI is organising a series of meetings, including the annual

meeting of the ICEVI Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Forum. The Africa Forum will have a special focus day on education which is jointly coordinated by ICEVI global and ICEVI Africa. The education day will address specific issues relating to education provision for persons with visual impairment in the Africa region, including early intervention and education, inclusion, children with multiple disabilities, teacher preparation, and advocacy.

In addition to the above topics, there will be a focused workshop on Mathematics at the initiative of ICEVI partner member, Light for the World. The targeted workshop participants will be

Government officials, key stakeholders and representatives of teacher preparation centres in Ethiopia. The workshop will focus on the importance of mathematics education for children with visual impairment for their effective inclusion and also the policies and practices that should be in place to popularize mathematics education. We hope the awareness and expertise that will be created among our colleagues in Ethiopia will strengthen Mathematics education for visually impaired children in the years to come. Similar exercises will be undertaken in other countries in the future.

The Africa Forum is likely to be attended by more than 400 persons representing most of the countries of the Africa region. ICEVI will use this opportunity to interact with local stakeholders and members of the Africa Regional Board to focus on educational priorities for Africa, in accordance with the Mission and Strategy of ICEVI.



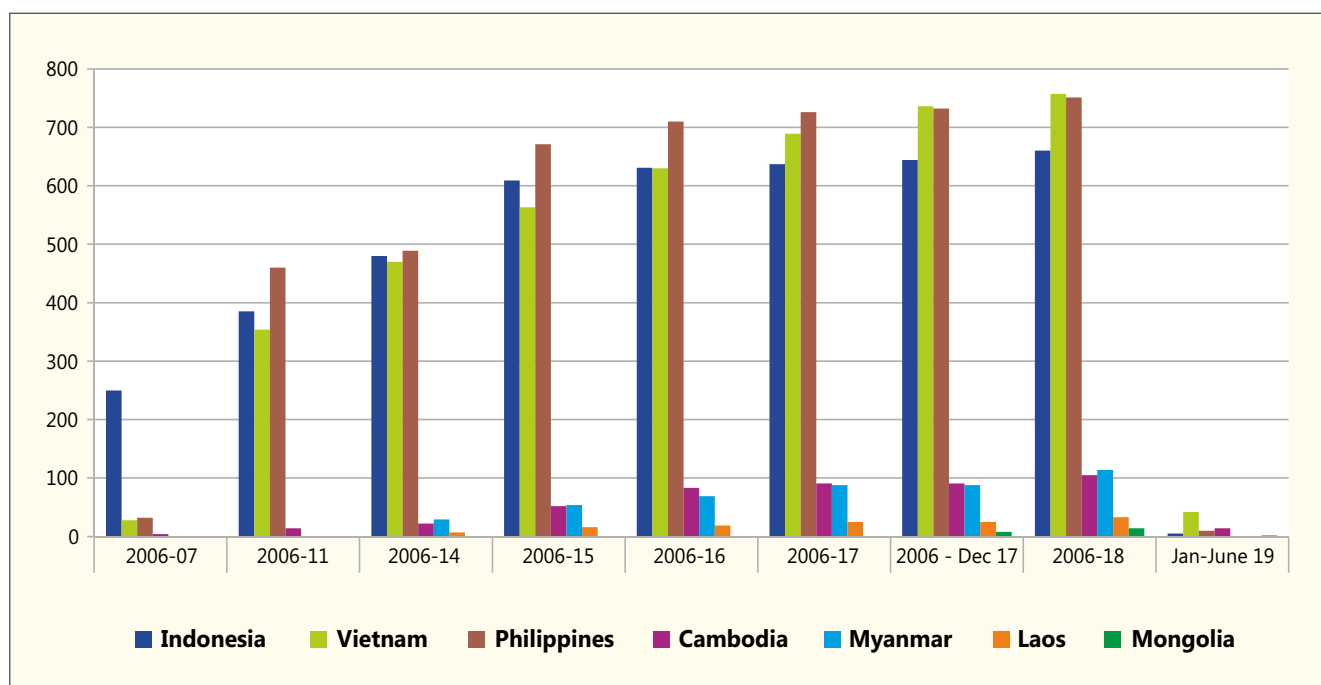
## Higher Education program

One of the flagship Education for All activities of ICEVI since 2007 is the Higher Education program, supported by The Nippon Foundation. The program is being implemented in Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Lao PDR and Mongolia. The primary aim of the Higher Education program is to increase the enrolment of students who are visually impaired in higher education institutions in their home countries. The program also aims to expand their

educational opportunities and prepare them as leaders who possess the skills to inspire parents to enrol their children with visual impairment in school.

As summarised in the table below, the program has benefited around 2500 young persons with visual impairment who have graduated from higher education institutions between 2006 and 2018.

Country	2006-07	2006-11	2006-14	2006-15	2006-16	2006-17	2006 - Dec. 17	2006 - 2018	Jan-June 2019
Indonesia	250	385	480	609	631	637	644	660	05
