

Inception Report

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1. General Information

- (1) Name of Country: China
- (2) Area:9,600,000(sq.km)
- (3) Population:1,300,000,000(not including Hongkong, Macao, Taiwan)
- (4) Life expectancy: male 71years, female 74years
- (5) Infant mortality rate:2.6%
- (6) Maternal mortality rate:0.137%
- (7) Literacy rate:81.5%
- (8) Education(Compulsory):nine years
- (9) Unemployment rate:4.6%

2. Outline of my organization

(1) The CDPF, affirmed by the law and ratified by the State Council, is the unified national organization of and for persons with various categories of disabilities in China, which was set up at Match 1988 in Beijing, is the national non-government organization of/for PWDs. Mr. Deng Pufang is currently the Chairman.

The aim of CDPF is to advocate humanitarianism, protect the lawful rights and interests of PWDs and develop the work on disability, so as to

ensure their equal and full participation in social life and their share of material and cultural wealth of society.

CDPF is an organization with three functions, namely, representing and protecting the lawful rights and interests of PWDs; uniting, educating and serving PWDs; and fulfilling the duties assigned by the government to administer various affairs of PWDs.

(2) CDPF has many duties as follows:

Making closed contact with persons with disabilities, listening to their views and suggestions, reflecting their needs and serving them wholeheartedly.

Uniting and encouraging persons with disabilities to abide by the law, perform their due duties, carry forward the optimistic and up-and-coming spirit and the spirit of self respect, self confidence, self improvement and self reliance.

Advocating the cause of persons with disabilities, facilitating the links among the Government, society and people with disabilities, and mobilizing society to understand, respect, care and assist people with disabilities.

Developing and promoting rehabilitation, education, employment, cultural life, welfare, social service of persons with disabilities and the prevention of disabilities so as to improve the environment and conditions for the participation of persons with disabilities in society.

Assisting the Government in studying, formulation and implementing disability-related laws, regulation, plans and programmes; fully plying its role of promotion, synthesization, organization, coordination, consultation and providing services and monitoring; and guiding the work in related areas.

Carrying out international communion and cooperation.

(3) The target group of CDPF is including the disabled person of different types. China has a large amount of disabled person. The quantity is nearly 82,960,000 according to the results of the second disabled persons spot check. As far as rehabilitation is concerned, the number of beneficiaries reaches to 13,000,000.

(4) I serve in CDPF with c department at present. I am in charge of participating in establish and implement indemnificatory or technical policy for community rehabilitation both in city area and in country area for the disabled person of different types. PWID is also included. We set up service network with three levels from center to province and county. Each level is made up of three parts: administrators, technical experts and rehabilitation worker. We use the social working methods to help the PWID to acquire living skills.

3. Project on Prevention and Rehabilitation of Mental Retardation

(1) Outline of the project

The project on prevention and rehabilitation of mental retardation

aims at screening out the mental retardation and improving their living quality. It can be divided into three parts. Part one is to supplement iodine for the residential people so that decrease the happening of mental retardation. Part two is to screening out the mental retardation children from zero to six years by using the DDST and China Neuropsychological Developmental Scale for Children (CDNSC).Part three is to establish model for training mental retardation children based on the support of community and family.

CDPF is in charge of implement the project. We made detailed plan. In the county, the government set up work group including technically personnel, governor, DPF and operator in community.

(2)Activities and Consequence

Through 12 years, the project wins great achievement. All the mental retardation children have been trained in 17 counties. Some of them go to the elementary school to accept education. Some go to the special educational school. Great changes have taken place in local peoples' attitude to the PWID.

The good point of the project is the local government attaches importance to it. And the participators all work hard to ensure the project implement successfully. The major problem is only 17 counties benefit from the project. Most areas of china lack of condition and experts to providing support to the mental retardation children.

CDPF and the experts inspect the counties and give direction to the participators in front line termly. All tables and data must be verified by CDPF and experts. CDPF establish an evaluation system for the project.

4. Intellectual disabilities in china

(1)Laws concerned

There is a laws & rules system of PWDs' enterprise in China which regards the constitution as the core, regards the laws, the administration rules, the department regulations, the rules of regional rules and regulations concerned as the series, regards the preferential treatment helping PWID of people's governments at county, township, village levels as the extending. At the same time, Chinese government also strengthens the other works concerned, such as supervised and surveyed the conditions of implementing the laws concerned, taken the serves and aids in law in order to protect the PWIDs' lawful interests, strengthened the propaganda of legal system.

