

Project Progress Report.

Implementing Agency: Afghan Disabled Union (ADU)

Project Title: Disability Rights Awareness and Self Advocacy training Development for people with disabilities in the central Region of Afghanistan.

Donor Agency: United Nations Children (UNICEF)

Project Objective: To promote and conduct awareness and advocacy training for landmines survivors, other people with disability and their families.

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Result Achieved: Rights Disability Awareness and Self Advocacy training provided to 173 men and women with disabilities through conducting of 6 training workshops in different localities of the central region including Kabul.

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Project Overview:

Afghanistan continues to be one of the most mine-affected countries in the world. Landmines have killed and maimed more than 200,000 people in Afghanistan during the last 10 years. The current landmine situation in Afghanistan is extremely distressing in which over 750 square kilometers of land is contaminated with landmines or unexploded ordnance (UXO). Every month over 100 people killed or injured. Approximately 52 percent of mine victims are males of working age. More than 62 percent of them have no formal education. Almost 75 percent of the victims were injured while farming, collecting firewood, tending animals or walking in the mined areas for other economic reasons.

Persons with disabilities including mine victims are among the poorest people of Afghanistan and many were the sole breadwinners of their families. (Please annex 1) These people often experience a loss of the independence and ability to earn a livelihood. Thus while mines impact and other causes of disabilities heavily on the individual, they often have serious repercussions for the victims families. Landmines Survivors and other persons with disabilities desperately need educational and employment opportunities that enable them to contribute to or provide for alienation within the workplace, but also face the current job shortage in Afghanistan that has left all Afghans with limited employment opportunities and choices.

Women with disability also experience reduced opportunity and are often unable considered unable to participate in transitional family tasks thus leading to an even more segregated and diminished role within family, community and Afghan society as a whole. UN statistics show that almost 90 percent of women cannot marry after they are disabled.

These factors combined with the negative social stigma attached to disability in Afghanistan, cause disabled people to be one of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of society.

The vision of this training was to create a barrier free society for all based on the principles of participation, integration and the equalization of opportunities, defined by the United Nations in their World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; the Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Disabled Persons. This project was also useful to create awareness concerning on going elaboration for the International Convention to Protect and Promote the Rights of Disabled Persons

The purpose of the trainings and awareness creation is to ensure that all persons with disabilities in their communities exercise the same rights and obligations as others through capacity building training and transfer of knowledge through which disabled people and their organizations can play a vital role in solving their own problems and can coordinate their efforts for achieving their due rights through peaceful means. Based on our experienced

we have gained during the training workshops we are quite sure that the continuation of such workshops will pave the way where disabled people can live in a society that recognizes and highly values of our own lives and dignity, and constantly enhances the process of full participation for all Afghan people with disabilities.

SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Overall Project Goal:

To develop the capacity of the disabled Afghans with regard to their human rights and strengthen their capacity to advocate and obtain inclusion in all public and social forums including education, employment and health sector services.

Objective:

To promote and conduct awareness and advocacy training for landmines survivors, other people with disability and their families.

Activity 1:

Identify disabled individuals groups, families' and concerned community members in the regions of Heart, Jalalabad, Kabul, and Mazar-e- Sharif to participate in awareness and self-advocacy training activities.

Output 1: ADU has identified people with disabilities in the central region for conducting of the training workshops. See Annex 1, participants list.

Activity 2:

Conduct at least 5 training per regions, documenting each utilizing approved pre-assessment tools, training packages and training observation forms.

Output 2: ADU obtained an official permission from the Ministry of Martyrs and Disabled (MMD) to conduct a total of 6 training workshops for persons with disabilities in the central region of Afghanistan. See attached training package.

Activity 3:

Provide training feedback analysis reports for each region.

Output 3: Information is collected during the training workshops using the pre-assessment tool and training observation forms.

Activity 4:

Receiving feedback from the trainees on the quality of the training in their respective regions based on the training evaluation, pre-assessment form

and the training observation form we have collected information from PWD for providing report. See evaluation form.

Target Group: Target groups included men and women with disabilities, landmine survivors, disabled persons organizations, family support groups, and concerned citizen Kabul, Ghazni and Wardak Provinces.

Activity Report:

Total number of people with disabilities enrolled in the training workshops by ADU.

Training	Location	Number of Trainees		Remarks
		Male	Female.	
1	Ghazni	22	0	
2	Karte Naw	0	25	
3	Family welfare Focus FWF (an Afghan NGO Compound) Kabul	6	29	Mix Class
4	FWF (compound) Kabul	21	0	
5	Spin Warsak Wardak	16	0	
6	Yakhdan Kabul	0	16	
Total number of disabled participants in 6 training workshops.		65	70	
		135		

Summary of Training Activities

What people knew before the training?

