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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NCPD

FIELD VISIT REPORT



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PREAMBLE

National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) was established by the law no 03/2011 of 10/02/2011 with the purpose of determining its responsibilities, organization and functioning and its relationship with other State organs.

As highlighted in the same law, among the responsibilities of NCPD are: to coordinate activities aimed at the advancement of persons with disabilities, to gather and examine views of all persons with disabilities, to advocate on the issues affecting persons with disabilities, to build the capacity of persons with disabilities, to collaborate with non- governmental organizations engaged in the activities benefiting to persons with disabilities, to mention a few.

To achieve its mission, NCPD needed to identify the issues affecting PWDs in different areas. It is within this framework that field visits in all Districts have been conducted from March 12 to May 25, 2012. Based on expected out puts, the team that conducted the visits were composed of:

Mr. Emmanuel NDAYISABA: Executive Secretary of the NCPD and the head of delegation,

Mr. Oswald TUYIZERE: Business development and access to finance officer in the NCPD,

Mr. Eugene TWAGIRIMANA: Social Rehabilitation Officer in NCPD,

Sister Perpetue NIYIMURERA: Coordinator of Lillian Foundation that supports children with disabilities in education and health.

Referring to the achievements during these visits, NCPD can't miss to express its acknowledgements to all persons that have contributed to the success of this exercise.

NCPD thanks the Districts Mayors and Vice Mayors in charge of social affairs, for their availability during the visits and the exchanges made on achievements in promoting PWDs and solutions to address issues affecting them.

We thank the Heads of centers that take care of PWDs for the information provided when they were visited.

We express our gratitude to NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators for their active participation in the visits and in meetings.

May our thanksgivings go to all persons even not listed here, for their contribution to the success of the visits.

NDAYISABA Emmanuel

NCPD Executive Secretary and the head of the delegation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) has conducted field visits in all Districts of the country from March 12 to May 25, 2012. The overall goal the visits was to exchange views with Districts authorities, representatives of centers that take care of children with disabilities, representatives of organizations that take care of persons with disabilities and coordinators of the NCPD at Sectors and District on the real needs of Persons with disabilities for a better improvement of their welfare.

As a new institution, the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) was established by the law n° 03/2011 of 10/02/2011 with the purpose of determining its responsibilities, organization and functioning and its relationship with other State organs. As highlighted in the same law, among the responsibilities of NCPD are to coordinate activities aimed at the advancement of persons with disabilities, to advocate on the issues affecting persons with disabilities to mention a few.

Concerning the achievements, NCPD team met the District Authorities and the exchanges were made on the Mission of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities and its collaboration with other governmental institutions, the recruitment of the staff in charge of disability affairs. Note that when the visits were conducted only four Districts have already recruited that staff: these are Nyarugenge, Gasabo, Gakenke, Musanze. The achievements and the plans in terms of promoting persons with disabilities were also shared. The issue of children that are supported by Liliane Foundation was presented to the Districts authorities.

The NCPD team meets the District and Sectors coordinators to exchange on their role as elected representatives of persons with disabilities. The aim of meeting the heads of cooperatives was to discuss on strategies of empowering their cooperatives so that they contribute more to the economic empowerment of the beneficiaries. The intention of meeting with the heads of centers that take care of persons with disabilities was to thank the great job their do and to exchange views on how they can promote more the welfare of persons with disabilities.

Forty centers that take care of persons with disabilities were visited. Twelve in Kigali, five in Nothern.

Since the NCPD Executive Secretariat has been established, some achievements can be reported such as acquiring new office, organization of its first ordinary General Assembly, the elaboration of action plan for January –June 2012 and for July 2012- June 2013, the continuation of advocacy to various institutions and partners on behalf of PWDs and the organization and celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2011;

As future plans of activities of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities, there are categorization of Persons with disabilities, advocate for the issues affecting PWD in education, economy, justice, hiring the new staff members to fulfill the target as stated in the organic law establishing the NCPD, elaborate the five years strategic plan oriented on axes that should respond to better improvement of the welfare of PWD.

