National Committee for Prevention of Blindness
Roles and functions

- Advisory or executive body under auspices of Brunei Government

- Roles includes advising on the formulation of eye care policy, promotion of prevention of blindness activities and advocacy to maintain national government commitment and international support for prevention of blindness
Structure

- NCPB is a multidisciplinary committee having specific terms and reference.

- Public/Private sector partnership desirable

- Outside experts may serve on working groups or task forces on specific issues only
Suggested Composition

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF BLINDNESS

REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND

EDUCATION OF THE BLIND
Suggested composition

- Representative of MoH (Chairperson)
- Other Govt bodies eg MOE, MOCYS
- Representative from Public Health
- Local Society of Ophthalmology
- Local Training Institution
- Blind Society
- Local NGO
- Representative from Mass Media
- Other voluntary service organisations
Structure of NCPB

- Local NGDOs + Mission Eye Services
- International NGDOs & other agencies
- WHO & other UN agencies
- Others on ad hoc basis, as needs arise
- EHSA/District Representatives
  - Ophthalmologists, OCO (+ NGO/Mission Eye Workers)
  - Others, as appropriate (DMOs, etc.)
- Professional Groups
  - Ophthalmologists, OCOs, AMOs, Optometrists, Nurses
- Training Institutions
- Working Committees
  - HRD, IEC/Advocacy
  - Disease Control Infrastructure Development
Roles of NCPB

- To help develop, review and evaluate national policy
- To establish priorities of action (high risk and vulnerable group)
- To formulate recommendations to the government to develop jointly PBL plan and programme
Essential components for functioning of NCPB

- Clearly identified coordinator who should function as the secretariat for the committee
- Regular meetings for planning and promoting activities (NCPB 2x year; PBTF monthly)
- Funds for internal project visits and travel to external prevention of blindness meetings
- Office and communication facilities
- Database of information on the situation of blindness, needs and available resources
Steps for Formulation pt 1

- Use experiences from other successful model programme for what may be developed nationally
- Identify a leading national institute/person to serve as focal person
- Collect information on magnitude and causes of blindness, unmet needs, current activities and available resources
- Use meeting or workshop to launch idea of prevention of blindness
Steps for Formulation pt 2

- Promotion and advocacy for a National eye care policy
- Promotion of PBL activities at local community level
- Development of activities for resource mobilisation from internal and external sources
Suggested structure NCPB Brunei

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS BRUNEI

Government Sector:
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Culture
- Youth and Sports

Non Government Organisations:
- National Association for the Blind
- Pusat Ehsan
- Rotary Club

Private Sector:
- Standard Chartered Bank

Training Institution:
- University Brunei Darussalam

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS WORKING GROUP
Suggested structure NCPB Brunei

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS WORKING GROUP

• DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

• SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

• COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SECTION, MOCYS

• STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

• INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

• HEALTH PROMOTION SECTION, MOH

• REPRESENTATIVE FROM NGOS
Next steps

- Terms of reference for the working committee and national committee
- Situational analysis of burden of blindness in Brunei
- Formulation of National 5 year Eye Care Plan