- The people knew about their right to get assistance from the government, but this was the only thing they knew.
- They knew that they have rights but they didn't know that what kinds of rights were.
- They knew that they have rights but they didn't know what that kind of rights they have
- As a matter of fact they knew very little about their rights.

They didn't know in details.

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What observations did the trainers make?

- There were sufficient training materials but the training room was not wide enough to comfortably accommodate all the participants.
- Therefore training room to be consider and should be seen before conducting the training work workshop.
- The level of the understanding of the participants in terms of their rights was very poor. They knew about the rights but don't know exactly what are their rights.
- The training should stress that people with disability need to be well informed about their responsibility for themselves, possibly reducing their level of dependency.
- There was enough training material and the training room was very feasible.
- The principles or rules for attending the training workshops should be explained well before starting the training workshop.
- Refresh Courses have to be conducted for disabled so that it will increase their knowledge because most of them are illiterate and they may not be able to pick up all the topics.
- More training materials need to be supplied as the participants requested.

What did the participants think of the training (Evaluation form)?

- The disabled people liked the training very much. They requested for the expansion of this activity.
- We think that it is important to know about our rights so this training should also be provided to other persons with disabilities.
- Participants have been wishing that the government could start and broadcast some rights related topics on disability

What feedback did observers give? (Observation form)

- The training room was not wide enough to easily accommodate all the participants. Therefore it was suggested that for the next training the training room should be observed before conducting the training.

- The time taken into consideration for the hearing impaired people was not enough. In future two days of time have to be taken for the training workshop of the hearing impaired.

What did the participants think of the training? (Evaluation form)

- The book should be also written in brail and it should be inserted into CD having a voice so that the blind people can use it effectively.
- The book should be illustrated in sign language.
- They have mentioned that it is very interesting and more training have to be conducted for us.

What feedback did observers give? (Observation form)

- The number of disabled participants should be increased in future workshops.
- More time should be given for the translation in sign language during the training workshop.
- More rights based topics to be added to the training manual.
- At the beginning people taught that may be we distribute food and other items while it should clarified during the first contact.

Negative points of the training workshops.

- Almost every where except for the FWF the people taught that ADU is distributing food and other relief items to disabled people therefore large number of people were coming together at one time specifically in Yakhdan and Karte Naw.
- In the outskirts of the city and rural areas like Yakhdan women were not allowed to be transported to another location in order to have a suitable place for the training workshops. Therefore we have been restricted to conduct workshop in one the houses in the same area to which the ladies belong to.
- Women participants were usually bringing their children with them so some time they were creating interruption.

Total Direct Beneficiaries: A total of 135 men and women with disabilities (70 females and 65 male) have been enrolled in the training workshops during the past one and half months.

Estimated Indirect Beneficiaries: At least $135 \times 7 = 945$ family members of disabled persons have been indirectly benefited from increased awareness and sensitivity with regards to disability rights.

Constraints:

During the training workshops disabled people requested for an illustrated and book containing pictures explaining the rights of persons with disabilities, which was not available.

Recommendation:

ADU would like to request UNICEF to kindly increase the level of the budget so that ADU can produce an illustrated book explaining the rights of persons with disabilities.

IMPLICATIONS FOR WOMEN:

As cultural restrictions do not always allow women to participate in mixed gender gatherings; therefore ADU has invited the moharam of the female trainees to come to the center with their females while the female trainer who has provided training to women participants ensured that this training opportunity be available to female participants.



Training workshop conducted at HIFA for hearing impaired people/ADU/2005



A disabled and an elderly male participant explaining workshop topics to other disabled persons in Wardak/ADU/2005



Workshop at HIFA for the hearing impaired men and boys/ADU/2005

Comments from the participants at the HIFA workshop

This kind of workshop should be conducted for all persons with disabilities so that they could get information about their rights so that after knowing their rights they can peacefully struggle for it.

Sewita Jan, hearing impaired women from HIFA

Shella Jan: I'm very thankful to you for providing us information on our rights and the ways to achieve these rights. The book you have distributed to us is only in writing if it is possible to develop a picture book for the illiterate people with disabilities this would be better.

Ms. Razia Jan: I was unaware of my rights in detail as you have taught us today. I have learned a lot of things.

Comments from the disabled men's workshop at HIFA

Mr.Abdul Ghafar: The information we have learned in this workshop are very interesting if you could develop a voice CD in Pashto and Dari as well development of this book in brail this would be better this will enable people with hearing impairment just to listen to the CD and they will learn a lot of things.

Mr.Fahim Jan: I was very glad to hear from you that there would be a convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. Therefore you have to expand this activity so that other persons with disabilities in the rural areas can also get the information about the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Mr.Abdul Malik: It was a very good training because before I didn't know about my own rights.



