

Disability Data App

The Inequality Challenge. Innovative Solutions to a Global Issue

The Challenge

According to the 2014 Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey, 10% of the Cambodian population experience at least some degree of difficulties in performing basic functions. Although Cambodia has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is committed to building an inclusive society, persons with disabilities still face major inequalities. Exclusion of persons with disabilities from participating equally in society makes them invisible. Absence of Sustainable Development Goals' data about persons with disabilities makes it difficult to effectively advocate for inclusion, actively target them and to measure change.

Persons with disabilities (mobility, sensory, intellectual, mental, health impaired) are a very heterogeneous group. Due to their different functional limitations and environments they live in, they have different (un)met needs and barriers to overcome in order to claim and obtain their human rights and to ensure they are not left behind.

The Objective

The overall objective is to leave no one behind, including persons with disabilities, in order to enable them to participate and benefit equally and equitably in a more inclusive society.

The specific objective of the project is to empower the disability movement in Cambodia by using self-collected data for awareness raising and advocacy to influence service providers as well as local and national decision makers in all sectors.

Project title	Disability Data Application (DDA)
Commissioned by	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Country	Cambodia
Implementing Organisation	Social Health Protection Programme (GIZ Cambodia)
Partner Organisations	Cambodian Disabled People's Organisation (CDPO)
Duration	July 2018 – September 2019

The Target Group

The ultimate target group are persons with disabilities living in Cambodia. In order to improve their quality of life, Cambodian society has to become more inclusive and the environment more accessible as there are still many barriers causing exclusion.

Within the timeframe of this project, Disabled People's Organisations are the primary target group, representing persons with disabilities in their area. The Cambodian Disabled People's Organisation (CDPO) is the national umbrella organisation, which represents 75 Disabled People's Organisations, around 1,000 persons with disabilities Self Help Groups and over 20,000 individual persons with disabilities in Cambodia.

The Approach

The project tackles the exclusion of persons with disabilities by involving the disability community in collecting relevant data to fill the information gap. The data collection is used as an advocacy tool to promote the 2030 Agenda's principle 'Leave No One Behind'.

The project developed a mobile Disability Data Application tool to collect data on disability from multiple perspectives and allow Disabled People's Organisations to collect data from the perspective of persons with disabilities.



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The Disability Data Application tool makes data collection easy and manageable through tablets. The tool enables Disabled People's Organisations to map the profile of persons with disabilities and actively raise awareness at all levels about service utilisation and unmet needs, barriers, priorities and potential solutions. It advocates for inclusion by influencing local and national plans and decision making processes.

By using self-collected data and profiles, CDPO and the other Disabled People's Organisations are able to make well planned, targeted and evidence-based awareness raising campaigns and advocate for change towards inclusion at local and national level. This helps them to influence local and national service providers and decision makers, including development partners, in all sectors.

The Results

- 21 trained enumerators from 13 Disabled Peoples Organisations collected data from 4,304 persons with disabilities from all over Cambodia.
- Offline data collection through tablets with free KoboCollect application and online KoboToolbox which generates maps, reports and tables including storage of pictures and consent forms.

- 25 interactive online dashboards and graphs for analyzing disability data.
- Real time monitoring of data collection at local and national level.
- Promotion video which showcases the projects impact on persons with disabilities; vimeo.com/357473142
- Improved advocacy and service delivery for persons with disabilities after needs assessments in the areas of health/rehabilitation, education, income, social support, and representation.
- Mapping of persons with disabilities for emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction and service delivery at home.
- 10 Disability Data Awareness & Advocacy (DAA) workshops at local level and 1 DDA dissemination workshop at national level in Phnom Penh with a total of 500 key stakeholders
- Article in national newspaper; www.phnompenhpost.com/national/cdpo-announces-plan-compile-data-disabled
- Training of 20 persons with disabilities to develop a questionnaire in KoboToolbox which improves ownership and empowers the involved 13 Disabled Peoples Organisations.
- Free available questionnaire in online library with international validated questions from Washington Group Model Disability Survey and Community Based Rehabilitation.

About the Inequality Challenge

The Inequality Challenge supports innovative approaches that tackle inequality and the 'leave no one behind' principle of the 2030 Agenda with the ultimate goal to integrate these approaches into German Development Cooperation's portfolio. Initiated by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), it supports ten projects in India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mongolia, Jordan, Serbia, Nigeria, Mauritania, Brazil and Mexico with up to 100,000 EUR.

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