Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities in community projects towards a post COVID-19 world

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Incheon Strategy Goal 2
(promote participation in political processes)

Strengthened capacity of OPDs and government agencies to advocate for disability rights and disability inclusion at the district level

- **Project location** - 6 Organisation of Persons with Disabilities in 6 districts of Rajasthan State, India
- **Established partnerships** – Persons with disabilities and District Level Officers
- **Capacity building training**, rapo-building and peer group sensitisation
Progress in Health & Education Sector

- Identification of children with disabilities for transition in schools
- Thrust on higher and technical education
- Early intervention in rehabilitation of children with disabilities
Enhanced Physical and Information Accessibility

Strengthened institutional capacities, mechanisms and processes for OPDs and government agencies to conduct accessibility audits at the district level

Establish six (6) District-level Accessibility Auditor Groups of OPD members and government engineers and architects
Challenges
Permission for access audits was not available

Progress
Advocacy on Build Back Better & Inclusive

60 key government buildings to be access audited
SGD Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities)

Increased participation of women with disabilities in district-level mainstream community networks and OPDs

- Decision Making in Community & Institutions
- Active participation in Gender Committees in OPDs
- Awareness on community level on disability rights
- Facilitating assistive devices with customisation and issuance of disability certificates, bus passes (more than 2000 people/children covered)
- Disability Inclusive Self Help Groups; Bye-laws made disability-inclusive
Reduced Inequalities

Learning from global to local
Disability Inclusive Self Help Groups
विकलांग महिलाओं को मुख्य धारा और उनके सशक्तिकरण पर कार्यशाला का किया आयोजन

दिल्ली में तीसरे महीने में 30 फरवरी के दिन इंडिया प्रोजेक्ट के सचिव और सहायक सचिव ने कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया। इस कार्यक्रम में सहायता के प्रमुख निर्माण करने वाले उद्योग और संस्थाओं के नेता और विभिन्न संस्थाओं के प्रमुख भी उपस्थित थे।

कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अभिवादन किया गया। इसके बाद समारोह में सहभागिता के साथ महिलाओं का उद्योग के लिए काम करने के लिए उन्नति की सुझावों की स्पष्टीकृत की गई।

समारोह में भाग लेने वाले सहकार्य इंडिया, हालांकि, बन्धुवादेशी और कलेक्टर जनसंगठन ने कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से उन्नति के लिए उन्नति के लिए सहयोग सुझावों के कारण सरकार से निर्देशित की।
Post-COVID-19 World

**Intervention**
- ESCAP and Samarthyam partnership
- OPDs, Local Government and Community together identifying gaps to service delivery and developing joint solutions for inclusive districts

**Outcomes**
- Persons with Disabilities empowered especially women
- Space for ongoing advocacy, networking created and expanded

**Impacts**
- Disability Inclusive Agenda at State Level learnt
- Policy Implementation at state level improved
- Local accountability mechanism established
Thank You

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