

Minutes of the VA Working Group Coordination Meeting, 21-22 November 2012,

Hotel “Hyatt Regency Dushanbe”

Objective: To increase knowledge of VA partners on accessibility, to improve coordination of activities and planning for 2013 among VA stakeholders in Tajikistan

Target audience: Governmental ministries and agencies - Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Health, National Orthopedic Center, National Research Institute for Expertise and Rehabilitation of PWDs;

International organizations/INGOs - UNDP, UNDESA, UNICEF, ICRC, AAR, FSD, HI;

Local NGOs and Disabled People’s Organizations – Society of PWDs, TCBL&CM, “Taqdir”, “Society of landmine victims” and landmine survivors/persons with disabilities, “NGO of sappers”.

Key facilitators: Reykhan Muminova (TMAC), and Soima Muhabbatova (MLSPP)

After opening speech done by Mr. Muhabbat and Ms. Muhabbatova from MLSPP the meeting was continued by Mr. Sebastian Kasack, he “From Victim Assistance to Disability Support”.

TMAC’s VA Officer reported that in 2012 four coordination meetings were organized to discuss the coordination, planning and transition of Tajikistan Mine Action Programme (TMAP) to the national ownership. Members of TWG recommended that TMAC’s VA programme broaden its focus in the period 2013-2015 to be more inclusive of all PwDs. To reflect this change, the VA programme will be “rebranded” to the Disability Support Unit (DSU) to reinforce the understanding that efforts to assist the victims should be part of broader disability and development frameworks. Activities, what we have achieved, LTAP will be approved after mid-term evaluation, recommendations of International consultant on VA/Disability, Prodoc (VA part was distributed, asked feedback from participants).

Then participants reported according to the following questions which were sent to partners:

1. Report about of achievements in 2012
2. Challenges
3. Planning and budget for 2013-2015

ICRC : is implementing pilot project on income generation. So far, 107 families were visited, and asked to think about activity they would like to be involved to improve their lives, after 2 weeks families proposed their plans. Target districts: Nurobod, Rasht, Shahrituz, Hamadoni, Isfara + ex-deminers families. Now ICRC covered 44 families, by the end of year planned - 60 (still have to visit Vanj district). ICRC planned to expand project up to 150 families. Monitoring: 1-2 times, because they started late. Examples of support provided: 11-15 – cows, accountancy – 5, sheeps – 5, sewing – 5-6 – even

installation of satellites for TV... Each beneficiaries family receives up to 1.300 franks which is equal to 8.600 som

TCBL&CM: With ICBL support the Tajikistan Campaign Ban Landmines&Cluster Munitions (TCBL&CM) opened a new training center which provides three-month courses on computer and accountancy, sewing courses and baking courses to 35 PWDS in the Rasht district.

Rehabilitation camps for mine/ERW survivors went into the 8th year: 50 landmine survivors, including seven survivors from Afghanistan received necessary treatment, psychological rehabilitation and adaptive sport during two weeks in October 2012 in the first Inter-country Rehabilitation Camp, organized by TMAC in cooperation with TCBL&CM. During the Rehabilitation Camp two trainers from Afghanistan Landmine Survivors Organization (ALSO) organized the first pilot Peer support training for the group of Tajik survivors.

WHO: is not involved in direct support, technical assistance to the MoH was provided to provide psychosocial support to PWDs in the emergency situations. Challenges: in RT we have no clinical psychologists, we need in systematic approach. WHO is willing to provide more support - appropriate materials, creation of department of psychology in Medical University. It is also challenging – will take a time, to meet more with partners, how to create a capacity. WHO has a little funds for this. WHO is working with family doctors in primary health care: developing materials, training family doctors to become capable to provide p/s support service . Aim: CBR is next steps, plans for the future. WHO - violence and injury prevention, road safety - 1 wrksp was hold. Includes information about disability and p/s support. Protocol on Mental health for doctors. MSF –meeting next week.

