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Intellectual Disabilities II

Inclusion of Intellectual Disability into Community Development (JFY 2006)

Inception Report

1. General Information

(1) Name of Country: Colombia

(2) Area (sq. km)

Area: total: 1138910 sq km.

(3) Population (population in rural and urban area)

Total population: 44.222.000

(4) Life expectancy

68.0 (male) / 77.0 (female). Healthy life expectancy at birth: 57.8 (male) / 66.3 (female)

(5) Infant mortality rate

Per 1000: 25 (male) / 18 (female)

(6) Maternal mortality rate

130 adjusted 1990 – 2004

(7) Literacy rate

Adult literacy rate 2000 – 2004 (male) 94

Adult literacy rate 2000 – 2004 (female) 95

(8) Education (Compulsory)

50% at public school. 87 % children receive

(9) Unemployment rate

12.1 %

(10) Laws concern with persons with Intellectual Disabilities

371 referred of Discapacity.

(11) Financial assistance for persons with intellectual Disabilities

The government gives 2.800.000 millions of pesos to sport programs for PWD

3.780 millions for adults with ID

2. Outline of your organization

(1) Background, vision, strategy, activity

In 1994 was born Granahorrar Foundation, emerged from the commitment with vulnerable population, aspiring to be a leader in integrating them to society by supporting productive projects that foster employment of persons whit disabilities.

Its strategy is referred to exploring ways to increase the capacity of vulnerable persons and /or with intellectual disabilities, and in so doing contribute to the wellbeing of them.

It identifies relevant skills on them, and support and carry out strategies for promoting accomplish the maximum potential of every participant.

At this moment Granahorrar Foundation is implementing 3 projects: 7311 (DABS), Fundación Carolina, and ICBF, all of them supporting and capacitating PWID in order to find them better options to get jobs accommodations and improved employment opportunities with the purpose of promote a real inclusion into society.

(2) Mayor programs, covered areas, and target population of your organization

7311 project with the Social Welfare Administrative Department witch based its purpose on accomplish social politics that make promoción, prevention and protection of PWD rights guaranteeing their participation in every community realm. It takes place in Bogotá with citizens on the following boroughs: Candelaria, Rafael Uribe Uribe, San Cristobal, Kennedy, Tunjuelito with 104 PWID as total of beneficiaries.

The second project in association with Carolina Foundation has as aim Integrate PWD into society all through training them to be productive and promoting their skills and capacities. The total of participants are 102.

The third project is in association of ICBF, with adolescents with ID. All the leading actions of this project are based on the purpose of enhance the abilities of the beneficiaries in order to make them able to perform any productive activity once they become adults.

(3) Target group, number of beneficiaries

The target group is composed of adolescents and adults with disabilities and also with low income witch become them part of a vulnerable population of our country. 315 is the total number of the beneficiaries.

(4) Your position and duty

At Granahorrar Foundation I am responsible to design and execute a project dedicated to promote social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. Coordinate the family department; leading actions towards personal development and family support through systemic model of intervention, all of that towards improving the economic independence, social empowerment, and community integration of persons with intellectual disabilities.

3. Community Development programs which include Intellectual Disability issue as one of the activities. (If you know any)

- IRD Atención a personas con discapacidad.

- Protejamos la vida: niños y niñas menores de 18 años en condiciones de alta vulnerabilidad (proyecto 7309)

- Atención integral para adultos-as con limitación física y/o mental (proyecto 7311)

Please pick up a case project/s or programs in your country, with which you or your organization has been associated, and describe its outline and analyze its performance referring to items listed below.

(1) Outline of the project or program

a) Goal or purpose

7311 Project: Provide Integral Attention to adults with physical or intellectual disability. Promote their participation and give opportunities to reach a productive social inclusion.

b) Expected outputs

Increase life status of PWID

Reach their integration to productive activities into community.

Carrying out productive projects that foster employment in associate working groups

c) Inputs of the implementing organization

Focus our strategies on productivity and on support Micro-entrepreneurs with PWID.

Focus on enhance their abilities in order to make PWID able to perform any productive activity

Offer a training focus on be productive and promoting their skills and capacities.

Offer an integral teaching which include the improvement of areas such as emotional, social, and occupational.

d) Inputs of Community

It has been increasing an effective and meaningful participation of the community. Many organizations are interested in give job opportunities at individual or groups with intellectual disabilities.

e) Inputs of external agents

The project is connected with major programs from the District: This make an important role on supporting the goals and actions regarding welfare of PWID like culture, recreation and healthcare.

f) Budget and period

The budget of the projects is 400.000 millions on each contract. The period of each contract is 8 months. At this moment Granahorrar Foundation has executed 3 contracts in association with the Social Welfare Administrative Department of Bogotá.

(2) Activities and Consequence

a) The result / consequence (What has happened or been achieved?)

Make alliances with organizations such as Maloka, Bancolombia, Febor, Colsanitas, Banco Santander, Davivienda, Fondo de Pensiones Públicas among others which provide alternatives to the beneficiaries to be included into society.

Also the training focus on productivity has been an opportunity to PWID and their families become independent and create different working and offer their services as gardeners, and as micro entrepreneurs (bakery and recycling processing)

b) Strength and weakness (Good points and the major problems)

Being a leader in integrating PWID to society by supporting productive projects that foster employment of them is the major strength.

Offering training in genuine working realms.

