

The International Rehabilitation Education and Training Toolkit (IRETT): Dynamic Tools to Advance Sustainable Rehabilitation Workforce Development

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The Global Challenge

Many regions face difficulties meeting rehabilitation workforce demands tailored to local needs, service demands, and healthcare models.

Our Objective

Develop tools to assist stakeholders in low and middle-income countries with essential activities for rehabilitation workforce development.



IRETT
International Rehabilitation
Education and Training Toolkit

The IRETT Model & Approach

Foundation: Global Needs Assessment

Surveys, interviews, and workshops across 88 countries and five rehabilitation professions identified three critical workforce development areas.

Three Key Areas with Dedicated Tools



**Entry-Level
Academic
Programs**



**Continuing
Professional
Development**



**Professional
Regulation**

Integrated Strategy

Tools align with one another and the broader workforce development vision to accommodate varying stakeholder priorities and support sustainable implementation.

Integration

COUNTRY	ONLINE TRAININGS	WEBINARS	IN-PERSON EVENTS	TOTAL
 Pakistan	64	19	6	89
 Uganda	50	22	8	80
 Ukraine	65	21	3	89
TOTAL	179	62	17	258

Online Trainings

179

69% of all activities

Webinars

62

24% of all activities

In-person Events

17

7% of all activities

Impact & Significance

Practice Implications

- Enables alignment of workforce development activities across stakeholders
- Facilitates communication between academic programs, professional bodies, and regulatory agencies
- Provides reflective guidance tailored to local context and priorities

Significance to Occupational Therapy

As occupational therapy expands in LMICs, IRETT tools guide stakeholders in developing culturally relevant, context-specific strategies to enhance workforce capacity and support the profession's growth.

IRETT: Building sustainable rehabilitation workforce capacity worldwide through integrated, stakeholder-driven tools

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