"Livelihood Protection and Improvement for Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Zhumadian Disabled Persons’ Federation

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I. Introduction

- **Zhumadian:** 9 counties and 1 district, with a total population of 9.6 million, and 605,000 of them are persons with disabilities.

- **Project:** implemented in two towns and four village communities in Runan County and the Development Zone of Zhumadian City, covering 400 persons with disabilities.
Project components

1. Track the livelihood status of persons with disabilities.
   - 1,200 visits to households, covering 400 people

2. Train persons with disabilities to increase their competitiveness in the labour market.
   - 240 persons with disabilities trained, of whom 196 found better jobs

3. Establish self-help support networks to promote sustained employment of people with disabilities.

II. Track the real-time livelihood status of persons with disabilities
Members of city- and county-level Disabled Persons' Federations visited households of persons with disabilities

Zhang Yinliang, President of Disabled Persons' Federation of Zhumandian City, talked with persons with disabilities and their family members about their livelihood status.
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Vice President of Zhumadian Disabled Persons' Federation, Guo Weina, Xu Da, talked with persons with disabilities and their family members about their livelihood status.
Field visits to households to know about the financial and living conditions of persons with disabilities and identify their needs.
III. Training for persons with disabilities to strengthen their vocational skills
Laojunmiao Town, Zhumadian City hosted agricultural technology training for persons with disabilities.
E-commerce training for persons with disabilities
Zhumadian City, Runan County carried out wheat grass painting vocational skills training
Personalized health massage training
Personalized hair-cut training
IV. Self-help support networks to promote sustainable employment for persons with disabilities
• Establish 8 self-help support groups — each consisting 5-10 persons with disabilities and their household members, community leaders, successful local entrepreneurs and business owners, as well as technical experts.

• More than 30 persons with disabilities are employed through these self-help support groups.
Self-help groups are holding meetings to exchange experiences of increasing income
Vegetable planting bases employ persons with disabilities
Persons with disabilities find employment opportunities in the cable factory of Leshan, Zhumadian city.
The site for wheat grass painting in Runan County, Zhumadian City
Home-based businesses
V. Comprehensive COVID-19 prevention and control work to ensure healthy lives of persons with disabilities
Cleaning and disinfecting activities

With timely preventative efforts, none of the residents with disabilities in Zhumadian were infected with COVID-19.
VI Conclusion

Through the implementation of the project, the livelihood of persons with disabilities in our city has been improved steadily. Next, we will make further efforts to enhance the well-being of persons with disabilities during the pandemic and beyond.
THANK YOU!