

MONGOLIA CBR PROGRAM, EMPOWERMENT OF DPOs, AND RATIFICATION PROCESS OF CRPD



CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY (90ies)

- Transition from Socialism to Democracy:
- People started to think about their rights to enjoy in their life;
- Many NGOs including DPOs established in early 90-ies;
- Over 2000 NGOs and 70 DPOs was established; (in Socialist period: 2 state orientated DPOs and 1 women's association in Mongolia)

- According to the Law one or two persons can establish their NGOs;
- DPOs – one person with stamp, no office, no members (not sustainable);
- Many international agencies started their activities in Mongolia;
- DPOs – competing to find out money to live and continue of their presence in the area;
- DPOs – operating only in Ulaanbaatar city;

MILESTONE

- 1998 – DPOs started to unify: National Federation of DPOs (over 10 member organizations);
 - President – from Parliament member (Minister of Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor was handling through their existing agencies in the local level)
- 2007 – The structure broke down;
- 2007 – Federations formed newly in order to ensure the basic rights of the PWD:
- 2008 – Networking of the DPOs;

COLLABORATION

- AIFO collaboration with DPOs became active in 1998 when National Federation of DPOs;
- DPO – partner of AIFO in Mongolia;
- 2005 – First project on strengthening of legal environment of legislation for the persons with disabilities (AIFO support);
- 2006 – Project of strengthening the capacity building of National Federation of DPOs and its member organizations (UNDESA support);
- 2008 – Capacity building of DPOs (EU-co-financed project);

ACTIVITIES

- The basic law of PWD is social welfare basis – Needs of developing;
- Develop draft law of social protection of PWD on the basis of the existing laws and needs of the PWD (the “Consensus” NGO on legislative experts and National Federation of DPOs):
- Survey among PWD what are their needs (Sociological department of the University of Mongolia and Law School);
- Analysis to the existing Laws related to PWD;
- Focus group discussion with DPOs, Public awareness campaign through mass media;

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

- Marching PWD around the Parliament house;
- Organizing of a Forum under auspices President of Mongolia and National Commission of Human Rights;
- In the Forum women with disabilities and other disability group raised their voices from the floor;
- Working team at the Presidential Institute formed to follow-up the activities;
- The President of Mongolia handed over to the Parliament session the amendment to the existing laws;

ACTIVITIES - Capacity building of the DPOs:

- For the Board members of the National Federation of DPOs:
- Management training course (Management Academy, implementing agency of Government);
- Computer course (Vocational Training department of National Rehabilitation Center);
- English language course (Foreign language institute);

ACTIVITIES - Capacity building of the DPOs:

- Human rights training for the persons with disabilities:
- Training of trainers at national level (trainers from PWD and referents of HR Commission) – DPI Italy;
- Training for the Chairs and Branch of DPOs in rural area on human rights issue;



ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CRPD

- Preparation started since 2005 (making draft law);
- HR training gave basic knowledge on HR issues;
- Developed Training manual on the Human rights of PWD (DPI and AIFO);
- Simplified manual of the CRPD for the decision makers and DPOs (HR Commission);
- Networking of DPOs played important role

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CRPD

- Lobby group set up consisting of 10 ministries and 10 DPOs and AIFO;
- DPOs provided information about CRPD and disability issue to the ministry officials vs Ministry officials provided process of ratification;
- As a result Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor prepared documents to submit it to the Cabinet in May 2007;
- The Cabinet made a decision to hand over the Parliament session:

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CRPD

- The documents passed through the Standing committees of Social Policy development and Foreign policy and Security;
- Parliament election – June 2008
- Need to start lobby activities towards the new Parliament members;

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CRPD

- DPO collaborated very actively with HR Commission;
- Lobby letters sent to the Parliament members;
- TV spot broadcasted through National TV and radio;
- Composition articles named “Right to be different” by the public was organized;
- Posters are located in the busy streets;

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CRPD

- Round table discussion organized among the decision makers and DPOs;
- “I have a word to say” meeting of PWD organized;
- “Let’s develop together” Children Assembly of children with disabilities was organized under auspices of the President of Mongolia;
- Sports and cultural events organized for the occasion of the International Day of PWD;
- Web-site is under construction in order to share information related to the disability



ACHIEVEMENT

- First draft law of Social security and protection of persons with disabilities developed by the professionals and PWD on the basis of UN standard of equal opportunity for the PWD;
- First training on Human rights issues organized in Mongolia in collaboration with National Commission of Human Rights of Mongolia and DPI-Italy;
- DPOs had good knowledge about the human rights issues and management skills;
- CRPD brought them together to Networking among DPOs;
- Mongolia ratified the CRPD in December

LESSONS LEARNT

- Law making area: need to find correct body to collaborate (Responsible body to hand the draft law to the Parliament session);
- Well-known person with disabilities (Paralympic winner on archery) showed very positive results towards the ratification of CRPD;

FUTURE PLAN OF DPOs

- Play important role to implement the CRPD;
- Monitor to the implementation of CRPD;
- Collaborate with other organizations and agencies in order to ensure the basic rights of PWD;
- Increase awareness on disability issue;
- CBR – collaborating with Ministry of Construction and Transportation: on Construction standard

TV spot

- My friend Listen and think about the equal destiny
- My desire and heart is full of dreams and full energy to create
- We are all same as human being
- We decide ourselves for our future
- Let's start to change the inaccessible environment to a equal world