National Research Institute for rehabilitation was tasked by the Government of RT - created questionnaires and will start survey aimed to reveal the reasons of increasing of disability in RT from 26 November until 8 December in four regions. Included questions on landmine injuries, and children with disabilities. Capacity building project supported by TMAC – 7 medical staff received one week training in Almaty.

NOC: In terms of the physical rehabilitation services provided to the landmine survivors and other amputees: 20 survivors received rehabilitation and 11 landmine survivors received prostheses in the National Orthopedic Centre (NOC).

MLSP – 1-st meeting of DCC was taken place on 2 July, created TWG. Until 2015 – all standards for the social sector should be developed for all vulnerable population. Purchase of social services is in progress. It was discussed with all stakeholders. For the accessibility project proposed building of “Korgarjvonon”. From 1 January will be functioning “Day center for rehabilitation of children” for social workers – center of training for social workers in Varzob district (how to integrate PWDs into society)

Association for Aid and Relief (Japan) made a reconstruction of the Wheelchair-manufacturing Workshop in Vaksh district, the project provided 100 PWDs with individually adjusted wheelchairs. Small projects: in Hisoor district AAR reconstructed the roof of boarding school and green-house for

occupational training . Sewing course group of 15 people and cooking courses. Widening the focus of trainings: included massage and cosmetology courses.

MoH: first aid providers are doctors, all landmine survivors are getting first aid from doctors. However, underlined shortage of psychologists. “Lens club” – assistance to the persons with trauma and having a disability.

GIP:

Thanks for coordination in the disability field: we together planned in 2013 publication in cooperation with the National University. Discussions will be continued in separate meeting next week.

According to the Agenda two working groups answered to following questions:

1. What are the priorities for the disability sector ?
2. What are the challenges to achieve our plans?
3. How we will achieve National Disability Strategy?

TWG members recommended starting with the development of a National Disability Strategy for RT.

TMAC CTA: start with the development of National Disability Strategy – this is in line with the Shereev’s recommendations , firstly to check with HI, EU....and try to get some funds...

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A new focus of the VA Pillar within the TMAP is the improvement of accessibility of public buildings. Supported by the US Department of State, the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) and Clear Path International (CPI) started implementing the one-year VA project from September 2012. Alice Crety, Project Coordinator, FSD presented the project which composed from two parts: organizing training for doctors and social workers on psycho-social support in affected areas and improvement of the physical accessibility to public buildings.

In line with the physical accessibility project the Agency of Architecture and Construction under the Government of RT is developing new national standards, which will be completed by a guideline soon.

Matthew Rodieck, Afghanistan CPI Program Manager presented international accessibility standards , then tajik existing standards were presented and challenges in Tajikistan. Short movie on accessibility in RT was demonstrated by TCBL&CM director.

Group discussions of 20 sites was led by Alice Crety, finally was agreed that 6 sites will be chosen from different spheres (education, health, culture etc).

**Agenda of VA Working Group Coordination Meeting,
First day**

#	Time	Subject	Responsible person	Comment
	9.00- 9.15	Registration		
1	9.15–9.30	Opening and Welcome speech	M. Ibrohimov , TMAC Director MLSPP, Soima Muhabbatova	
2	9.30–10.00	“From Victim Assistance to Disability Support”	Sebastian Kasack TMAC CTA	
3	10.00-10.15	Achievement of VA Programme	Reykhan	
4	10.15-11.00	Reports from VA partners (according to the three key questions)	VA Partners’ organizations representatives (TBC)	
5	11.00-11.15	Coffee-break		
6	11.15-11.30	Discussion		
7	11.30-12.30	Planning for 2013-15 3 Working Groups: 1.	All participants	
8	12.30-13.30	Planning for 2013 (cont’) Group work:	All participants	

