

Intellectual Disability in Community Activities 2012

Inception Report

1. General Information

- (1) Name of Country : Malaysia
- (2) Area : 329,847 sq km
- (3) Life expectancy : Male: 71.05 years , female: 76.73 years
- (4) Infant mortality rate: Male: 17.37 deaths/1,000 live births
Female: 12.52 deaths/1,000 live births
- (5) Maternal mortality rate: 31 deaths/100,000 live births
- (6) Literacy rate : Male:92% ,Female: 85.4% (age 15 and over
can read and write)
- (7) Population : 28.3 million
- (8) Education System (Number of schools and student by state): **Appendix I**
- (9) Health System (Number of hospital by state) : **Appendix II**
- (10) Major Industry (Number of people working for each industry): **Appendix III**
- (11) Unemployment rate : 3.2 %

2. Intellectual Disabilities

1) Law concerned with person with Intellectual Disabilities

Malaysia adhered to the principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunity and full participation with regard to policy and programmes of PWDs (including PWID) in order to protect their rights and dignity through the Person with Disability Act 2008.

2) Financial Assistance for Person with Intellectual Disabilities

Financial assistance scheme are available to ensure that PWID continue to benefit and participate in mainstream society. Types of financial assistance includes disabled worker allowance, special aid to the caregivers of the disabled and chronically ill and special aid to the disabled who are unable to work.

3) Services including CBR available for persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Department of Social Welfare Malaysia(DSWM) is the main government agency responsible for the development and well being of PWID. Several services provided are as follows:

a) Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme

CBR programme was introduced in 1984 as a strategy within the community for the rehabilitation, equalisation of opportunities and social integration of all PWID. It also facilitate PWID for their full and equal participation in rehabilitation and training, which enable them to acquire social development and practical skills. CBR has achieved tremendous progress in terms of expansion and program development. Rehabilitation and learning programmes provided in the CBR centres encompasses physical and occupational therapy, skills in daily living and social interaction.

b) Care, protection and rehabilitation

There are 7 institutions known as Taman Sinar Harapan for the care and rehabilitation of PWID. This institutions provide care, rehabilitation and training so as to improve the quality and standard of living of PWID and to enable them to live a more independent life.

c) Job Opportunity

Job placement is provided in sheltered workshop to create job opportunities, increase capabilities, potential, knowledge and skills. DSWM also has initiated job coaching programme with the cooperation of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

d) Financial Assistance

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e) Early Intervention Programmes

Ministry of Health has initiate early intervention programmes for children with learning problem in the rural and urban areas with the active involvement of their families.

(4) Number of services and those beneficiaries in each district (province)

i) Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme

Number of CBR centres through out the country is 468, providing rehabilitation to 20,184 disabled persons. (refer **Appendix IV**).

ii) Care, protection and rehabilitation: Number of PWID in welfare institutions:

- Taman Sinar Harapan Tampoi, Johor Bahru (Boys): 130 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Jubli, Johor Bahru (Girls): 160 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Tunku Ampuan Najihah, Seremban : 70 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor: 200 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Bukit Besar, Kuala Terengganu : 75 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Cheras, Selangor :30 PWID
- Taman Sinar Harapan Jitra, Kedah: 66 PWID

- iii) **Job Opportunity** : Number of participants in sheltered worksyop:
 - Bengkel Daya Klang, Selangor : 30 participants
 - Bengkel Daya Sg. Petani, Kedah: 40 participants

3. **Outline of your Organization :**

(1) **Background, Vision and Strategy**

The Department of Social Welfare Malaysia (DSWM) was established in 1946. Within a period of 66 years, DSWM has evolved in fulfilling its role in national development. From its involvement in handling various problems, the Department's role and functions have expanded to cover prevention and rehabilitation services on social issues and community development. DSWM been placed under Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.

