Actions taken by Sri Lankan government to achieve Incheon strategy

Legislative enactments taken to strengthen the legal framework in Sri Lanka

2. Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Act
3. Act No. 28 of 1996 Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities
4. Rana Viru Seva Authority Act
5. Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped (Incorporation) Act
8. Disabled Persons (Accessibility) Regulations No. 01 of 2006 (extra ordinary Gazette No. 1,467/15 dated 17th October 2006)
9. Draft act on sign language
10. gazette on white cane regulation No. 2021/27 dated 2017.05.31

Goal 01 : Reduce poverty and enhance work and employment prospects

Reduce poverty
1) Payment of a monthly living aid of Rs. 3,000/- for PwDs.
2) Providing medical assistance of maximum of Rs. 20,000/-.
3) Grant of housing assistance of maximum of Rs. 250,000/-.
4) Providing educational assistance of maximum of Rs. 10,000/-.
5) Provide assistive devices for PwDs.(wheelchairs, clutches, Spectacles, walkers, tricycles).

Enhance work and employment prospects
6) Create a National Plan on Providing Employment for Persons with Disabilities
7) Filling up 3% of the vacancies in the public sector with qualified PwDs where the disability doesn’t obstruct their duty.
8) Providing self-employment assistance maximum Rs.25,000/- to promote entrepreneurship
9) Provide employment job opportunities linking with private sector organizations.
10) Recognize and Appraise private sector organizations who are giving job opportunities for the PwDs

Goal 02 : Promote participation in political process and in decision making
1) Propose to give Identity card for voting purpose.
2) Change the election mandates for visually impaired persons by allowing having an assistant person for voting.
3) Improving accessible polling stations.

Goal 03: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication.

1) Gazetted the Disabled Persons (Accessibility) Regulations No. 01 of 2006 (extra ordinary Gazette No. 1,467/15 dated 17th October 2006). Amending these regulations according to universal design.
2) Published the circular of providing accessibility facilities for buildings such as schools, hospitals, public buildings.
3) Get a cabinet decision on allocating necessary funds from each ministry to make the accessibility rights a reality.
4) Organize workshops for making awareness to stake holder parties regarding accessibility.
5) Providing digital devices and software to school special education units, special schools and university students.
6) Drafted sign language act for promoting & ensuring right of the communication for hearing impaired persons in Sri Lanka.
7) Conducting diploma courses to make professional sign language interpreters.
8) Use sign language interpreters for television news broadcasting and government conferences and meetings.

Goal 04: Strengthening social protection

1) Disabled orphans pension scheme
2) Monthly living assistance of Rs. 3,000 is granted for low incoming PwDs as cost of living.
3) Community based rehabilitation (CBR) is functioned under the Department of Social Services. The role of CBR is to work closely with the health sector to ensure that the needs of PwDs and their family members are addressed in the areas of health promotion, prevention, medical care, rehabilitation and assistive devices.
4) Provide assistive devices for PwDs (wheelchairs, clutches, Spectacles, walkers, tricycles).
5) Maintain special care centers for PwDs

Goal 05: Expand early intervention and education of children with disabilities
1) Programme to improve child development and to detection of development delays and disabilities through health sectors.
2) Providing educational assistance of maximum of Rs. 10,000/- to encourage disable students to continue the education.
3) Special sanction on selecting and entering universities, Vocational training to PwDs
4) Promoting disability inclusive sports as to integrate children with disabilities.
5) Enhance the special education units as well as the inclusive education system.
6) Conduct teacher training programmes (sign, autism, Braille, inclusive education)
7) Provide special devices and supplements to assist disable children to learn.

Goal 07 : Ensure disability inclusive disaster risk reduction and management

1) National Disaster Management Programme is designed by providing special attention to persons with disabilities

Goal 08 : Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data

Collected the disability data on various aspects in 2012 by department of census and statistics. (age, sex, ethnicity, rural and urban residential status, education, employment)

Goal 09 : Accelerate the ratification and implementation of the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities and harmonization of national legislation with the convention.

1). Ratify the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities in 2016.02.08
2) Amending the draft disability rights according to the convention.