NCPD team visited forty four Centers that take care of persons with disabilities: 12 in Kigali, 9 in Northern, 5 in Northern, 9 in Eastern and 10 in Western.

Among the identified challenges were the lack of capacities of NCPD organs in terms of lobby and advocacy, planning and reporting, lack of engagement of some local institutions and the community in promoting PWDs where some Districts still consider PWD as vulnerable people that may benefit from interventions of charity.

In terms of sport and leisure, PWDs teams are still few while PwDs need practicing sport to prevent the self-isolation.

About accessibility, there is a lack of communication facilities for people with hearing impairment as it is the same for the access to many infrastructures to PWDs where basic services are provided.

During the visits to Districts, some lessons were learnt: the Commitment of Districts Authorities is the result of NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators that are supposed to advocacy on behalf of the people they represent.

The Districts that have already recruited the staff in charge of disability affairs are realized many achievements like the census of Persons with disabilities in Gakenke, Nyarugenge. The tasks of Districts Coordinators are facilitated and the link with Sectors Coordinators is very easy.

In the Districts where cooperatives working with PWD are promoted, the PWD are less venerable that others where cooperatives are not created yet.

The Centers that are headed by religious institutions are well managed comparatively to centers that are headed by particular promoters.

The initiators of centers that take care of PWDs are abandoned to themselves; few are some who benefit from financial support from government institutions.

Referring to the identified challenges and to suggestions to overcome them, the NCPD have formulated the following recommendations:

To MINALOC

- Earmark the budget to Districts with the line Support to NCPD; as some Districts authorities are not comfortable with creating a line of support to NCPD from social protection budget

To NCPD Executive Secretariat

- Set up a strong system of coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the activities aim the promotion of persons with disabilities;
- Build close cooperation with stakeholders that intervene in field of promoting PWDs;
- Make priority the capacity building of the NCPD organs at the low level.

To Sectors and Districts authorities

- Work and collaborate with the NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators in facilitating the achievement of their mission towards people they represent.
- Include in the performance contract the activities that promote persons with disability;
- Work closely with centers that take care of persons with disabilities and avail a regular financial support

To Heads of Centers that take care of PWDs

- Report regular their achievements to the local authorities and other stakeholders;
- Communicate all plans and projects to the NCPD for a better advocacy;

- Share with the NCPD all challenges and best practices to exchange on solutions and dissemination.

To Sectors and Districts Coordinators

- Work in close cooperation with Districts and Sectors authorities to promote PWDs
- Find solutions themselves to their problems
- Advocate on the behalf of their peers,
- Report their activities

To the PWDs

- Be aware that the best solutions to the issues they are affected by are on their hands
- Value themselves and struggle for their rights and respect by fighting against selfdiscrimination.

To the Community

- Consider persons with disabilities not as people to be submitted to charitable support but as people who must benefit from their basic and elementary rights.

To families having persons with disability

- Report on issues affecting their family members with disabilities to organs representing them
- Avoid discrimination among their children, by prioritizing children without disabilities.

As conclusion, NCPD has conducted a nationwide field visits and through which key findings were highlighted. It was observed that since the establishment of the NCPD's organs, progress is made to improve lives of persons with disabilities through different economic initiatives and social inclusion. NCPD will continue to advocate all issues as per highlighted in this present report and will partner with its stakeholders in the country.

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CHAPTER ONE: GENERALITIES

1.1. Introduction, Background and context.

From March 12 to May 25, 2012, the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) has conducted field visits in all Districts of the country. The overall goal of these visits was to exchange views with Districts authorities, representatives of centres that take care of children with disabilities, representatives of organizations that take care of persons with disabilities and coordinators of the NCPD at Sectors and District on the real needs of Persons with disabilities for a better improvement of their welfare.