Vietnam	28	354	470	563	630	689	736	757	42
Philippines	32	460	489	671	710	726	732	751	10
Cambodia	4	14	22	52	83	91	91	105	14
Myanmar	-	-	29	54	69	88	88	114	-
Laos	-	-	7	16	19	25	25	33	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	14	2
<b>Students enrolled</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1213</b>	<b>1497</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>2142</b>	<b>2256</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>2434</b>	<b>73</b>







In addition to enrolment of students with visual impairment students in higher education institutions, the program has ventured into employment creation in both public and private sectors, which has witnessed significant developments. The program has also included soft skill and job skill training activities for persons

with visual impairment, and has resulted in employment for more than 300 persons in the last four years.

ICEVI is grateful to the Nippon Foundation for its continuous faith and support in spearheading this program.

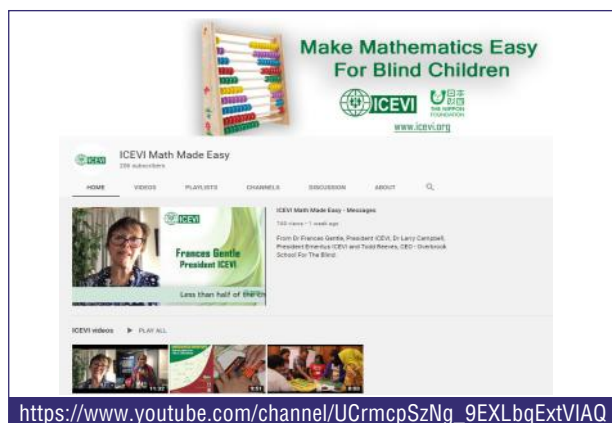
## ICEVI Mathematics Project

The Overbrook School for the Blind and the ICEVI had brought out a publication titled 'Mathematics Made Easy' in 2006, which is available on the ICEVI website for free download. We are happy that this document has been translated into different world languages and used as a resource in teacher training programs. As the demand for training of master trainees to teach mathematics increased, ICEVI decided to focus on the development of video instructional materials for various mathematical concepts. The Nippon Foundation came forward to support this initiative as a part of the higher education

program, and development of the instructional mathematics videos is progressing well.

Dr. M.N.G. Mani, CEO, ICEVI who has specialised in mathematics, is heading this project which is expected to produce at least 150 instructional mathematics videos by the end of 2020.

The first set of 40 instructional videos covering primary and secondary level Mathematics were released in Manila, Philippines, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the presence of officials from The Nippon Foundation and ICEVI, Officers of the Government of Philippines, teachers and teacher educators.





We are pleased that the first set of videos has been posted on the ICEVI website, and a dedicated YouTube channel titled **ICEVI Math Made Easy** was jointly launched

by Dr. Larry Campbell, President Emeritus ICEVI and Dr. Todd Reeves, CEO, Overbrook School for the Blind (OSB) on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the OSB, Philadelphia.