Vission:Towards a society that is socially harmonious

Strategy:

- i) Optimizing the potential and well-being of the target groups;
- ii) Ensuring social welfare is integrated in planning towards achieving a holistic socio-economic development;
- iii)Enhancing the Department's role and capacity as the focal point in the planning and evaluation of social welfare development programmes at both local and international levels;
- iv)Enhancing smart and strategic partnerships with community organizations,non-governmental organizations and international agencies;
- v) Strengthening and enhancing social welfare services delivery at all levels;

- vi) Ensuring the optimum management and utilization of human resources; and
- vii) Enhancing the quality of planning, financial management as well as information and communication technology

(2) Major Program, covered area, covered population, number of beneficiaries

Major Programs: DSWM performs programmes based on the objective such as provide care, protection and rehabilitation to the target groups, develop a community through attitudinal change and capacity, create a caring society and enhance community well-being through professional social welfare services. The programmes generally divided into protection, rehabilitation, prevention, development and integration.

Covered Areas: DSWM covers the whole country, from national level, state and district.

Covered population includes children, person with disabilities (PWDs), older persons, destitute person, family (woman & girl, single parent, victims of domestic violence, the poor & people with problems), victim of natural disaster and voluntary organizations.

Number of PWID beneficiaries

There are 359,203 PWDs registered with the DSWM which 130,013 is PWID get the benefit from services provided.

(3) Your position and duty

I am Senior Assistance Director in Department for the Development Of People With Disabilities. My duty is to administrate, plan and implement the

program/activities to ensure the well-being of the PWD (includes person with intellectual disability).

4. Community Development program which include Intellectual Disability issue as on of the activities. (If u know any)

DSWM has set up CBR programme as a strategy within the community for the rehabilitation, equalisation of opportunities and social integration of all PWID. It is a one-stop centre that provides services such as diagnosis, rehabilitation, treatment and special education. It also provides vocational training to prepare the PWDs for employment. CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of persons and children with disabilities themselves, their families and communities, together with the appropriate health, education, vocational and social services. It aims to reduce the impact of disability and provide the support services for families of persons and children with disabilities. The CBR programme is a preferred alternative to institutional care since it provides decentralised rehabilitation services and early intervention for persons and children with disabilities in their own community. It helps to ensure the acceptance and social integration of PWDs, including children, as well as providing them the opportunity to develop their abilities and skills to their full potential, leading to a meaningful live.

5. Situation of PWID in your country/area

(1) Diagnosis (professional responsible for diagnosis)

Medical Officers are responsible to diagnoses PWID. After the confirmation, they can be registered with DSWM and identity card will be issued for easy access to services.

(2) Education (Special Education and Integrated Education)

Education in Malaysia is overseen by Ministry of Education. PWID is educated within integrated programmes as no special education schools were established for children with learning disabilities. The decision to include these students rest entirely on the school's administrative prerogative based on advice by the school's special education teachers. There are two generally accepted criteria for inclusion of children with learning disabilities: i) they are able to manage themselves without help; and ii) they do not have behavioral – conditions that could caused disruption to mainstream learning.

(3) Vocational Training and Job Opportunity

DSWM operates Taman Sinar Harapan, Industrial and Rehabilitation Training Centre and Sheltered Workshops which provide care, rehabilitation and vocational training for PWDs. Job opportunity is provided to help PWDs who are unable or not ready to compete in an open labour market.

(4) Support Organizations

a) Governmental agencies

The National Council for PWDs was established to oversee, coordinate and monitor the implementation of National Policy and

Plan of Action relating to PWDs. The members of the council include government agency and PWDs.

b) Number of NGOs concerned with Person with Intellectual Disabilities

There are 50 NGOs actively involved in providing services to persons with disabilities in the areas of welfare, care, education, training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. (refer Appendix V)

6. Based on the information above, what are the issues to solve to conduct effective support for person with intellectual disabilities?

DSWM is committed to improve the equality of life of PWDs and to ensure that PWDs contribute, enjoy and benefit in the country's development. Due to lack of accommodation in employment and education, its contribute to PWID live in poverty and socially isolated. Society's attitudes such as prejudice, beliefs, ignorance etc create obstacle to inclusion. There is often failure to recognize the contribution of PWID and tendency to see only disability rather than the person.