In fact, the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) was established by the law n° 03/2011 of 10/02/2011 with the purpose of determining its responsibilities, organization and functioning and its relationship with other State organs. This law is among the greatest achievements of Rwandan Government and is based on the United Nations Convention of the rights of the Persons with Disabilities with a purpose of promoting, protecting and ensuring the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

As highlighted in the same laws, among the responsibilities of NCPD are:

- to coordinate activities aimed at the advancement of persons with disabilities,
- to gather and examine views of all persons with disabilities,
- to advocate on the issues affecting persons with disabilities,
- to build the capacity of persons with disabilities,
- to collaborate with non-governmental organizations engaged in the activities benefiting to persons with disabilities, to mention a few.
- to achieve its mission, the NCPD needs to ensure and extend its cooperation with various stakeholders that are involved in promoting and protecting the persons with disabilities. It is within this framework that the NCPD has conducted field visits in all Districts to meet the Districts authorities and share with them on the challenges encountered in protecting and promoting persons with disabilities, and therefore notice the real needs of persons with disabilities. This was also an occasion to share the experiences gained in terms of including the PWDs in various community development programs. This will orient the NCPD to develop its strategic plan whose axes will be based on the specific and real needs of persons with disabilities.

1.2. Objective of conducting field visits

The overall goal of these visits was to exchange views with different stakeholders on the real needs of Persons with disabilities for a better improvement of their welfare.

1.3. Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the field visits were:

- ✓ To have a common understanding on the NCPD role and collaboration with its stakeholders at District level,
- ✓ To meet the District authorities to share the achievements, experiences and challenges in implementing the policies and programs targeting PWDs,
- ✓ To meet NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators to share the achievements and plans in promoting PWDs , to exchange views on their real needs ,
- To visit rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities and notice the status of services provided to PWDs,
- To visit centres that take care of children with different disabilities and notice the service provision rendered to them;
- ✓ To meet representatives of the cooperatives working with persons with disabilities for a deep exchange on challenges encountered in promoting their cooperatives ,
- \checkmark To gather views on services offered to persons with disabilities ,
- To exchange on sustainable strategies to support children with disabilities from Liliane Foundation.

1.4. Composition of the team that conducted field visits

The team that conducted field visits was composed of:

- **Mr. Emmanuel NDAYISABA** : Executive Secretary of the NCPD and the head of delegation ;
- Mr. Oswald TUYIZERE : Business development and access to finance officer in the NCPD;
- Mr. Eugene TWAGIRIMANA: Social Rehabilitation in NCPD
- **Sister NIYIMURERA Perpetue**, Coordinator of Liliane Fondation.

1.5. Methodology and steps followed

- Before the meeting, the NCPD delegation met with the Districts authorities to share some achievements and plans in terms of promoting persons with disabilities.
- During the meeting:
- The National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) made a presentation on its mission, achievements, plans and the expectations in terms of collaboration with its various stakeholders,
- The NCPD Districts and Sectors coordinators presented the achievements and plans targeting PwDs. This was an opportunity to share the challenges and strategies to address them.
- Business development and access to finance officer in the NCPD made presentation on strategies to empower cooperatives,
- Social Rehabilitation officer presented and explained the reporting format and tools for identifying needy PwDs in general and children in particular.
- The coordinator of Liliane Foundation made a presentation on the foundation: its creation, sources of funds, the stakeholders, the criteria of identifying children to be supported, the founded services, the challenges and the expectations in terms of collaboration with Districts authorities.

Each District received the list of children with disabilities and the amount to be paid for the services benefited during 2009, 2010 and 2011.

- During the visits to centres that take care of persons with disabilities:
- The NCPD delegation visited the infrastructures to notice the status of those centres and the check capacities of serving the beneficiaries;
- The NCPD shared some information on the centre: background, beneficiaries and types of disability, services offered by the centre, staff, partners, achievements, challenges, future plans, and recommendations to the NCPD.



Children with disabilities in 'Maison d'accueil d'Esperance' in Rulindo District

CHAPTER TWO: ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1. Meeting with District Authorities

The NCPD team met the District Authorities. The Mayors of Districts were supposed to be met officially by the NCPD delegation, but when they were busy with other duties, in most of the cases the District authorities met were the Districts Vice-Mayors in charge of social affairs as the Persons with disabilities are in their responsibilities. When they were not available the NCPD team met the Executive Secretary of the District. The table below captures the Districts authorities met at their offices: in three (3) Districts, the NCPD team met the Mayors of Districts, in **19** Districts the Vice Mayors, in four (4) Districts the Executive Secretaries while in four (4) Districts none of them was around when the visit was conducted.



