

Intellectual Disability in Community Activities 2014 *Inception Report*

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1: General information

- 1) Name of country
(Afghanistan)
- 2) Area (sq.km)
(652225) km²
- 3) Life expectancy
(60.51) in 2012
- 4) Infant mortality rate
(117.23/ 1000 infants)
- 5) Maternal mortality rate
(70-68) Year
- 6) Literacy rate
(32/100)
- 7) Population
(29.82) million

8) Education system (number of Education school and Students in each district)

(1600 school (105) million student)

9) Health system (number of hospitals in each district)

(Here is Basic health package system. and here are 75 district hospitals in 411 districts.)

10) Major industry (number of people working for each industry)

(43698) Companies

11) Employment rate

(35/100)

2: Intellectual Disabilities

1) Laws concerned with persons with intellectual Disabilities

(In Afghanistan we have the law of persons with disability in which the rights of PWD are mentioned. This law is including all parts of disability. And as well as Afghanistan is joined in convention of PWD, this convention is approved by parliament too.)

2) Financial Assistance for persons with intellectual Disabilities

(Usually the budget is allocating for PWD especially intellectual disabilities by government. This budget is expending by (Deputy of Martyred and Disabled)

3) Services in including CBR available for persons with intellectual Disabilities

(Unfortunately due to 3 decade of war in Afghanistan there was less attention on the education of Persons with disabilities and especially intellectual disabilities.

These types of people considered useless and crazy people which are not eligible for education.

But in recent years there has been some efforts for brighten the mind of people regarding the disabilities but they are not enough there are more work to do in this field. The organizations specially the DSCG and ACPD committee members have many services regarding CBR (Community based Rehabilitation). And the numbers of services and beneficiaries are not clear, because the organizations and government have their own activities and unfortunately they don't have enough coordination to specify the numbers services and beneficiaries of CBR.

There are several challenges on way for providing services to person with intellectual disabilities which I will name some of them and hope that as result of this course I will be able to seek out some solution for some of them:

- Lack of people awareness regarding the disabilities.
- Lack of IQ test in Afghanistan.
- Problem in distinguishing the PWID.
- Lack of education and rehabilitation center.
- Lack of rehabilitant programs for PWID.
- And many more.)

- 4) Number of Services and those beneficiaries in each district (province)
(There are no specific services for the person with intellectual disabilities)

3: Outline of Your Organization

- 1) Background, Vision, Strategy

This University established in 1964 by the name of Teacher Training Academy. In 1982 its name changed to Pedagogy Institute which had Tree faculties like: faculty of literature, Natural Science and Social science and later added the faculty of Sports. In 1981 it's change to a University which named Educational University of Kabul. In 2012 its name changed to Kabul Educational University of Professors Rabani.

Vision:

Our vision is to transform Professor Rabani Education University into and internationally recognized institution of learning and research, a community of stakeholders committed to shared governance, and a center of innovative thought and practice.

Strategy:

- 1- Creating senior Professors Committee in each department , Mentioned committee collecting new and fresh information , knowledge and Methods from interior and abroad university and other resources (internet and recent published book).
- 2- According the current situation as student not have standard books and other resources to prepare books for the students, the lecturer are committed to prepare note with high qualities.
- 3- University has a well-organized plane to create a new digital library according student requirement.
- 4- University is committed to increase capacity building of lecturers.
- 5- As university has a Masters program for lecturers of education it must be continued.
- 6- Participating of the lecturers in trainings, Seminars and workshops which are held inside and outside of the country.
- 7- Creating computer Centers in each faculty of University .
- 8- Attraction of fund on international level for IT.
- 9- University will created opportunity for learning of lecturers, Students and clerks in IT.
- 10-Taking benefits from new technology in lecturing (lap top, projector and Screen).
- 11- University of Education has a weak and poor condition of laboratories in every department, University will request from SHEP2 to corporation in the necessary section.
- 12- Recruitment of technician for each libratory to help lecturers during libratory exercises.
- 13- USID is committed to construct 24 rooms building for libratory .
- 14- Creating research Center Trough SHEP 2 Fund.