## The ICEVI - ON-NET Publication on Higher Education and Technology

The Nippon Foundation has been supporting the higher education program of ICEVI and also the technology development program of the Overbrook School for the Blind for many years. ICEVI and the ON-NET are jointly preparing a publication highlighting the impact created by The Nippon Foundation on the lives of persons with visual impairment in the East Asia region. A team

headed by Larry Campbell is currently working on the publication, which will be released at the General Assembly of ICEVI and World Blind Union in Madrid, Spain, in June 2020. The book describes the key highlights of the higher education and ON-NET technology projects, with documented practices and case studies of participating individuals with visual impairment.

## WBU-ICEVI General Assemblies – An Update

As reported in the last Annual Report of ICEVI, WBU and ICEVI are partnering with ONCE, the National Organisation of the Blind in Spain, to host the third joint assemblies of the World Blind Union and ICEVI in Madrid from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020. ONCE is a valued international partner member of both ICEVI and WBU, a leading world organisation in the field of visual impairment.

The six-day program commences with the WBU proceedings on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June, followed by joint ICEVI-WBU sessions on 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The ICEVI opening session will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June, and will be followed by a grand event organised by the ONCE to raise public awareness about the abilities of people with visual impairment.

Following the WBU-ICEVI joint days on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the ICEVI paper presentation days will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. These two days will accommodate over one hundred presentations and there will also be opportunities to organise focused workshops on relevant

themes. ONCE is also planning to organise a concurrent technology exhibition at the same time and venue as the WBU-ICEVI general assemblies. The technology exhibition will display mainstream and assistive technology devices that are being used in the services for persons with visual impairment.

In addition to the General Assembly program, there will be opportunities for both ICEVI and WBU delegates to interact with their ONCE colleagues and learn about ONCE's model for empowering persons with visual impairment in Spain. ONCE has employed nearly 58,000 persons with disabilities in its total workforce of over 72,000 employees.

More updates on the General assemblies will be available on the ICEVI and WBU websites and also on the dedicated website for the general assembly created by the host committee which can be accessed at <https://www.worldblindnesssummit.com/en>.

## ICEVI – SEAMEO SEN Memorandum of Understanding

ICEVI has been collaborating with the Regional Centre for Special Education of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO SEN) for several years. The collaboration includes conducting regional level activities and national level capacity building programs, in accordance with SEAMEO SEN and country member priorities in the South East Asia region. The Memorandum of Understanding between SEAMEO SEN and ICEVI was renewed by Frances Gentle, ICEVI President, Aria Indrawati, ICEVI East Asia Regional President, and Madam Salman, Director of the SEAMEO SEN, at the International Conference on Special Education (ICSE) in Surabaya, Indonesia on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The program was also attended by ICEVI East Asia Deputy Regional Chairperson, Silatul Rahim and ICEVI CEO, M.N.G. Mani. As per the Memorandum of Understanding, ICEVI and the SEAMEO SEN will identify region-based priority areas for capacity building that will be of use for countries in the region. One identified priority area is education of children with multiple disabilities.

In addition to the region-based activities, country level activities will be planned by both SEAMEO

and ICEVI. ICEVI will involve its members and partners in the East Asia region to work with the SEAMEO SEN and the National Coalitions of Education in organising these capacity building programs on topics that are relevant to the countries concerned.

As a part of the 2019 International Conference on Special Education, ICEVI's global and regional presidents and CEO were invited to participate in the round table discussion organised by the SEAMEO SEN, which involved the representatives from Governments from the participating member countries. ICEVI members explained to the country representatives how ICEVI and SEAMEO SEN work together at the country level to augment services for persons with visual impairment, particularly in the areas of teacher training and capacity building for government administrators and policy makers, parents, and civil society and disability organisations. The SEAMEO SEN members also met with the coordinators of ICEVI's higher education program in Vientiane, Laos, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and discussed potential collaborative activities at the country level.