NCPD Executive Secretary explains to Ngororero District Mayor the mission of NCPD.

Province	Districts	Authority met
Kigali City	Nyarugenge	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Gasabo	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Kicukiro	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
Northern Province	Gicumbi	The District Executive Secretary
	Burera	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Rulindo	The District Executive Secretary
	Musanze	The Mayor of the District
	Gakenke	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
Southern Province	Kamonyi	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Muhanga	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Ruhango	-
	Nyanza	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Huye	-In charge of good governance
	Nyaruguru	-Customer care
	Gisagara	In charge of good governance
	Nyamagabe	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
Eastern Province	Nyagatare	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Gatsibo	The District Executive Secretary
	Kayonza	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Rwamagana	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Ngoma	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Kirehe	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Bugesera	The Mayor of the District
Westen Province	Rusizi	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Nyamasheke	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Karongi	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Ngororero	The Mayor of the District
	Rutsiro	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Rubavu	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs
	Nyabihu	Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs

The following were the headlines that constituted the discussions:

4 The Mission of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities and its collaboration with other governmental institutions

This was an opportunity to remind the District authorities that the NCPD has the mission of coordinating all interventions aiming at the promotion of the welfare of the persons with disabilities and advocate on the issues affecting them.

4 The recruitment of the staff in charge of disability affairs

The NCPD Executive Secretary took the opportunity to remind the Prime Minister Decree n° 02/03 of February 11, 2011 its Article 3 that stipulates the recruitment of the staff in charge of disability affairs at levels of each District and the City of Kigali. This was also reminded by Honourable State Minister in the MINALOC in her letter dated April 10, 2012 whose object was: *"Recruitment of the staff in charge of NCPD activities"* After exchanging about the responsibilities of this staff, the District authorities found he/she should contributes in day to day management of disability affairs while these activities are managed by the staff in charge of social affairs. The experience has proven that this staff can't manage well all the activities related to social protection in the whole District. In most of the Districts the challenge was the budget that should be allocated to the salary of the staff in charge of disability affairs.

OUTPUTS:

- Most of Districts authorities were convinced on the recruitment of the staff in charge of disability affairs and agreed to hire him/her with 2012- 2013 annual budget;
- In some Districts like Nyarugenge, Gasabo, Gakenke, Musanze, the staff in charge of disability affairs has been recruited.

4 The achievements and the plans in terms of promoting persons with disabilities

The Districts authorities shared with the NCPD team the achievements in promoting the welfare of the persons with disabilities. In many Districts, the achievements are not considerable as the Persons with disabilities are still identified among vulnerable groups under the budget line of social protection. This seems being a big challenge to the most of Districts.



The Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs in Burera District is sharing the achievements in promoting PWDs.

OUTPUTS :

- The Districts authorities are convinced that Persons with disabilities may not be considered as vulnerable people, they only need support and being involved in any development process
- The NCPD agreed to advocate so that the MINALOC and the MINECOFIN should dedicate a line budget to the NCPD as: " Support to the NCPD"
- The Districts authorities agreed to include in their performance contracts the activities targeting persons with disabilities

4 The issue of children that are supported by Liliane Foundation

The issue of children with disabilities has been fully discussed during the meeting that brought together the Minister of State in MINALOC and the Vice Mayors of the Districts in charge of social affairs. The issue was that, due to the world economic crisis, Liliane Foundation did not benefit from funds as it used to be. This caused the debt of about one hundred sixty million Rwandan francs (160,000,000 Rwf) to be paid to services providers. As recommendation from the meeting, the State Minister in the MINALOC requested the National Coordinator of Liliane Foundation to avail the lists of children with disabilities and the amounts to be paid per each District after verification of identification and capacity case by case.

