

How to include people with disabilities in vocational training programs?



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Mainstreaming of persons with disabilities in vocational training programs by
Opération Enfants du Cambodge and Handicap International

Description of the context in which the good practice began



Opérations Enfants du Cambodge (OEC) has included a commitment to mainstreaming persons with disabilities into their service provision into their strategic documents since 2007. OEC has provided agricultural skills training since 1998. In cooperation with Handicap International, OEC mainstreamed 560 persons with disabilities into their vocational training programs

in the years 2008- 2010. OEC currently plans to continue these activities through 2013.

Description of the good practice and how it was developed

The agricultural skills provided include growing corn, cassava, mango, banana, coconut, animal raising and aquaculture (fish-raising). OEC conducts vocational training in the community and gives funding for food and travel costs during the training program. After training, OEC provided animals and seeds to its beneficiaries. Lastly, OEC gives follow-up technical support and monitoring to beneficiaries in their homeland.

Mr. Khlout Tom is living in Chrai village, Thmorkaul commune, Thmorkaul district, Battambang province. He is a widower with 6 children. One of his children is a person with disability.

He received animal raising skills training and small business support from OEC. He is very happy when he received training and many duck from OEC.

Most significant changes

The opportunity to start his own business has changed M. Khlout Tom family's living situation.

Lessons learned

During the follow-up interview process, the survey team had only a short time to meet with service providers and beneficiaries in the provinces. Therefore, the majority of rural service providers and beneficiaries were interviewed via telephone.

The primary challenge of the project involved communication with responding organizations. In the data collection process, some organizations were hard to contact as they were busy and often away from their offices.

Recommendations

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Impact statements from people with disabilities

"The opportunity to start my own business has changed my family's living situation".

Mr. Khlout Tom

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More information



Full project report: [Report on good practices in inclusive agricultural skill training for persons with disabilities](#)

Criteria for the good practices: see page 13.

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