## Meet the new Editor of The Educator, Prof Kay Ferrell



ICEVI is grateful to the Perkins School for the Blind for supporting the enormous contribution of Perkins staff member, Marianne Riggio, as Editor of The Educator for the past two years. Due to her increasing responsibilities with Perkins International, Marianne has stepped down from the Editor position.

ICEVI is pleased to announce that Prof Kay Ferrell, who is a world renowned professional in the field of visual impairment, has accepted the position of Editor of The Educator. Kay Ferrell is currently serving as the ICEVI Regional President of the North America and Caribbean Region. She has contributed significantly to the field of education of children with visual impairment as a published author, academic and presenter. Kay also was one of the lead authors of the ICEVI start-up teacher training curriculum for countries with limited

training programs in visual impairment, which is available on the ICEVI website for free download. Kay is also currently working on the ICEVI national level assessment tools that will serve as a valuable resource for countries preparing shadow reports in the field of disability.

With her wealth of experience in the academic world, we are pleased that Kay is continuing in the “Editorial foot-steps” of our former Editor, Marianne Riggio. The initial thoughts of the Editorial committee are that the thematic issues will continue, with the addition of dedicated columns to such topics as research and technology. It is anticipated that the dedicated columns will broaden the readership of The Educator.

ICEVI takes this opportunity to sincerely thank Marianne Riggio for her substantial contribution as Editor, and to welcome Kay Ferrell to the position.

## ICEVI collaboration with global disability networks

Dr. Praveena Sukhraj-Ely, the First Vice President of ICEVI, is representing the World Blind Union and ICEVI on the International Disability Alliance (IDA) Inclusive Education Task Group. The primary object of the Task Group is to provide guidance to States on how to effectively implement SDG 4 and simultaneously ensure compliance with Article 24 of the UNCPRD. The Task Group has met on several occasions since March 2018 to develop a general consensus position on inclusive education. Praveena contributed the positions of WBU and ICEVI on access to and implementation of equitable quality inclusive education for

persons with visual impairment. A general consensus has been reached by the Task Group and more discussions especially around practical implementation of inclusive quality education will be discussed by specific working groups. Since 2015, Praveena has represented ICEVI on the Accessible Books Consortium of the UN World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO); the Inclusive Education Task Group of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC); and the Global Campaign for Education (GCE).

## Strengthening the Middle East and North Africa Sub-Regions

Following the election of Mr. Refaat Sabbah from Palestine as the President of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), in which ICEVI is a global member, discussions have commenced about strengthening ICEVI activities in the Middle-East and North Africa Sub-Regions of ICEVI, and in particular, the Arab speaking countries. The ICEVI Principal Officers and Regional Presidents for

West Asia and Africa have discussed strengthening the participation of the countries present in these two sub-regions by providing support in such important topics as teacher preparation, mathematics, multiple disabilities, and low vision. We look forward to updating members in the coming months.

## The Country Champions program

The 2017-20 quadrennium has included a lot of interest in the ICEVI's Country Champions program for young adults with visual impairment. The purpose of the Country Champions Program is to promote participation of young people with visual impairment in regional activities and to provide them with a range of skills that enable them to influence and inspire policy-makers and decision makers, and other individuals with visual impairment in their home countries.

There is nothing more powerful than a young person with a visual impairment speaking for themselves and promoting policy changes that result in improved services for children and adults with visual impairment.

The first country champions program was organised in the Philippines in 2017 and served as a model for other regions that wished to implement the country champions program.

To date, most of the ICEVI regions have organised country champions programs at the regional level and also at country levels. A session on the Country Champions program is planned for the 2020 General Assembly of ICEVI.

Country Champions Programme were conducted in Nepal, India, Cambodia, Indonesia and also in the Latin America Region during the year which were attended by more than 300 persons with visual impairment. Some of them have started movements of their own to promote the development of quality educational services for persons with visual impairment at global, regional and national levels. ICEVI is in the process of bringing out a separate document on the country champions program, including video messages and clippings that will be of use to countries that are planning to implement the program. More updates on this will be available in coming publications.