OUTPUTS :

- The participants appreciated the support provided by Liliane Foundation to children with disabilities.
- The lists have been submitted officially by MINALOC to Districts asking the Districts to see how they can pay the amounts to the services providers; most of them being the Hospitals like HVP Gatagara, Rilima Hospital or Gahini Hospital.

The following photos illustrate some cases of children with disabilities rehabilitated by Lilianne Foundation services:

Before the treatment

After the treatment









After the treatment

Before the treatment

Meeting with NCPD districts and Sectors Coordinators, Heads of Centers and the Representatives of Cooperatives.

The NCPD team meets the District and Sectors coordinators to exchange on their role as elected representatives of persons with disabilities. The aim of meeting the heads of cooperatives was to discuss on strategies of empowering their cooperatives so that they contribute more to the economic empowerment of the beneficiaries. The intention of meeting with the heads of centres that take care of persons with disabilities was to thank the great job their do and to exchange views on how they can promote more the welfare of persons with disabilities. The following topics were discussed:



The Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs in Ngororero District is opening officially the meeting with NCPD Sectors Coordinators.

***** The mission of NCPD and the role of the Districts and Sectors Coordinators

Since the Districts and Sectors Coordinators were elected no meeting on their responsibilities has been conducted. This was an occasion to remind them that they are always accountable to people who elected them as their representatives. This means that they must advocate on the behalf of persons with disabilities so that the issues affecting them might be solved. As members of Districts and Sectors Advisory Councils, these organs are the first path where they can raise their voices on the behalf of persons with disabilities. To achieve this mission, they must act in close cooperation with local District and Sectors authorities.

OUTPUT :

The Districts and Sectors coordinators have understood more their role in terms of lobby and advocacy. They have also recommended NCPD to plan the sessions of capacity building in their intention so that they can achieve their responsibilities accordingly.

* Achievements of National Council of Persons with disabilities

Since the NCPD Executive Secretariat has been established, some achievements can be reported:

- The Executive Secretary has been nominated,
- The NCPD had its office,
- The NCPD had organized its first ordinary General Assembly,
- Nine (9) staff members have been recruited on contractual basis and office equipment needed were purchased.
- The elaboration of action plan for January –June 2012 and for July 2012- June 2013
- The continuous advocacy to various institutions and partners on behalf of PWDs
- The organization and celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2011;

Plan of activities of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities

Based on the identified challenges and mission, the NCPD plans the following activities:

- Categorization of Persons with disabilities: as stipulated by the ministerial order n° 20/18 of 27/7/2009 determining the modalities of classifying persons with disabilities into basic categories based on the degree of, while this exercise will be done, the PwDs will benefit from what the Order reserves to them as social support depending on their degree of disability. The budget to be allocated to this activity has been drafted and the process involving different institutions having persons with disabilities in their responsibilities is in on going.
- Advocate for the issues affecting PWD in education, economy, justice, etc.
- Hiring the new staff members to fulfil the target as stated in the organic law establishing the NCPD
- Elaborate the five years strategic plan oriented on axes that should respond to better improvement of the welfare of PWD.

OUTPUT :

- The NCPD District and Sectors coordinators in particular and PwDs in general are committed to be involved in the activities that contribute to the better improvement of the welfare of PwDs.
- To allow the NCPD plan accordingly. Districts and Sectors Coordinators have committed to identify needy PwDs and submit the lists as soon as possible. Most have promised the submission in two weeks counted from the date of the meeting.

* The strategies of empowering cooperatives working with persons with disabilities

Rwanda has adopted the policy of cooperatives development as one the strategy to empower economically the citizens. Historically, PWDs have always been considered as beggars that are to be supported; but time has come to change such belief might.

OUTPUT:

- The NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators are committed to sensitize their fellows to work in cooperatives. They were requested to submit to the NCPD the projects of capacity building in cooperatives management to be considered in its capacity building plan.
- The NCPD delegation has appreciated the achievements in terms of promoting the cooperatives in some Districts like Gisagara, Kamonyi, Burera, Ruhango, Huye.