Training workshop conducted in Karte Naw Kabul for women disabilities and their family members/ADU/2005

Participants' comments and suggestions.

The female participants of the workshop conducted in district 8 of Kabul (Karte Naw) has mentioned that the topics of the workshop were very interesting and we would like to request that this awareness program should be expanded so that disabled people will have the opportunity to know about their own rights and will get the capability find suitable ways for the solution of their problems.

Among the participants Ms.Masooda has mentioned that no body is taking care of disabled persons I request that if a referral system could be developed between different stake holders of the disability sector so that they can easily find some organizations to help them. With regard to the training she has mentioned that she is very glad that she attended this training workshop because I have learned a lot interesting topics specifically about the rights and how form a disability association for reduction of the disabled people problems.

Additional brief information:

In addition to the above-mentioned activities ADU has also distributed MRE and election related publicity materials to the participants in all those training workshops conducted by ADU.

Annex 1:

List of the training workshop participants held on 21/8/05 in Ghazni.

S/N	Name	F-Name	Age	Sex	Remarsk
1	Ghulam Sanayed	Ghulam Raza	20	Male	
2	Bahauddin	Nizamuddin	45	Male	
3	Zalmay	Abdul Manan	50	Male	
4	M.Nasim	Abdul Hamid	31	Male	
5	Safiullah	Rahmatullah	42	Male	
6	Abdul Sataar	Abdul Manan	14	Male	
7	Agha Mohammad	Gul Mohammad	46	Male	
8	Ghulam Mehmood	Ghulam Hazrat	20	Male	
9	Abdul Wakil	Abdul Alim	18	Male	
10	M.Nasir	Hussain Bakhsh	23	Male	
11	Habibullah	Enayatullah	37	Male	
12	Abdul Hadi	Abdul Baqi	26	Male	
13	Abdul Haq	Abdul Ghafoor	25	Male	
14	Rahmatullah	Rajab Khan	35	Male	
15	M.Asif	Ghulam Abas	21	Male	
16	Obaidullah	Noor Ahmad	18	Male	
17	Abdul Baqi	Abdul Mujib	27	Male	
18	Hikmatullah	Gul Mohammad	31	Male	
19	Dilbar Khan	Mehmood Khan	40	Male	
20	Nazar Mohammad	Guluddin	50	Male	
21	Jan Mohamad	Gul Rasul	34	Male	
22	Shah Wali	Nazer Mohammad	45	Male	

List of the training workshop participants held on 7/9/05 in Karte Naw Kabul.

S/N	Name	F-Name	Age	Sex	Remarks
1	Bibi Sayda	Naeemullah	40	Female	
2	Nasima	Abdul Satar	20	Female	
3	Afghan Gul	M.Jan	40	Female	
4	Bibi Shireen	Sayed Ikram Shah	40	Female	
5	Suraya	Abdul Jalil	50	Female	
6	Noor Zia	Abdul Ghafoor	32	Female	
7	Khudija	Aminullah	18	Female	
8	Gul Lakhta	Din Mohammad	14	Female	
9	Ghotay	Din Mohammad	18	Female	
10	Shukria	Hayatullah	20	Female	
11	Shella Jan	Murtaza	18	Female	
12	Sweta Jan	Agha Gul	16	Female	
13	Gul Mina	Abdul Sataar	18	Female	
14	SameenGul	Sikander Khan	30	Female	
15	Noor Bibi	Nazar Gul	50	Female	
16	Amina	Maqbool Shah	16	Female	
17	Robina	M.Qasam	28	Female	
18	Fahima	M.Easa	45	Female	
19	Sadiqa	Syed Jamal	30	Female	
20	Zeba Jan	Ghulam Hazrat	35	Female	
21	Seema	Qalander	25	Female	
23	Razia	M.Salim	32	Female	
24	Noor Zai	Wali Mohammad	55	Female	
25	Masooda	M.Asif	33	Female	

List of the training workshop participants held on 11/9/05 at Family welfare Focus NGO compound.