## ICEVI Nominations Committee to elect Principal Officers

ICEVI has appointed a Nominations Committee, chaired by Andrew Griffiths of Sightsavers, to prepare a slate of potential candidates for the Principal Officers' positions for the 2020-24 quadrennium. Other members of the Committee

are Ben Clare, Nandini Rawal and Kay Ferrell, and the slate of candidates is likely to be finalised by early 2020, in preparation for elections during the ICEVI General Assembly in Madrid in June 2020.

## Overbrook School for the Blind - the new International Partner

The Overbrook School for the Blind, represented by Dr. Todd Reeves, has become the new international partner member of ICEVI. ICEVI has a long standing relationship with the Overbrook School for the Blind, since Larry Campbell was President of ICEVI while simultaneously working as the International Program Director of the Overbrook School for the Blind. It was in 2004-05 when Larry Campbell initiated the development of a Mathematics publication as a joint activity of ICEVI and the Overbrook School. Both organisations have worked together in the East Asia Region in implementing their higher education and technology programs.



Since 2015, the coordinators of the two programs come together once a year to discuss common issues pertaining to education, employment and technology.

The ICEVI EXCO has immense pleasure in welcoming Todd Reeves and the Overbrook School for the Blind as the new international partner member of ICEVI.



## ICEVI Audit 2018

Commencing in 2018, the ICEVI Annual Report has included the ICEVI Audit Report for the previous year, which is filed with Companies House in the United Kingdom. This Annual Report presents the ICEVI Audit Report for 2018 which was filed with Companies House and also placed before the ICEVI Executive Committee for adoption. As indicated in the ICEVI Audit Report, the auditors Lubbock Fine in London have

expressed their satisfaction with the procedures and practices followed by ICEVI in maintaining the accounts. During the 2018 Executive Committee meeting it was proposed that the audit notes also be printed along with the audit report. This has been done and the following pages indicate the observations made by the Auditors and also the notes given by them.

## ICEVI Audited Accounts of 2018

### Summary

The audited accounts of 2018 will be submitted to the Companies House before the end of September 2019. Our Auditors who are based in the UK – Lubbock Fine are handling the audit process since 2006 and they are satisfied with the accounting system of ICEVI. As per the audit report, the opinion of the auditors on financial statements is given as follows:

### OPINION OF THE AUDITORS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*In our opinion the financial statements:*

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Executive Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and the Executive Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements. The summary of the audited accounts is as follows:

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
INCOME	608,405	476,393
Administrative expenses	(539,582)	(523,778)
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OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	68,823	(47,385)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	3
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Profit/(Loss) BEFORE TAX	68,826	(47,382)
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PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	68,826	(47,382)
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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

		2018		2017	
	Note	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	5	624,190		714,473	
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		624,190		714,473	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(190,773)		(349,882)	
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			433,417		364,591
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities			433,417		364,591
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>			433,417		364,591
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<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Profit and Loss Account			433,417		364,591
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Executive Committee Members and were signed on its behalf by:

**Lord Low of Dalston, CBE**  
President and Company Secretary

**Nandini Rawal**  
Treasurer

Company Registration Number: 04521195

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. General information

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment is a limited liability company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. Its registered office and principal place of business is 105 Judd Street, London, WC1H 9NE.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

## **2.2 Income**

Income comprises membership subscriptions from subscribing organisations and individuals as well as voluntary donations. Donations towards specific projects are classified as designated funds.

Subscriptions are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Donations are recognised as income when received, except in circumstances where the donor specifies the time period that the donation relates to, in which case they are recognised as income in that period.

Donations in kind are where possible valued and included in income to the extent that it represents goods or services which would otherwise be purchased. An equivalent amount is charged as expenditure.

Investment income is recorded on a receivable basis.

