



# VOLUNTEERING

*with DSI's Advisory Working Group*

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Thank you for your interest in the vision and ongoing initiatives of our Advisory Working Group! Although our group has already been formed and is working together on an ongoing basis, as we move forward we may identify needs for other specific skillsets (related to disability and/or international development work) and will continue to review nominations and submitted applications.

Please note: The Advisory Working Group meets in person in the U.S. in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Opportunities for volunteers located outside of this area and abroad are also occasionally available as needs arise (ie. reviewing and editing materials, offering perspectives, and consultation-type services in key areas needed).

## IDEAL TEAM MEMBERS WILL HAVE MANY OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES:

- Share the fundamental belief that people with disabilities must be included in the global development agenda
  - Share DSI's vision for empowering in-country stakeholders to sustainably impact disability development efforts
  - An understanding and/or experience in international development efforts
  - Professional-level disability expertise and experience (such as collegiate-level teaching, curriculum writing, diagnostics, special education)
  - Thrives and enjoys working in an environment requiring self-starting innovation and multi-faceted challenges
  - People with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply!
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## THE COMMITMENT FAQS:

Q: What is the time commitment for this group?

A: *Approx. 6 hours every 1-2 months at regularly occurring team workshops. Specific days and times for workshops are determined by current members to best meet their needs and schedules.*

Q: Do I need to be able to attend workshops in person to be a member?

A: *Yes. The team meets in person to carry out the ongoing research and development components of this project.*

Q: Can I still be involved if I don't live closeby?

A: *We highly value having input from professionals involved in disability development work in other locations in the US or abroad. We know that having input from various locations and perspectives will make the disability training curriculum stronger and more readily useful in a variety of regions and countries too. During our team's ongoing work, we may also need some additional participants to help offer input and review the disability training materials that are being developed. If you are interested in helping with this, you can still submit an application for consideration. On the form, please check 'I have some concerns about the commitment' and add 'I can review and advise from abroad' under the comment box.*

Q: Is this a paid position?

A: *No. We wish that we could fully compensate everyone who gives their skilled time to advance DSI's mission however, DSI is a small nonprofit and is not able to do so. DSI will provide the equipment and materials needed for this project, food and drinks on all workshop days, and travel stipends for AWG members traveling with DSI to implement training work with DSI's partners.*

Q: How will these training materials be used?

A: *At DSI, we carry out our mission work by working closely with partners in targeted developing countries and helping to equip and empower them to continue advancing disability services and supports at both the local and national levels. We currently are directly working in Cambodia (and many other potential partners in low- and middle-income countries) currently asking for training support to better understand and learn more about how to meet the needs of people with disabilities. This project was developed in response and consists of two phases. Phase 1: Research & Development of the disability training curriculum. Phase 2: Pilot Implementation in Cambodia. Following the conclusion of the project, the developed trainings are planned to be carried out on a continual basis by DSI staff and skilled volunteers as we scale up our training program services at DSI. Learn more about our partners & approach [here](#) >*

## APPLY NOW

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& volunteer your expertise to  
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