S/N	Name	F-Name	Age	Sex	Remarks
1	Hamida	Ahmad Khan	18	Female	
2	Nazo	Abdul Ahad Khan	14	Female	
3	Najia	Mohammadullah	15	Female	
4	Pareshta	M.Easa	14	Female	
5	Shella Jan	Safer Mohammad	18	Female	
6	Maliha	M.Ekram	16	Female	
7	Arzoo	Abdullah	15	Female	
8	Hamasa	Faqir Mohammad	13	Female	
9	Masooda	Mubarak Shah	18	Female	
10	Farmina	Gul Rasul	19	Female	
11	Zarlasht	Gul Karim	15	Female	
12	Zenat Jan	Ahmad Shah	17	Female	
13	Shella Jan	Azim Jan	19	Female	
14	Huma Jan	Shir Wali	18	Female	
15	Shakila	Shir Jan	17	Female	
16	Abdul Jabar	Abdul Raqib	18	Male	Mix Class
17	Salim Shah	Ali Sha	16	Male	
18	Hashmatullah	Niaz Mohammad	18	Male	
19	Esmatullah	Rahmatullah	32	Male	
20	Habiba	Sultan Ali	20	Female	
21	Tahira	Abdul Sattar	24	Female	
22	Ahmad Shah	Amal Shah	21	Male	
23	Farida	Ghulam Ghous	16	Female	
24	Nahida	Amir Khan	18	Female	
25	Zabit Khan	Rasul Khan	16	Male	
26	Shafiq	Ali Shah	17	Female	
27	Nida	Gul Khan	16	Female	
28	Aziza	Farooq	18	Female	
29	Sohaila	Gul Karim	16	Female	
30	Fahima	Abdul Aziz	18	Female	
31	Kulsum	Saidullah	15	Male	
32	Nasima	Habibullah	16	Female	
33	Qadima	Hamayoun	19	Female	
34	Gul Rukh	Hamdullah	16	Female	

This is a mix class of male students and female students with hearing impairment.

List of the training workshop participants held on 14/9/05 at Family welfare Focus NGO compound for the hearing impaired persons.

S/N	Name	F-name	Age	Sex	Remarks
1	Sayed Asif	Sayed Jalal	24	Male	
2	M.Mujib	M.Taib	19		
3	Jamshid Khan	Qand Aghan	18	Male	
4	M.Younas	Abdullah	18		
5	Qeyamuddin	Mohammaddin	21	Male	
6	Abdul Mobin	Abdul Ghafar	18		
7	Ahmad Shah	Safiullah	18	Male	
8	Safiullah	Ghulam Abas	17		
9	Shahid	Abdul Ahad Khan	21	Male	
10	Fahim Jan	M.Azam	21		
11	Abdul Malik	Abdul Sataar	22	Male	
12	Allah Mohammad	Nazar Mohammad	18		
13	Ali Mohammad	Najid Ali	18	Male	
14	Ghulam Sakihi	Noor Mohammad	18		
15	Waheed	Ahmad Khan	19	Male	
16	Zalgay	Sarwaruddin	26		
17	Nazifullah	Abdul Wahab	22	Male	
18	Abdul Ghafar	Ghulam Raza	22		
19	Abdul Mutalib	Sarwaruddin	18	Male	
20	Shir Agha	Salih Mohammad	18		
21	M.Asif	M.Azam	21	Male	

List of the training workshop participants held on 25/9/05 at Spin Warsak Wardak.

S/N	Name	F-Name	Age	Sex	
1	M.Zahir	Ghulam Sakhi	46	Male	
2	Abdul Qadim	Bahader Khan	40	Male	
3	M.Ewaz	M.Hashim	46	Male	
4	Gul Wazir Khan	Alif Khan	50	Male	
5	Amir Khan	Pacha Khan	50	Male	
6	Gula Khan	Zarawar	34	Male	
7	M.Zaman	M.Asghar	38	Male	
8	Sayedurehman	Abdul Jalil	65	Male	
9	Hayatullah	AsakZai	24	Male	
10	Gul Rehman	M.Noor	39	Male	
11	Abdul Malik	Khan Gul	30	Male	
12	Gul Nabi	Zulfiqar	22	Male	
13	Shreen Aghan	Shir Ali	47	Male	
14	Gul wali	Abdul Wali	29	Male	
15	Jan Aghan	Abdul Ghani	45	Male	
16	Abdul Basir	Too Gul	31	Male.	

List of the training workshop participants for female held on 25/9/05 at Yekhdan area of Kabul district 7.

S/N	Name	F-Name	Age	Sex	Remarks.
1	Rahila	M.Baz	18	Female	
2	Alima	Ehsanullah	18	Female	
3	Feroza	M.Zahir	19	Female	
4	Fatima	Saifuddin	58	Female	
5	Nabila	Bismillah	20	Female	
6	Marina	Abdul Ghani	23	Female	
7	Shafiq	Nik Mohammad	33	Female	
8	Shah Jehan	Shah Mohammad	25	Female	
9	Nasima	Fazal Ahmad	17	Female	
10	Ashraf Bibi	Baz Mohammad	48	Female	
11	Nuqra Bibi	Shireen	58	Female	
12	Gul Mina	Yasin Gul	40	Female	
13	Nadara	Karimaullah	40	Female	
14	Qamar Bibi	Ghulam Nabi	35	Female	
15	Seena Jan	Dalir Khan	27	Female	
16	Rahila	Noor Gul	19	Female	