

## 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

### DEM workshop was conducted in Eastern Cape province!

The project organised the Disability Empowerment and Mainstreaming (DEM) training on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Eastern Cape province. About 35 people mainly working group members including officials of the Department of Social Development (DSD), an official and a councilor of Nyandeni municipality where the project site locates, officials of relevant departments, persons with disabilities, etc. participated in.



[Photo] Mr Krish explained social model of disability (centre back)

The workshop was facilitated by Ms Manthipi Molamu, director and Mr Krish Shunmugam, deputy director of national DSD. The objectives of the workshop are 1) to deepen understanding on disability

such as social model, reasonable accommodation, etc. and 2) to develop activity plan in Nyandeni municipality.

The workshop was 1.5 day programme. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day, participants learnt social model and reasonable accommodation, etc. through group discussion, video analysis, etc. and the results of the baseline survey was shared. Participants were divided into 4 small groups in order for everyone to speak out. At the beginning, there were some persons with disabilities who were reluctant to speak, but in the latter half of the workshop, all participants actively discussed in the groups.



[Photo] Participants discuss and develop the activity plan

The programme of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day was development of activity plan. Based on the results of the

baseline survey, 4 groups selected 1 challenge each in the project site and developed the activity plans to solve these challenges. Activity plans developed were: 1) accessibility improvement of DSD office, 2) information dissemination of medical services to persons with disabilities in collaboration with the Department of Health, 3) awareness raising on disability in community, and 4) accessibility improvement of public transportation. DSD Eastern Cape province and DSD OR Tambo district will consolidate developed activity plans and commence the activity.

### **Kick-off meeting was held in KwaZulu Natal!**

The project had the kick-off meeting in Mandeni municipality, KwaZulu Natal province on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and provincial and district disability coordinators, representatives of disability forum, an official of municipality, a person with disability participated in the training in Japan, etc. participated in.



[Photo] Kick-off meeting in KwaZulu Natal

Mr Krish, explained the outline and future activity of the project. In the meeting, Mandeni municipality was confirmed as the project site, and nomination of the working group

members and baseline questionnaire survey were conducted. The project will organise the DEM workshop targeting the working group members to develop activity plan in Mandeni municipality.

### **Promoting disability mainstreaming in the children unit!**

The project attended the DSD provincial children coordinator's meeting in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga province on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The project team demonstrated the parts of disability mainstreaming training which the project has conducted. The attendance to the meeting was realised by receiving the request from children unit of national DSD and participants showed interests on disability mainstreaming. After the meeting, children unit requested the 1 day disability mainstreaming training targeting all officials of children unit in the national DSD planned in August!



[Photo] Demonstration of disability mainstreaming training

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