

The logo is circular with a blue outer ring containing the text 'Asociación Sarchiseña de Discapacidad' at the top and 'Sarchiseña de Discapacitados' at the bottom. The center features a stylized white figure of a person in a wheelchair, set against a red background. Below the wheelchair is a colorful, multi-layered mandala-like pattern in shades of purple, green, yellow, and blue.

**Asociación Sarchiseña de
Discapacidad
(Association Sarchiseña of Disability)**

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Costa Rica

- Located in Central America
- Divided in 7 provinces
- Area 51000Km square
- Population 4.317145



Costa Rica

- Life expectancy
 - Female 82 years
 - Male 78 years
- Death rate: 3.9 %
birth rate: 17.8 %
- Unemployment rate: 15.3%



Laws concerned with persons with intellectual disabilities

- The law 7600 “Equal opportunities for people with disabilities”
- “The law of the human rights”



Laws

- ” Law 7600 “law of equality of opportunities for people with disability”
- Law 2171”law of creation of the National patronage of blind”
- Law 7092 “On the tax of the rent and the incentive in favor of the employers that contract to people with disability”
- Law 7948” of the Interamerican Convention for the elimination in all discrimination way for people with disabilities”
- Law 2171”ley of the National patronage of blind”

Financial Assistance for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

- National Council of Rehabilitation and Special Education (CNREE)
- Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social (CCSS) (Social Health Security)
- Instituto Mixto de ayuda Social (IMAS) (Institute for Social Helps)
- Junta de Protección Social (JPS)



The Association Sarchiseña of Disabilities



- **The organization of people with disabilities (ASADIS) was born of a plan pilot with the government and non governmental organizations for a solution to the problems for the community with disabilities.**
- **The Government provides the professionals and the not governmental organizations gives the infrastructure and the equipment required to work with this community.**
- **In this moment exist three professionals in different areas (physical therapist, occupational therapist and special educator)**

The Association Sarchiseña of Disabilities

- Background:
- To prepare the persons with disability to work.
- To insert the people at the community.



Vision



- For the year 2012, we will be recognized by the attention, and quality of the services.
- With this we look for the full realization and integration to the labor atmosphere so that people with disability achieve a more independent life.

strategy

- To present to the community the project of the disability people by different means of communications (local radio, messages in different churches, bulletins)



Activity

The organization has different activities for this persons.

Work inserts in the community

To make micro companies with the same users.

Protected workshops of assembling of clothing

Recycle wastes in the community

Imitation jewel shop

Shop of paper recycle.



Activities

Participation in the activities of the community of Sarchí (native country celebrations, religious celebrations and fundraising)

Major Programs

The program consist in 4 areas :

Personal autonomy

Academic functional

Moral and personal social

Occupational Basic

Target Group

In this moment we are working with 60 beneficiaries in Sarchi.

They are from 18 to the 65 years old
Costa Rica has 25 CAIPAD (is the similar institutions that I work)

Covered Areas

This program is only for the Cantón of Sarchi.

Costa Rica has others programs for each province and it has many CAIPADS that depends of the population of the Cities.

My position and duties

I work as physical therapist but I work with my workmates on all projects and we visit all our users

The houses beneficiaries and made a report to CNREE (National council of Rehabilitation and Special Education) to help them to carry on with their live.

We get in contact with others organizations for capacitation for different jobs.

I coordinate with others professionals that they need for more life (doctors, psychologist, social work,etc.)

We work in projects with Ongs for a best infrastructure and other resources .

Purpose

To give the adult with disability (18-65 years old) the possibility to be attended in a specialized center where they can have a integral quality and later they can be reinserted in the community to work and be an be treated equally in the society where they live.

Case project of my country

- ASADIS (center of Integral attention for adults with disability)





Inputs in the implementation organization, community and external agents

Lack of resources such as materials and
human resources to work with this
population

Lack of information in the same community
about the program and the Institution

Lack of support from the governmental
institutions to work in cooperation

Budget and period

The program which we belong was born 7 years ago by means of an agreement between government and non government associations.

The period for the program has expired for the rest of the year and they are in negotiations with the government who they do not want to assume the payment of the professionals and the non governmental organizations lack of resources to pay them

Activities and consequence

Results:

This program has had many good results in the communities where the non governmental organizations are well established, and they are achieving good results with all the requirements of the not governmental organizations have asked to help this people, every time it is rescued but population with disabilities that were in their houses without contributing anything to the society.

Consequence

The quantity of people with disabilities who came to this programs has exceeded the expectations and only the Minister of Public Education has assumed the payment for the professional having exhausted the budget for the next year.

The future of the working people in this programs is uncertain.

This programs are in risk to be closed since the lack of budget to pay the professional in charge of this program.

Strengths

People with disability older than 18 years have had the opportunity to be inserted in the society.

People with disability have had many benefits since the program was implemented.

It has been able to exercise the equality of the rights of people with disability.

Weakness

The time and the budget available has exhausted ran out.

The future of the CAIPAD is uncertain.

Many non governmental organizations are poorly organized to cover the necessities of the people with disabilities in their communities.

Process of monitoring and evaluation

Often some directors meet with the Assessor of the CAIPAD

The Ministry of Public Education requests formless report to the directors of each Institution.

Situation of persons with intellectual Disabilities

1-finding and diagnosis of ID:
prevalence 5.98% in Country, 5.67% in Alajuela district.

2-profesional responsible to diagnoses:
Doctor (neurology)

Procedure after diagnosis

Once diagnosed, the boy is assisted by specialist doctors.

In school age with the diagnosis fact is evaluated by the assessor of special education and taken to the school (special classroom or special school or special program of significant or not significant attention)

Process of monitoring and evaluation

For the evaluation the Government's assessor that meets with the directors of each CAIPAD exists.

A report should be presented quarterly and final to the directors of the institution and the ONGs.

Education

Children's percentage ID :10.13% with special educational necessities.

Percentage of special school:1.64% (22 schools of special education in the country)

Vocational Training

Costa Rica has 86 classrooms for vocational training that are in the high schools in the whole country.

Problems to solve

- 1 - to give to know the Institution to the community.
- 2 - to explain to the community which are the goals of our Institution.
- 3 - to get the companies of the community to give work to the people with disability
- 4 - to educate the community about people with disability.
- 5 - to try to change the external environment for the person with disability and not to change the person for the environment.

A serene sunset scene over the ocean. The sun is a bright orange orb just above the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the sun to a soft blue at the top. The ocean below is dark blue with gentle waves. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted tree branches frame the top and right sides of the image. Overlaid on the center of the image is the word "Thankyou" in a large, blue, serif font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect.

Thankyou