

DSD/JICA Project on Disability



Department of Social Development (DSD) / Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Project for the Promotion of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Disability Mainstreaming

Project activity is included in the 5 year activity plan of National DSD!

The project organised the 5th Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting in March 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Mr Peter Netshipale, Deputy Director-General (DDG), community development of the Department of Social Development (DSD) and 30 people including officials of national and 4 project target provincial DSD, Collins Chabane municipality, ward councilor, representatives with disabilities from the project sites, Embassy of Japan, JICA South Africa office, etc. attended. The main objectives of the meeting were to 1) share the progress on Disability Empowerment and Mainstreaming (DEM) of national and 4 provincial DSD (Limpopo, Free State, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal), 2) share the 1st edition of the DEM Guidelines and 3) approve the activity plan of FY2019/20.



[Photo] Participants discuss at the JCC meeting

First of all, national DSD presented the progress that Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) was included in the Annual Performance Plan (APP) which is the 5 year (2019 - 2023) activity plan of the national DSD. CBID is the activity which empowered persons with disabilities, families, community stakeholders working together to create an inclusive community that the project has been dealing with. Included in the APP means the DSD national secured part of the budget to conduct project activities.



Commemorative Photo after the JCC meeting

Next, the officials of DSD Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal announced that OR Tambo district and iLembe district were selected as project sites to commence the project activities from April 2019 with the ownership of DSD. Two provinces will start the activities in earnest such as

stakeholders' meeting and DEM introductory workshop, etc.

Then, the completion of the 1st edition of the DEM Guidelines which compile the lessons learnt of the project activities in Limpopo and Free State province was shared. The Guidelines will be updated to the 2nd edition in February 2020 by reflecting the outcomes of the activities in Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal province. Lastly, participants approved the activity plan 2019/20, including activities in 4 project sites and update of the DEM Guidelines.

Kick-off meeting was held in Eastern Cape!

The project had the meetings with officials of Eastern Cape DSD and stakeholders on 15th and 16th May and confirmed the project site as Nyandeni municipality and approved the activity plan.



[Photo] Ms Manthipi (centre) explained the project outline

On 15th May, the meeting was held in East London, Eastern Cape province. The Head of Department (HOD), provincial and district DSD disability coordinators, representatives with disabilities, official of Nyandeni municipality, etc. participated in the meeting. The

outline of the project and project activity plan were explained by Ms Manthipi Molamu, director and Mr Krish Shunmugam, deputy director of national DSD and participants showed great expectations for the project.



[Photo] Persons with disabilities filled in the questionnaire

On the 16th May, the meeting was held at council chamber of the Nyandeni municipality. The meeting was facilitated by officials of Eastern Cape DSD and DSD officials, Nyandeni municipal official, persons with disabilities and stakeholders of the project site participated in. In the meeting, participants nominated the working group members who supposed to play the central roles of the project. In addition, questionnaire survey targeting persons with disabilities was conducted as a baseline survey. The project will discuss the detailed activity plan based on the identified needs and challenges through baseline survey!

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