



# Project for Economic Empowerment and Social Participation of Persons with Disabilities

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## Expansion of Peer Counseling ~From Jordan to neighboring countries~

The project is supporting Peer Counseling activities by Syrian and Jordanian Peer Counselors. Peer Counselors trained by JICA have been providing individual/group sessions to other PWDs and some of them are working with NGOs which provide support for PWDs. The first Peer Counseling training by JICA was held in 2015 targeting Syrian PWDs in Jordan. Mr. Khaled, one of participants of the training, started to provide Peer Counseling session as a volunteer of MSF and he is working as a staff now. Effectiveness of Peer Counseling was acknowledged through continuous effort by Mr. Khaled and MSF is planning to expand Peer Counseling activity to Gaza in Palestine and other neighboring countries.

The project started to target Jordanian in addition

to Syrian to seek possibility of expansion and continuation of Peer Counseling in 2018 and provided a training. After the training, HCD requested Peer Counseling training for its staff. Also one of participants from NGO supporting persons with psychosocial disabilities obtained support from International organization and promoting Peer Counseling. The activity started as support for Syrian PWDs is expanding to other nationalities and areas through effort by PWDs themselves.



Introduction of Peer Counseling by Mr. Khaled

### Awareness raising on employment guidebook by a new facilitator

7 new facilitators for employment guidebook were trained and a new facilitator provided awareness raising workshop together with an experienced facilitator. The workshop was held with GIZ's initiative and 17 representatives of companies in industry sector attended. There were positive comments from participants such like willingness to learn about possible support in work place and Job Coach.



Lecture by a new facilitator

### Cooperation with Vocational Training Center

There are many Occupational Safety and Health(OSH) officers working with companies in Jordan. Since providing support for employees with disabilities is part of their responsibilities, the project has been discussing with Department of OSH(DOSH) on possibility for adding Job Coach contents to OSH officers' training. DOSH agreed on the idea and the project is discussing with VTC about practical procedure and schedule as training provider.