The mission of centres that take care of persons with disabilities and their collaboration with NCPD

The National Council of Persons with Disabilities has mission of capturing all interventions that promote PwDs, including the Centres or Organizations that take care of persons with disabilities.

OUTPUT:

The Heads of Centres or Organizations have understood that they must work closely with the NCPD as a national public institution in charge of coordination, monitoring and evaluation of all interventions targeting PwDs in Rwanda.

***** The issue of children with disabilities that are supported by Liliane Foundation

As background, Liliane Foundation is a Netherlands organization that was created in 1984 by Liliane, a Dutch woman who had physical disability. Its mission is to support children with disabilities. In Rwanda, Liliane Foundation started its activities in 1995 and it acquired national coordination office in 2002. It is represented by Bernardine Sisters with the office at Gikondo, in HVP Gatagara compound.

Currently, the Foundation works now with 24 hospitals and schools. The stakeholders include: nonprofit making organizations that take care of persons with disabilities (Partners Organizations), the intermediate organizations volunteers organizations that link Liliane Foundation to the beneficiaries, children with disabilities that are aged between 0- 25 from vulnerable and poor families. The criteria of selected as beneficiary are: being a children with disability (ies), being aged between 0-25, coming from a vulnerable and poor family. The National Coordinator of Liliane Foundation shared with Districts and Sectors Coordinators the lists of children with disabilities from their respective Districts with the amounts to be paid to services providers.

OUTPUTS:

- The participants got important information about Liliane Foundation as most of them did not know about it. They also appreciated the support provided by Liliane Foundation to children with disabilities.
- The Districts and Sectors Coordinators were asked to identify needy children with disabilities and submit the list to the NCPD.

3.2. Visits to centers that care of persons with disabilities

As planned, the NCPD team visited the Centres that take care of persons with disabilities in each visited District. The following table captures the centres that have been identified and visited.

Provinces	Districts	Number of identified centres	Number of visited centres
Kigali City	Nyarugenge	4	4
	Kicukiro	5	5
	Gasabo	3	3
Sub/Total		12	12
Southern	Kamonyi	1	1
	Muhanga	1	1
	Ruhango	0	0
	Nyanza	1	1
	Huye	3	3
	Gisagara	2	2
	Nyaruguru	1	1
	Nyamagabe	0	0
Sub/Total		9	9

Nothern	Gicumbi	1	1
	Rulindo	1	1
	Musanze	2	2
	Gakenke	1	1
	Burera	0	0
Sub/Total		5	5
Eastern	Rwamagana	1	1
	Kayonza	1	1
	Ngoma	1	1
	Kirehe	0	0

	Gatsibo	1	1
	Nyagatare	1	1
	Bugesera	3	3
Sub/Total		9	9
Western	Nyamasheke	1	1
	Rusizi	2	2
	Karongi	0	0
	Rutsiro	1	1
	Ngororero	4	4
	Nyabihu	0	0
	Rubavu	2	2
Sub/Total		10	10
TOTAL		44	44

No	Province	District	Centers name	Secteur	Field of interventions
	Kigali city	Nyarugenge	Institut Filipo		Special
1	0 5	5 0 0	Smaldone	Nyamirambo	education
					Special
					education
2			Hirwa iwanyu	Nyamirambo	and health
			CENTRE ESPOIR		Special
3			Umwana nk'abandi	Nyamirambo	education
			Centre de jour ' Rera		Special
4			Bose'	Rwezamenyo	education
		Gasabo	Centre de jour humura	Ndera	Special
5					education
			Centre de jour		Health and
6			Tubiteho	Kimoronko	education
			Jyamubandi Mwana		Special
7				Jabana	education
		Kicukiro	Izere mubyeyi		Special
8				Kanombe	education
			Centre amizero		Special
9				Gikondo	education
			RBC inkuru nziza	Gikondo	Rehabilitation based
10					community
11			Centre INSHUTI ZACU Gahanga	Gahanga	Special education and vocational training
11			Masaka Ressource	Masaka	training Rehabilitation
12			Center for Blinds		center
	Northern	Gicumbi	Centre Izere	Nyamiyaga	
					Inclusive
13					education
	-	Gakenke	Apax Janja	Janja	Basic
14				- ,	education
15		Musanze	Centre Barerwe	Nyange	Special education
			Centre st Vincent de		Reeducation
16			Paul	Muhoza	center
	1	Rulindo	Maison d'accueil	Rusiga	Inclusive
17		_	d'esperance pain	0	education

