**WBU LOW VISION COMMITTEE**

**Questionnaire for Organizations of or for blind/partially sighted persons**

**The WBU Low Vision Committee is interested in increasing the involvement and inclusion of individuals with low or partial vision. One step toward this goal is learning more about how WBU member organizations provide services to and include these individuals in their activities.**

**By completing the survey below, you provide valuable information and insights into the opportunities to increase the involvement of partially sighted individuals.**

**Please note that “low vision” refers to individuals who are partially sighted.**

**Please return your completed surveys to:** penny.hartin@wbu.ngo **by April 30th .**

1. Country\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Type of organization:

\_\_ Organization providing services to blind and low vision persons

\_\_ Organization providing services to blind persons only

\_\_ Organization providing services to persons with low vision only

\_\_ Organization of blind/low vision persons

\_\_ Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In the advocacy, public awareness, and other campaigns of your organization on behalf of persons with sight loss, how do you include issues of importance to persons with low vision?

\_\_ We do not distinguish between the needs of those who are blind and those who have low vision

\_\_ We identify specific issues of importance to those who have low vision and include those in our messaging

\_\_ We do not conduct awareness and advocacy campaigns

1. If your organization has employees, what percentage of them are persons with low vision?

\_\_ Less than 25%

\_\_ 25% to 50%

\_\_ 50% to 75%

\_\_ More than 75%

1. If your organization has a board of directors, how many of them are persons with low vision?

\_\_ Less than 25%

\_\_ 25% to 50%

\_\_ 50% to 75%

\_\_ More than 75%

1. What proportion of your members have low vision?

\_\_ Less than 25%

\_\_ 25% to 50%

\_\_ 50% to 75%

\_\_ More than 75%

1. In the past three years, how many projects has your organization implemented specifically with or for persons with low vision?

\_\_ Many

\_\_ A few

\_\_ None

1. Are low vision issues and services to people with low vision mentioned in your organization's brochures, pamphlets, and fundraising document(s)?

\_\_ Always

\_\_ Sometimes

\_\_ Never

1. Does your organization give equal opportunity to employment, Board leadership roles, etc. to persons with low vision when compared to persons with blindness?

\_\_ Yes

\_\_ No

\_\_ Not sure

1. Are low vision issues and/or vision rehabilitation included as part of your country's health care agenda?

\_\_ Yes

\_\_ No

\_\_ Don’t know

1. What department in your country is responsible for policies and programs for low vision? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you do to make people with low vision feel welcome in your organization?

\_\_ Specific programs or services for persons with low vision

\_\_ A specific committee to address the views and needs of persons with low vision

\_\_ Ensuring that the unique access needs of people with low vision are considered when planning events or activities

\_\_ No specific measures taken

\_\_ Other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What do you think are barriers for people with low vision to participate?

\_\_ They do not understand that the organization is open to them also

\_\_ The activities are focused strictly on blindness with little adaptation to the needs of those with low vision

\_\_ They feel shy to participate

\_\_ Transportation to the activities is an issue

\_\_ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you believe that the programs and services available to persons with low vision in your country or community are adequate to meet their needs?

 \_\_ Yes

 \_\_ No

 \_\_ Don’t know

1. If your answer to Questions # 15 was “no”, what do you believe are some of the reasons for your response?

\_\_ Inadequate access to low vision assessment

\_\_ Inadequate access to low vision rehabilitation services

\_\_ Inadequate access to affordable low vision aids

\_\_ Lack of public awareness about low vision

\_\_ Lack of accommodation to meet unique needs of person with low vision

\_\_ Not being included in activities and leadership of organizations of and for the blind and partially sighted

\_\_ Lack of accessible transportation

\_\_ Lack of Access to information in accessible formats (such as large print)

\_\_ Lack of groups or activities specifically oriented to people with low vision

\_\_ Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey – the information you have provided will help determine opportunities to increase participation and inclusion of individuals with low vision.

The survey should be returned to penny.hartin@wbu.ngo by **April 30, 2018**

The WBU Low Vision Committee would be grateful to receive any information on programs, activities or resources regarding the inclusion of partially sighted individuals you and your organization are willing to share.

Contact Name:

Name of Organization:

City and Country:

Email address: