



## **EDUCATION BULLETIN - AUGUST 2015**

### **LIFE FOR A CHILD EDUCATION WEBSITE**

Life for a Child (LFAC) has developed an already comprehensive library of resources for children, young people, their families and health professionals to help them better understand and manage their diabetes. This library is an integral part of the LFAC website and can be found at: <http://www.idf.org/lifeforachild/diabetes-education-resources>

The purpose of this library is to make education materials (books, comics, fact sheets, videos, DVDs and posters) more widely available. Education of children and their families is essential so they can understand what diabetes is and live a healthy and full life. Likewise, health professionals need resources and training to provide quality care.

### **The section has pages in various languages, 13 to date:**

English	Bahasa
French	Bangla
Spanish	Amharic (Ethiopia)
Arabic	Urdu
Azeri	Sindhi
Tagalog (Philippines)	Marathi (India)
Vietnamese	

Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Kannada (India) and Hindi pages are planned.

“Moseka and Her Friends”, a comic book about a young girl with type 1 diabetes, was originally developed in French by Dr Marguerite Declerck and her team in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has since been translated into English and soon it will be available in Kinyarwanda and Swahili.

“Professor Bumblebee’s Guide to Type 1 Diabetes” is a simple visual story (12 minute DVD) telling what happens to a child’s body when they have type 1 diabetes. It has proved as broadly popular as “Moseka” and in its turn, has been translated into Tajik and Urdu by our colleagues in those countries.

Some pages on the website currently have numerous resources, others have only a few resources, and some have none – as resources become available they will be added to the site.

We thank members from the International Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) and other diabetes experts from many diabetes centres and associations around the world that have contributed materials for these pages, and welcome other existing materials that we can add to the website.

Please contact Angie Middlehurst, LFAC Education Manager: [angiem@diabetesnsw.com.au](mailto:angiem@diabetesnsw.com.au) with any resources that you think might be useful.