The major problems are referred to the community, because there is still a barrier to give opportunities to PWID. Also there is a difficulty with families who want to deny the abilities and skills of the PWID, not encouraging them as independent persons.

c) Process of monitoring and evaluation

Social Welfare Administrative Department performs monitoring and evaluation of the project, besides that on every realm on which beneficiaries are trained there is a

constant evaluation of them and of the professionals in order to guarantee the highest of quality according to ISO 9000 standard.

4. Intellectual Disabilities in your country

Please explain briefly on I.D. in your country regarding the items shown as below.

(1) The present services for I.D. offered by both government / NGOs.
Integral Attention to adults: Training in productive activities. (DABS Social Welfare Administrative Department) on 2 modalities: Institutionalization and External System
Integral attention to children with special needs. (DABS Social Welfare Administrative Department)
Programs focus in recreation and sports. IDR D

(2) The respective roles of government, NGOs, and residents (people in the community)

States have obligations with regard to its citizens with intellectual disabilities, accomplish its responsibilities on increasing the number of people attended however would not be able to extend the financial support necessary for independent living for a population for whom are need of centers where they can be trained to be more autonomous. There is a little amount of ONGs dedicated to attend needs of PWID which make more difficult to achieve welfare in this population and complicate the task of spreading information regarding PWID to the community. Community has a lack of knowledge about PWID and their actual needs.

5. Situation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Describe as much as you know.

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

a) Prevalence of I.D. in your country / district. *

b) Persons / professionals responsible to diagnoses (doctors or health workers or social workers...)

Doctors such us pediatricians, neurologist and psychiatrists in Hospitals and Centers of medical attention are entitle to diagnoses ID, however in psychologist and teachers trained with children with special needs implement test of IQ make the able to do diagnosis of ID.

c) Procedure after diagnosis

After diagnosis the children, adolescent or adult with ID are send to ask for a position in a project where their needs will be attend.

(2) Education

a) Percentage of children with I.D. who attend school *

b) Type of education for children with I.D, Special education, or Integrated Education. Very little number of schools offers integrated education. Nevertheless there are plenty of private options to in role children with special needs. People with low incomes access to this option by applying to the projects explained previously.

c) Placement procedure

(3) Vocational training

a) Do I.D. people receive vocational training? If not, what is the reason?

Yes they can receive vocational training in different areas placed on the ONG's that executed the projects

(4) Support organizations

a) Governmental agencies concerned with I.D. people.

Among of others Vision Pais Preactiva Fundación Fe Fundación Granahorrar, Fundación Saldarriaga y Concha, Insor.

b) Number of non-governmental organizations concerned with I.D. people

Among 30 in the District.

6. Based on the information of above items 1-5, please explain the issues /problems to solve in order to conduct effective supports to I.D. people.

One of the problems is the lack of centers dedicated to attend PWID with vulnerable conditions, concerned that creating new institutions as a result of this review process - placing more centres for integration PWID into the community. The government must look at a thorough and appropriate reform of the services to them, and at ways to significantly increase the capacity of the community to support the integration of PWID. A comprehensive reform leading for ONGs should enable people with intellectual disabilities to fully exercise their right to health care and other social, cultural and economic rights, such as right to education, employment or right to family life. Also is important to make changes in the community in order to offer a true integration into society for PWID, those attitudes could be changed, towards greater acceptance of in the community by leading campaigns on those issues.

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Questionnaire

All the applicants are required to fill in this form and detach it, and submit together with the Nomination Form to the JICA local office or the Embassy of Japan.

1. Name:

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2. Country:

Colombia

3. Organization / Position:

Iranahorrar Foundation / Psychologist.

4. Experience in fields and projects

Please describe the projects you were engaged in, in the fields mentioned below.

1) Community Development:

One of the objectives that 7311 project refers to increase life status of the community through empowerment it by supporting productive projects that foster employment and/ or self-employment of people with disabilities and their families by doing so, the project contribute to the wellbeing of them and the community where they are part of.

2) Community Health:

3) Community Based Program for PWD:

7311 Project: Goal: Support people with intellectual disabilities, enabling them to become more self-sufficient, to build their capabilities as individuals participants of a community. The main actions of this project lead to the independent living of PWD and also change the way of thinking about PWD in the community, we have seen a major shift regarded to the paradigm: PWD can not make an efficient job or can not be a productive component of the society.

4) Social Welfare:

7311 is one of the projects of the Social Welfare Administrative Department in Bogotá D.C. which based its purpose on accomplish social politics that make promotion, prevention and protection of PWD rights guaranteeing their participation in every community realm.

5. Please describe if you have any knowledge on Intellectual Disability such as:

1) Characteristics of PWID

As a psychology I have consistent knowledge and experience with PWID: Etiology of ID, conductual phenotype, the cognitive processes, mental and

motor development levels, adaptive and maladaptive behavior; all of that assessed by the standard IQ test.

2) Law for PWID

I have knowledge about Human Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, international rights related to special education and issues in Colombia associated with employment, provision of goods and services, as well as the promotion of equality of opportunity.

3) Service for PWID

As agent of the Social Welfare Administrative Department I have been aware and in contact with the departments in charge of services on mental care, adoption, education, and others programs that guarantee welfare for PWID.

4) Situation of PWID in your country / area

The Situation of Colombians with Intellectual Disabilities is changing however exists discrimination on the basis of disability. There is still many obstacles to reach goals like laws prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of disability or change the unfounded myths, fears, and stereotypes about PWID.

We have found arbitrary deprivation of liberty, living conditions and lack of adequate conditions at home or at some institutions. Negligence is a common issue in low income families with a member with PWID. These situation is been changed because of the improvement of programs and projects dedicated to support the most vulnerable members of our society.

5) Others