15- Achieving of Masters and PHD programs through SHEP2 for different programs.

16- Construction 100 Rooms building through ARDS.

17- SHEP 2 promised to construct sports Grounds.

Faculty (Department) of Special Education is one of the new department that has been recently established in Kabul Education university.

We are the only governmental institute with the mission of training/educating professional teacher holding bachelor degree that will help children with disabilities in their education and rehabilitation.

Our department goal is to support our lecturers in order to gain professional knowledge at the area of special education.

This faculty has three Departments

1- Psychology and education of people with visual impairment (Blind)

2- Psychology and education of people with hearing impairment (Deaf)

3- Psychology and education of people with intellectual disabilities.

In department of psychology and education of people with visual impairment we have two type of student with visual impairment and normal students.

And we have special classes for people with hearing impairment or deaf student.

2) Major programs, Covered areas, Covered population, Number of

Beneficiaries

(Major program) This University has (9) Faculties like:

1- Faculty of Literature

2- Faculty of Natural Science

3-Faculty of Social Science

4- Faculty of Sports

5- Faculty of education and professional since.

6- Faculty of Special Education

7- Faculty of Islamic culture.

8- Faculty of Computer and information Technology.

9- Faculty of psychology.

and 29 Departments.

Covered Area: Country wide

Covered Population: 258 Lecturers, 8740 student and 164 Clarks

3) Your Position and duty

(Professor Assistant (lecturer)

Duties:

1. Lecturer at PID department
2. Guidance and leading of students for preparing of Monograph and practical works in related Department.
3. participating in PID workshops and short and long term courses
4. Participating in academic decision taking plans
5. Leading and participating in academic researches
6. Participating in developments affairs of studying plans.
7. Preparing and collecting Fresh research lectures and notes.
8. taking of board Exam for administration from new educated students
9. and other related researches)

4: Community Development program which include intellectual Disability issues as one of the activities. (if You know any)

(There are some programs for the person with physical intellectual disabilities and sensory disabilities but is not specific program for the person with intellectual disabilities.

5: Situation of Persons with intellectual Disabilities

1) Diagnosis (professional responsible for diagnosis) as I mentioned previously since there is not enough attention on the intellectual disabilities in Afghanistan that is why there is a lots of issues within regards of diagnosis, like there in no IQ test that could help teacher to distinguish the person with intellectual disabilities.

2) Education (special education and/ or Integrated Education)

(If we compare the works and efforts that has been took place in the last years to other countries we will find out a huge difference in terms of quality and quantity, it means that we need to work harder to make a standard special/ integrated education system which will answer the need of disable countrymen.

Unfortunately in our country the approach toward a professional work on special education is very week

3) Vocational training and Job Opportunity

(As it clear that finding a job is very difficult thing for person in Afghanistan, so it makes it impossible sometimes for PWD to find a job, but fortunately in some vocational schools there are some vocational training that can be a lead for finding jobs.

4) Support Organizations

(Mostly the support in the area of Disabilities in Afghanistan comes through the NGOs and they are playing good rule in this area.

a) governmental agencies

as a governmental agencies in Afghanistan we do have two agencies that focuses more in supporting the person with disability:

the first one is Ministry of work social affairs: which only concentrate on the physical handicaps. But the second one is the Professor Rabani Education University and department of special education: Which focuses on education the young professional teachers for education of person with the sensory and mental disabilities.

b) number of NGOs concerned with Persons with intellectual Disabilities

There are many NGOs exists that works for the special education and they work only on the sensory disabilities which 3 of those are very well known which they are operating but there is almost no recognized NGO that helps children with

6: Based on the information above, what are the issues to solve to conduct effective support for persons with intellectual Disabilities?

- People awareness regarding the disabilities.
- IQ test in Afghanistan.
- Distinguishing the PWID.
- Established education and rehabilitation center.
- Rehabilitant programs for PWID.
- Organized job facilities for the PWID
- And many more.)