		<p>4. What are the priorities for the disability sector ?</p> <p>5. What are the challenges to achieve our plans?</p> <p>6. How we will achieve National Disability Strategy?</p>		
9	13.30-14:30	Lunch		
10	14:30 - 16.00	Reporting back to plenary and discussion		
11	16.00-17.00	Coordination of activities in the field of advocacy in favour of accession by Tajikistan to CRPD and CCM	All participants	
12	17.00-17.15	<p>Feed-back, wrap up</p> <p>(what was not spoken about/missed?)</p> <p>Evaluation – how could be improved?</p>	Facilitator Reykhan	

Second day

#	Time	Subject	Responsible person	Comment
1	9.00–9.10	Registration		
2	9.10 – 9.20	Welcome speech and introduction of the Programme of the meeting	Mr. Komilov Abduvali, director of Agency for construction and Architecture under the government RT	
3	9.10–9.40	Presentation of international accessibility standards	Matthew Rodieck, Afghanistan CPI Program Manager	

4	9.30 – 9.40	Presentation on the challenges with accessibility in Tajikistan	Umarbek Pulodov, TCBL&CM	
5	9.40-10.40	Presentation of Tajikistan existing standards	Science and Building Régulations Department, Agency for the construction and architecture under the government RT	
6	10:40-11:00	Accessibility. Tour of “Hyatt Regency Dushanbe”.	Hyatt staff	
7	11.00-11.15	Coffee-break		
8	11:15 – 11:30	Presentation of potential pilot sites for new standards implementation	Alice Crety, Project Coordinator, FSD	
9	11:30-12:30	Group discussions of 20 sites (in 3/4 groups)	All Participant	
10	12.30-13.30	Group presentations leading to an agreed list of 20 sites	Team Leaders	
11	13.30-14.30	Lunch		
12	14.30-15.15	Desired situation with physical accessibility in Tajikistan and steps to be taken by Tajikistan to achieve desired situation (3/4 groups)	All participants	
13	15.15-16.30	Group presentations		

14	16.30-17.00	Discussion, evaluation and wrap up	All participants, facilitator Alice	
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Attachment 2

List of participants

List of Participants for the VA TWG Coordination Meeting devoted to Accessibility

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#	Name	Organization	Position
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7	Mr. Umarbek Pulodov	TCBL&CM	Executive Director
8	Ms. Sandra Emons	Handicap International	Project Manager Capacity Building and Rights project
9	Mr. Assadullo Zikrikhudoev	PO Society of Persons with disabilities of Dushanbe "IMKONIYAT"	Chairman
10	S��verine Chappaz	Dushanbe Sovetskaya str, 71	ICRC, Head of mission ICRC mission in Tajikistan
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20	Shoismatuloeva, Mekhri	VEFA Center	WHO
21	Ms. Aziza Hakimova	FSD Tajikistan	VA Project Administrator
22	Ms. Alice Créty	FSD Tajikistan	Project Coordinator
23	Ms. Reykhan Muminova	TMAC	VA Officer
24	Matthew Rodieck, MHSc, PhD cand.	Clear Path International – Kabul	Afghanistan Program Manager
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5	Mr. Umarov Ulugbek	Science and Building Regulations Department	Head
6	Mr. Tabarov Rakhmatullo	Architecturally Building Inspection under the Government of RT	
7	Mr. Fozilov Anvar	Research Institute “Building and Architecture”	Director
8	Mr. Bozorov Muzafar	Research Institute “Building and Architecture”	Deputy Director
9	Mr. Ishanov Bakhtiyor	Research Institute “ Shahrofar”	Director
10	Mr. Faizulloev		Chief Architect of the City
11	Mr. Usufjanov Safar Mukhammad	Presidential Administration, Department on Constructions	
12	Mr. Amirkhon Kataev	Parliament, Construction and Architecture	Chairman
13	Mr. Bakhrom Usupov	Union of Architectures of Tajikistan	Chairman

14	Mr. Rajabov F.	Association of Constructors	Chairman
15	Mr. Akbarov Akram	Technical University	Professor
16	Mr. Nozimsho Khasanov	Technical University	Professor
17	Ms. Tabarova	Construction Newspaper	Journalist
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