3.3. Details on visited Centres that take care PwDs

18	Southern	Kamonyi	Centre de formation agricole et de petit elevage deKamonyi (CEFAPEC)	Gacurabwenge	Community based rehabilitation, inclusine education
19		Muhanga	HRD la Misercorde	Nyamabuye	Special education
20		Nyanza	HVP Gatagara	Mukingo	Special education and rehabilitation
21		Gisagara	Centre Amizero y'ubuzima Centres des handicapés de Mugombwa	Kibilizi Mugombwa	Special education Basic education and vocational training
23		Nyaruguru	Educational institute of blind of Franciscan Sisters servants of the cross	Kibeho	Special education
24		Huye	ADAR tubahoze	Tumba	Basic education
25			Centre des sourds muets des freres de Saint Gabriel	Ngoma	Special education
26			HVP Gatagara	Ngoma	Rehabilitation center, inclusive education
27	Eastern	Nyagatare	Ecole des sourds muets de Nyagatare	Gatunda	Specialised education
28		Kayonza	Centre de Readaptation fonctionnelle	Gahini	Readaptation center
29		Gatsibo	Centre Wikwiheba	Ngarama	Rehabilitation center
30		Rwamagana	HVP Gatagara	Kigabiro	Specilialzed education
31		Ngoma	Urugo rw'amahoro mutendeli	Mutendeli	Basic and nedical care
32		Bugesera	Centre Saint Marie Rilima	Rilima	Orthopedic center

					Special
33			AVEH Umurerwa	Nyamata	eductaion
34			Institut Filipo Smaldone/ nursery program	Nyamata	Special education
35	Western	Rusizi	Centre des handicapés de Nkanka	Nkanka	Rehabilitation center
36			Centre des handicapés de Saint Francois d'Assise	Mururu	Rehabilitation center
37	-	Nyamasheke	Centre NgwinondebeNtendezi	Ntendezi	Inclusive education
38		Rutsiro	Centre Komera	Mushubati	Education and rehabilitation for life
39		Ngororero	Ineza kabaya	Kabaya	Special education
40			Apax muramba	Matyazo	Basic education and vocational training
					Inclusive
41	-		Centre Wibabara CENTRE DE JOUR	Gatumba	educationn Inclusive
42	-		NYANGE/ Day center	Nyange	education
43		Rubavu	Ubumwe community center	Gisenyi	Special education
44			Vision jeunesse nouvelle	Rugerero	Special eductaion and vocational training



NCPD Executive Secretary is having explanations on modern materials used in Educational institute of blind of Franciscan Sisters servants of the Cross at Kibeho.

Apart of these centers, the visits have been conducted to:

- A medical clinic called "La Benediction" that provides medical support to PwDs in Muhanga District
- Four (4) associations respectively in Gisagara, Burera, Rwamagana, Ruhango
- Two (3) cooperatives respectively in Musanze, Karongi and Nyagatare Districts
- One Youth Center called Ubumwe Community Centre in Rubavu District