## **2.3 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

## **2.4 Financial instruments**

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## **2.5 Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.



## 2.6 Foreign currency translation

### Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is USD.

### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

## 3. INCOME

Name of Organisation	Designated Funds 2018 \$	Undesignated Funds 2018 \$	Total Funds 2018 \$	Total Funds 2017 \$
<b>Subscriptions</b>				
CBM International	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Les Doights qui revent	-	-	-	179
Light for the World	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Lions Club International	-	-	-	1,500
Norges Blindforbund	-	19,970	19,970	19,970
ONCE	-	19,954	19,954	19,954
Other Subscriptions	-	4,473	4,473	2,585
Ekitab LLC	-	1,314	1,314	-
Overbrook School for the Blind	-	-	-	1,500
Perkins School for the Blind	-	19,995	19,995	19,995
Round Table	-	-	-	200
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Royal National Institute of the Blind	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers)	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>Subscription Total</b>	-	<b>165,706</b>	<b>165,706</b>	<b>165,883</b>
<b>Donations</b>				
Other	-	3,388	3,388	3,851
CBM International	40,425	-	40,425	50,559
Koninkli JKE Vision	-	51,144	51,144	-
The Nippon Foundation	335,600	-	335,600	251,100
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Latin America Region	-	6,660	6,660	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,025</b>	<b>66,192</b>	<b>442,217</b>	<b>310,510</b>

**4. Employees**

There were no employees in the year (2017 - None) other than the Executive Committee Members who did not receive remuneration.

**5. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	624,190	714,473

**6. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Other creditors	-	6,984
Accruals and deferred income	190,773	342,898
	190,773	349,882

**7. Company status**

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as required exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Item of Expenses	2018 \$	2017 \$
Hotels, Travel and Subsistence	56,472	21,796
Auditors' Remuneration	7,273	8,137
Bank Charges	4,938	6,230
Difference on Foreign Exchange	6,685	73
Sundry Expenses	784	377
President's Office Expenses	536	9,083
Secretary General's Office Expenses	137,129	141,979
Meeting Expenses	-	1,720
Project Expenses	325,765	334,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>539,582</b>	<b>523,778</b>

## Forthcoming Events

### **ICEVI West Asia – Sense International India Conference on Visual Impairment and Deafblindness**

The ICEVI West Asia Region is organising its regional conference in collaboration with Sense India International in Kathmandu, Nepal on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the year in which the WBU-ICEVI Joint Assembly will also take place. Nepal is a key country in the West Asia region. It has implemented the Education for All Children with Visual Impairment (EFA-VI) Campaign, and also established a joint committee of medical professionals, educators, government officials, etc., as advocated by the Vision Alliance, to look into the comprehensive development of the EFA-VI Campaign.

The regional conference of the ICEVI West Asia region is likely to bring together educators, parents and other professionals from the West Asia region and internationally to deliberate on various issues pertaining to education of children with visual impairment, with a particular focus on children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities. The ICEVI country representative, Birendra Pokhrel, along with Madhav Aryal from Nepal, are coordinating the work of ICEVI at the local level. We hope this regional conference has a

high impact on influencing the governments in the region to make Education for All a reality.

### **Regional Conference in Fiji**

The Pacific Regional President, Ben Clare is in consultation with colleagues in Fiji to organise a joint conference of ICEVI and the South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment (SPEVI) in 2021. This will be the first conference of either ICEVI or SPEVI in a Pacific Island country, and both organisations anticipate a positive response from government and non-government services providers from across the Pacific region. Planning is at an early stage and more updates will be available going forward.

### **The Latin America Regional Conference**

The Latin America regional conference will also be held in early 2020 in conjunction with the general assembly of Latin American Union of the Blind (ULAC). This is a type of regional joint conference of the WBU and ICEVI in the Latin America region which is likely to be attended by delegates from all the countries of the Latin America where ICEVI is working particularly with the focus on the Education for All campaign. More updates on this will be available in the future.



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