

STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN THE REGION

PERSPECTIVE OF SURVIVORS

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HEALTH

STRENGTHS

- Health services provided by Afg and Taj Gvt are free of costs
- The disability issues are integrated in to BPHS/EPHS
- There is political will within MOPH of Afg

CHALLENGES

- In Afg-Taj the services in private sector, are not affordable
- The services are not accessible
- The services are not distributed equally especially in remote areas
- The surgeons are not qualified – and the health workers are not motivated
- Limited modern medical devices
- The BPHS/EPHS are not implemented as expected
- There are much to be done in terms of prevention

To overcome the challenges:

- The MOPH of Tajikistan has to establish a disability unit to develop the integration of disability in all health sectors ?
- Special and effective health services and affordable facilities must be increased in public health services
- Increase the efficient implementation of all health packages and policies, by enhanced technical, human and financial resources

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

STRENGTHS

- o It is easy to receive mobility devices in large cities
- o The national capacities have been increasing
- o The national mobility devices production has been increasing
- o The physiotherapy profession has been recognized in Afg

CHALLENGES

- Limited physiotherapy services in provinces and local levels
- The referral systems need to be improved and standardized
- Lack of occupational-therapy
- The quality of PR to be improved
- Poor knowledge of health workers on disabilities issues

To overcome the challenges:

- Increase the physiotherapy services to all local levels
- Create occupational-therapy services within MOPH in Afg and Taj

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

STRENGTHS

- There are several orgs interested in integration of PS in to their programs
- A peer support guideline is developed by civil society
- Existence of SHGs

CHALLENGES

- Psychological issue is seen only as medical treatment
- The services are not adapted to the specific needs of persons with psychological problem
- Limited peer support
- Lack of professional understanding and support

To overcome the challenges:

- Promote psychological supports through existing opportunities in NGO sector and in relevant ministries
- Promote peer supports and SHGs
- Promote the knowledge of publics about the psychological concepts

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC INCLUSION

Strength

- Social and Economic inclusion is included in the developing strategies
- Many NGOs are prioritizing SEI their programs

Challenges

- Limited job opportunities
- Stigma within family members and lack of trust of employers
- Lack of capacity and confidence of persons with disabilities
- Lack of markets for persons with disabilities' production
- Negative attitudes of publics

To overcome the challenges:

- Create enhanced job opportunities
- The micro-credit should be free of interest
- Mainstream disability into general existing programs

LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

Strengths

- Rights of persons with disabilities included in the Afg constitution, development strategies and policies
- Afg and Taj are members to MBT
- National action plan is under approval in Afg

Challenges

- Non of the policy includes disability are not implemented as expected
- Afg and Taj are not yet members to CRPD
- Afg didn't approve the national disability law

To overcome the challenges:

- Taj and Afg should adhere to CRPD and Convention on Cluster Munitions
- Afg has to approve the national law on disability as soon as possible
- Increase the involvement of civil society orgs in planning, implementation and monitoring all victim assistance programs

DATA COLLECTION

Strength

- NDSA
- MACCA, ICRC and ARCS and many other orgs collecting data

Challenges

- The data is not shared and centralized
- Data is not always accurate
- Data are not accessible for all local actors

To overcome the challenges:

- Include rights questions in national census in Afg
- Conduct a national survey on impact of disability programs in Afg and Taj
- Create a mechanism to share and disseminate the data in time and in accessible manner

GENERAL REMARKS

- Establish/strengthen a national monitoring mechanism with the participation of civil society
- Make sure all the services are accessible
- Improve the quality of services and availability of resources
- Improve the capacity of national actors to sustain the services
- Increase the public awareness to change charity-based believes to right based
- Increase the participations of survivors in planning, implementation and monitoring
- Support the representative orgs of people of with disabilities

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