"Inclusive Post-Earthquake Reconstruction: Public Buildings Safe and Accessible for all"

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Parallel Session: Inclusive Humanitarian Aid
Organizational Background

- The public advocacy pushed for the CRPD ratification and transforming disabilities into development agendas.
- Promoting Accessible Publishing through DAISY and Epub books
- Collaboration for achieving disability targets and indicators in SDG.
- Has own ABC excellence Award in 2016
Project Background

• There was devastating Earthquake on 25 April 2015 in Nepal,
• 4500 persons Acquired disabilities due to Spinal Cord Injury and Amputation.
• Persons with disabilities faced hardship condition during rescue and relief action.
• Deprived of Access to justice
• Transforming rights in real life is critical though Nepal is the state party of UNCRPD.
• The violation of basic human rights with the consequences of inaccessible infrastructure in public places.
• ADRAD intended to push for disability inclusive post-Earthquake reform.
The Essence of the Project

• Accommodated persons with disabilities providing access to services in post-earthquake reform
• Mobilization Paralegals amongst persons with disabilities
• Engagement in planning, monitoring the execution of PDRF
• Mapping of accessibility measures and legislation and collaborated with reconstruction authority for meeting accessible standards.
• Public Accountability through accessibility auditing.
• Follow-up for ensuring accessibility standards in public places
• The project execution is based on active engagement of persons with disabilities
The innovative aspect of the project

• Inclusive post-Earthquake reconstruction: Public Building safe and accessible for all
• Implementation: Earthquake affected 14 districts
• The project intended to guarantee accessibility standards in post-earthquake reconstruction
• Establishing inter-governmental coordination supported holistic approach
• Persons with disabilities are directly engaged in monitoring
• Established indicators of accessible reconstruction
• The project influenced the concerned Authorities for ensuring accessibility standards in Post-earthquake reconstruction.
The Impact Created by the Project

- The newly amended act has covered accessible standard in line with CRPD article 9.
- 6765 persons with disabilities and their families received first phase amount of NPR. 50,000 for the building reconstruction
- 72 meetings of the district disasters committee have been attended by the paralegals
- 780 persons with disabilities trained for monitoring the accessible standard.
- 87 public places made accessible during post-earthquake reconstruction.
- 145 construction workers orientated about Accessibility standards
- 38 new public places are under construction beyond project districts.
The Success Factors

• The accessible reconstruction covered in the planning of public buildings.
• The project has now being replicated in other districts beyond project scope.
• The Government has assigned representatives of DPOs for the planning and designing the accessible public places.
• The newly elected Municipalities are also adopting the accessible standards developed by the Government through the execution of the project.
• The public places in 17 other districts are under construction of public buildings as post-earthquake reconstruction where accessible standards are implemented.
• The project influenced positively to developing public policy
• The practice can be replicated by accommodation of disability inclusive issues in the post-disasters reform Framework
Successful Story of Gunaraj Khatiwada

Gunaraj is monitoring the accessibility compliances of the public building
Financing Issues

• Civil society funding (from Foundation Open Society Institute): US$ 56,000
• Non-financial support: US$ 24,000
• Other forms of funding/support: Contribution from local network
• The project execution was based on active engagement of local DPOs under ADRAD's network.
Sustainability & Challenges

• Asia-pacific plan of action on Disability has been followed while developing the indicators of accessible standard by the Ministry.

• Taskforce led by Ministry and promoted accessibility standard and collaborate with the DPOs.

• The practice is potential replicable to ensure accessible public places in the sub-region so that all services will be further accessible for persons with disabilities.

• The provision of accessible schools has not been implemented though it is mentioned in the newly adopted "Inclusive Education Policy in January, 2017."
The Next Steps

• Capacity building of construction workers is necessary to developed knowledge and skills for meeting accessible standards
• The result has been learning to the Government to maintain accessibility standards in the newly building schools and the public places.
• The project has provided insight to the local bodies for the fulfillment of accessibility compliances in line with CRPD.
• The local bodies should allocate fund for making accessible public places thus the project result will be sustained.
• The active role of paralegals to be enhanced to support persons with disabilities to get state service and benefits without discrimination.
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