Initiative should be taken in order to conduct effective support for PWID such as changing the mindset and perception of PWID at all level, from policy makers and implementer to the general public including the PWID themselves, enhance capacity building to ensure adequate and competent workforce at all level, empower individual, families and communities with adequate knowledge and skills on disability and strengthen intersectoral collaboration with stakeholders through networking and smart partnerships.

Table 1: Number of Schools and Student by State

NO	STATE	Primary Schools	Student	Secondary Schools	Student
1.	Melaka	231	92, 925	74	74,244
2.	Terengganu	346	145,649	135	119, 855
3.	Perlis	74	28,066	26	24,760
4.	Sarawak	1,266	291,412	177	215, 501
5.	Kedah	530	239,401	174	181,001
6.	Pahang	529	174,415	181	127,440
7.	W.P. Labuan	17	8,342	9	6,208
8.	W.P. Kuala Lumpur	209	153503	103	117536
9.	Johor	889	381, 360	243	281,870
10.	Selangor	637	541, 728	257	378,814
11.	Negeri Sembilan	343	117, 214	116	96,035
12.	Sabah	1,065	293, 066	208	200,415
13.	Kelantan	415	221, 419	155	164,110
14.	Perak	845	268, 591	237	223,690
15.	Pulau Pinang	268	156,683	124	120,422
TOTAL AMOUNT		7664	3,113,774	2,219	2,331,901

Table 2 : Number of Hospital by State

NO	STATE	Hospitals
1.	Melaka	3
2.	Terengganu	6
3.	Perlis	1
4.	Sarawak	21
5.	Kedah	9
6.	Pahang	10
7.	W.P. Labuan	1
8.	W.P. Kuala Lumpur	2
9.	Johor	11
10.	Selangor	10
11.	Negeri Sembilan	6
12.	Sabah	21
13.	Kelantan	9
14.	Perak	14
15.	Pulau Pinang	6
TOTAL AMOUNT		130

Appendix III

Table 3: Number of People Working for Each Industry

NO	INDUSTRY	EMPLOYED
1.	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,349.6
2.	Fishing	121.5
3.	Minning and quarrying	62.7
4.	Manufacturing	1,807.1
5.	Electricity, gas and water supply	58.1
6.	Construction	1,015.9
7.	Wholesale and retail	1,831.8
8.	Hotel and restautants	800.5
9.	Transport, storage and communications	592.0
10.	Financial intermediation	271.5
11.	Real estate, renting and busines activities	601.9
12.	Public administration and defence	813.8
13.	Education	731.4
14.	Health and social work	271.7
15.	Other community , social and personal services activities	303.3
16.	Private Households	262.5
17.	Extra-territorial organisation s and bodies	1.7
TOTAL		10,897.3

Appendix IV

Table 4: Community Based Rehabilitation Centres In Malaysia

No.	State	CBR Centres	No. of		
			Supervisors	Workers	PWDs
1.	Terengganu	42	42	132	2825
2.	Melaka	17	17	77	776
3.	Perlis	6	6	24	263
4.	Sarawak	33	33	222	2411
5.	Kedah	36	36	116	1183
6.	Pahang	51	51	228	1345
7.	W.P. Labuan	2	2	9	80
8.	W.P. Kuala Lumpur	11	11	54	428
9.	Johor	65	65	287	2838
10.	Selangor	42	42	206	2353
11.	Negeri Sembilan	44	44	232	1477
12.	Sabah	28	28	117	1607
13.	Kelantan	38	38	124	1249
14.	Perak	36	36	114	1183
15.	Pulau Pinang	21	21	149	1022
TOTAL AMOUNT		468	468	2,147	20,184

Table 5: Number of NGOs concerned with PWID

NO	STATE	NGO	PWID
1.	Melaka	2	69
2.	Terengganu	-	-
3.	Perlis	1	23
4.	Sarawak	3	159
5.	Kedah	1	81
6.	Pahang	2	23
7.	W.P. Labuan	1	14
8.	W.P. Kuala Lumpur	3	603
9.	Johor	5	533
10.	Selangor	8	776
11.	Negeri Sembilan	4	121
12.	Sabah	1	67
13.	Kelantan	1	120
14.	Perak	8	1499
15.	Pulau Pinang	11	551
TOTAL AMOUNT		50	4,740