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Organization: Department of social services

Country: Sri Lanka

2. Title

Income generation program (for people who have spinal cord injuries .

3. Relationship to this program.

I came to Japan as a scholarship to follow, vocational rehabilitation and employment promotion of person with disabilities. According to the program schedule I visited few centers and companies, and PWD are working in those areas. Through the training period I could see severely disabled people with spinal cord injuries are working in a big companies and some centers. So I was surprised about it.

In Yokogawa electric company: I could see number of wheelchair users are working in the open labor market. Some of these PWD are paying tax to Japan government. Japan sun industries is ideal place for severely disabled persons. All people working in sun industries are PWD. Most of them are severely disabled and wheelchair users. They are engaging in an open labor market and shelter work shop. Some of them are tax payers. Anyhow I think these PWD have individual and independence life style. They are not dependent on the government or family. They can protect their family.

This picture made me open my eyes. They are working for their country, they are playing, teaching to others, I didn't see any differences from ordinary people.

So I think we can apply some part of this in to my country. But in my country difficult to find open labor market or shelter work shop employment for these PWD. So I would like to start small group income generation vocational program for this people.

4. Background.

The classification of types of disabilities used by the Ministry of Social Welfare includes visual, speech, hearing, mobility, intellectual, psychiatric and disabilities arising as a result of epilepsy (more than one disability can arise as a result).

The number of people with disabilities in Sri Lanka are increasing day by day. The main reasons for this is due to the increasing number of road and worksite accidents, accidents

related to toddy and Palmyra honey making, drinking related problems and due to lack of first aid knowledge (after the incident or accident ordinary people hurry to take the injured to the hospital and by doing so they make more harm to the injured person)

People injured can get medical treatment from the government hospital and after that they will be sent to the rehabilitation hospital. In Sri Lanka there are two main rehabilitation hospitals for this kind of people. They are Digana Rehabilitation Hospital located in Kandy and Ragama Rehabilitation Hospital located in Colombo.

Digana Rehabilitation Hospital is a newly built one and has the following programs which are offered to people living in Kandy area.

- Medical rehabilitation
- Physiotherapy
- Counseling and relaxation.
- Entertainment (such as fabric painting, and pottery painting)

Nearly 60 people are rehabilitated in Digana hospital every month. After finishing treatment they will go back to their home.

Therefore to alleviate and help those who acquire physical disability due to various types of accidents I would like to initiate an income generation program for people who have spinal cord injuries.

5. Possible obstacles

Most of the time people with disabilities do not have positive attitudes about improving the life conditions. So most of the PWD depend on their families or the government to meet their basic needs. Therefore counseling and providing psychological support is very important as the initial stage to improve their condition.

- These people do not have savings. So government intervention is most important. But some time government has to face big problem as the annual budget of the Department of Social Services is limited. As a result we have to approach NGOs to support us financially in delivering services to these PWDs.
- No market for the products produced by the trained PWDs
- Lack of family support.
- Lack of support services for the PWDs to sell their products.
- Accessibility problem is big problem in village areas

6. Overarching Goals

Economic independence for the PWD as well as the family. They would not need depend on the Government or NGOs.

7. Concrete objectives and how to implement .

I'm selecting number of 12 families through the Digana hospital. Who are living in a kandy district. After finishing there medical rehabilitation we are starting the main project. (03) there

01. Social rehabilitation
02. Vocational rehabilitation.
03. Job placement.

01.) Social rehabilitation program conducted by Department of social services. Social rehabilitation include with day to day life skills and social activities like making relationship and some kind of psychological improvement The following short term goals will be achieved from this project.

- Reducing the stress of family make happy
- Positive attitude for future.
- Peaceful family environment
- Train employment.
- Skill training.

I'm planning to measure their psychological and mental situations with psychiatric doctors. And I will be hope engage some counseling officers also. To cover 1,2, and 3, objectives . To do this we can use deferent kind of questioners. Behavior therapy to measure and observe their behaviors and changers.

02) vocational training is covered 4 .and 5. objectives are related with their skill training. It will be done by ministry of industries. In this project there is a 4 types of training : Wax, yogurt, murukku, and mushroom production. Training is going to held in in digana hospital. Instructors visit twice a week for two months. Each department has trained offices and we can use there knowledge and skills

03) Job placement. It will be done by Department of social services. After finishing there social and vocational training they will go back there home. under the government support they will be start there self employment. Number of PWD will work : 12. Each Gramaniladhari division will maintain one project. So when we selection the people 3 should be one GS division.

8. Expected outcomes;

01) Finding small group living in Kandy area. Number of people is 12. these 12 people of group divided into 4 main groups. (Grama niladhari division is main border line when make small group.) These all PWDs should be over 18 year old.

Out come; 50 % financially independents within 03 months.

; 100 % Engaging in a income generation program.

9. Target audience ;

The target audience of my project is the people who have spinal cord injuries in Digana rehabilitation hospital.

Why is this program meaningful:

After the incident this PWDs have to face more and more problem. Such as financial, social, and cultural. Lot of pwards comes from poor families. So regarding to this situation they don't have enough basic necessities to live and survive.

My personal attitude is they need huge support to solve their problem and to be independence. And I need break their dependence behavior. There for they need big concrete financial support. Without this main point we cant make develop their life through only charity services. To reach to this target we can use their skills and their mind power.

10.Partnership.

Department of social services in central province is the implementing agency for this project.

Other collaborative partners.

- Ministry of health central province.
- Ministry of industries and small industries.
- Digana rehabilitation hospital.
- NGOs.

Department of social services can give financial support. But allocation is depends on the budget. We can get support from NGOs. Ministry of industries can supply knowledge , and develop skills of PWDs.

11. Budget

Expenses	Cost	# of people	Units	Occasion	Total
Social rehabilitation Training					
Payments for instructors.	1,000	1		16	16,000
Office material (paper ,pens, clay, est.)	2,000				2,000
Communication. T.P/Fax	3,000				3,000
Vocational rehab training					
Training Payment for instructors.	1,000	4	2	16	64,000
Office material. (piper, pens ,est)	2,000				2,000
Candolle machine	20,000	3			20,000
Vex	10,000				10,000
Mushroom		3			
Project Equipments(wood, steel)	5'000				5,000
Ingredients (saw dust, seeds)	5,000				1,000
Murukku Project		3			
Pots and pan	3,000				3,000
Ingredients(flour ,oil)	7,000				7,000
Yought project		3			
Equipments	4,000				4,000
Ingredients	6,000				6,000
Transport	10,000				10,000
Administration	10,000				10,000
Total					163,000

The total of money is = 163,000 Sri Lankan Rupees.
 163,000 Rs = 1418 in us\$.

12. Monitoring and evaluation;

During the program I should visit each place twice a week. At the same time project planning officer and social services officer in Digana hospital could do home visits. We can use the strategy shown below.

1. General observation. (family environment and personal attitude)
2. Quality of production.
3. Quantity of production.
4. Interview of PWDs family by trainees.
5. Interview of shop merchant by trainees.
6. Interview of family members by trainees.
7. Interview biers who are taking this production.

These interviews are handle by officers who I mentioned above. If thy have any kind of problems we can make some discussion with family or relate section.

13. Timeline