THE LAW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE PROTECTION OF DISABLED PERSONS adopted at the 17th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Seventh National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on December 28, 1990. This law have been implemented of May 15, 1991. It includes nine aspects such as General Provisions, Rehabilitation, Education, Employment, Cultural life, Welfare, Environment, Legal Liability, Supplementary Provisions. It

states the rights and the obligations of PWIDs', prescribes the responsibilities of government, society and the organizations of disabled persons, ensures the lawful status of enterprise of PWIDs and disabled persons federation from, It is a fundamental law to safeguard disabled persons in Equality, Participation and Sharing. Now, this law just being modified.

THE REGULATIONS ON THE EDUCATION OF PWDs were approved for implementation at August, 1994 by the state Council. These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Disabled Persons and laws concerning education, for the purpose of safeguarding the right of PWIDs to education and developing educational undertaking for PWIDs. The Regulations define the responsibilities of the government, institutions, society, schools, and families in education of disabled persons. It includes general provisions, pre-school education, compulsory education, vocation education, education at or above ordinary senior middle school level and adult education, teachers, guarantee for material conditions, rewards and punishments, supplementary provisions.

(2)Financial assistance

The financial assistance for persons with intellectual disabilities includes resources of income of CDPF, donations from all circles in

society (including organizations and individuals at home and abroad), contributions from the china government, international cooperative projects and other source.

(3)The present service for I.D. offered by both government and NGOs are backup policy on education, medical treatment and employment training. They also offer financial assistance to poor I.D. or I.D. living in rural area.

(4) The government plays an important role in establishing policy and legislation for I.D. NGOs' task is to investigate the living quality of I.D., find the key problems and to table a pertinence proposal. The residents try to establish the environment and offer support for I.D. to learn skills and live easily.

5. Situation of Persons with Intellectual disabilities

(1)Finding & Diagnosis of I.D., Early Intervention

The prevalence of I.D. in china is 0.432%. The amount is about 5,540,000.Health workers are responsible to diagnoses children with I.D. After the I.D. people are diagnosed and are confirmed, they will be sent to the rehabilitation institution or be trained in home under the support of the community.

(2)Education

According to the result of the second sample investigation in china, the percentage of children with I.D. who attend school is 64.86%.

The children with I.D. whose IQ score is below 50 should accept special education in separate school. And the children with I.D. whose IQ score is between 50 and 70 can accept integrated education in general school.

First, the children with I.D. attend the IQ test. Second, the work group including teacher, doctor, social worker and the parents gives an integrated evaluation for the children. Finally, all the participants make a decision on which kind of education is fit to the children.

(3)Vocational training

I.D. people especially the children with I.D. receive vocational training in vocational education school.

(4)Support organizations

I.D. people can put forward their demand to the governmental department though CDPF or DPF. We also established special association for I.D. person in every province. The number of non- governmental organizations concerned with I.D. people is more than 3000.

6. The issues or problems to solve in order to conduct effective supports to I.D. people.

Face to the large amount of I.D. people and according to the practical situation, in my opinion, we need to conduct effective supports to I.D. people from five aspects.

First, we have to establish policy and law to protect the legal right of I.D. people on rehabilitation, education, obtain employment and

participate in social living. We should also strengthen supervision on how to execute the law.

Second, the early discovery diagnoses and intervention system for I.D. children should be built as soon as possible. In fact, early intervention can save much manpower, material and financial resources. And the earlier intervention you implement, the better effect you get.

Third, technical person is very lacking in many rural areas. That is one of the main reasons result in the I.D. person can not receive support timely. So we need to train technical person in great force and form service network to provide education and rehabilitation for I.D. people.

Fourth, it is very necessary that the government set up maintenance institution in community for grown I.D. person. Most of I.D. persons have no working ability. But they need a place to contact with others and get in touch with the society. We should provide the opportunity for the grown I.D. persons to participate in social living.

Finally, we need develop and strengthen international communion and cooperation so that we can extend channels to get new information and technique to help the I.D. person improve their living quality.