The brick kiln project initiated by PWDs cooperative in Musanze District

CHAPTER THREE: CHALLENGES AS IDENTIFIED BY AREAS

4.1. NCPD ORGANS CAPACITIES

Challenges	Suggestions
◆ Lack of capacities for PwDs	✤ To organize a training on lobby and advocacy,
representatives in decentralized	planning and reporting
levels in terms of lobby and	
advocacy, planning and reporting	
✤ In many Districts, the NCPD Sectors	\clubsuit Districts authorities should facilitate the process
committees are not in place or are	of completing the committees without taking into
not complete due to lack PwDs that	account the level of instruction as there is a need
have studied (case of Rulindo,	of representation to know the real needs of PWDs
Gatsibo,)	at the community level and advocate accordingly.
	✤ NCPD should advocate for the revision of Prime
	Minister's order n°02/03 of 11/02/2011 by
	mentioning facilities allowing to cover the
	necessary positions.
	 To set up mechanisms and strategies that permits
	PWD to continue their studies in Universities.
	\clubsuit Establish a strategy that can allow the NCPD
	representatives to share information on their
	responsibilities (a code where they could share
	information a cheap cost).
✤ Inaccessible areas to District and	 When all Districts will recruit the staff in charge of
Sectors Coordinators to conduct	disability affairs, he/she will serve as address
field visits at the community level.	while PwDs shall make a follow up of the
This becomes a big issue in Districts	submitted issues.
with high mountains like in	\clubsuit Districts should avail transportation facilities for
Northern and Western Provinces	these visits
✤ No office for NCPD Districts	\clubsuit Where the staff is in place, the office should be
Coordinators ; this creates delay in	shared
solving issues reported from PwDs	
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4.2. DISTRICTS, SECTORS ENGAGMENT AND COMMUNITY IN DISABILITY AFFAIRS

- No available data on PWDs to allow successful and sustainable plans to respond to their real needs
- Some Districts still consider PWD as vulnerable people that may benefit from interventions of charity
- Lack of commitment and collaboration for some Districts and Sectors authorities in PWD promotion
- Few Districts (Gakenke, Nyarugenge, Gasabo, Musanze) have recruited a staff in charge of disability affairs and this makes very slow the decision making on issues affecting PWD.
- Lack of knowledge on laws protecting PWD
- Family still stigmatize their children with disability (some cases reported in Nyamagabe, Burera Districts).

- Each District should avail data of PWD to plan accordingly
- Each District should have a line budget entitled "support to the NCPD"
- The Districts should include in their performance contracts the activities targeting PWDs
- Districts should accelerate the process of recruiting a staff in charge of disability affairs.
- The NCPD shall continue sharing the laws protecting PWDs with the local authorities for a large diffusion starting by the Districts and Sectors advisory councils members
- Organize a disability campaign and sensitize families and community to raise awareness on disability

4.3. PWDs ENGAGEMENT IN STRUGLING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

- Lack of knowledge to most of PWDs on their rights
- Some PWDs still discriminate themselves
- A big number of PWDs that are beggars in the street of Kigali City, Huye,...
- Set up strategies to make a large diffusion of laws protecting PWDs through drama, broadcasting emissions, trainings, national campaigns, sports,...
- To organize an anti-begging campaign and set special training centres for PWDs beggars (like IWAWA centre)
- Districts should avail some funds to support IGA for beggars

4.4. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND COOPERATIVES PROMOTION

- In some Districts, PWD are not aware on the importance of working in cooperatives and still confuse them with non-profit making organizations
- Lack of capacities in cooperatives management
- Lack access to bank loans due their types of disabilities or lake of mortgage (case of Methuzalem in Ruhango District who has been refused a bank loan due to his blindness).
- The NCPD plan trainings on cooperative management (Districts and Sectors Coordinators should submit to the NCPD capacity building projects no later than June 15, 2012
- To advocate on banks managers to provide loans without any distinction once all requirements are fulfilled by the customer.

4.5. CENTERS THAT TAKE CARE OF PWDs (EDUCATION, REHABILITATION MATERIALS, MEDICAL CARE,....).

- Six (6) Districts do not have a centre that takes care of PWDs: Nyamagabe, Ruhango, Karongi, Nyabihu, Burera and Kirehe.
- Lack of financial, material, human resources in centres that take care of PWDs
- No approved national program to be used in special education. The existing curricula , education programs and policies are done without any consideration to disability context
- The initiators of some centres seem being abandoned to themselves and do not benefit from adequate support from Governmental institutions
- The referral hospitals do not accept mutuelle de santé while services they provide to PWDs especially children are expensive medical care
- In some centres girls with mental impairments face SGBV and give birth. Centres are obliged to take care of the baby and her mother.
- Big number of many PwDs needing rehabilitation materials.

- All District should have a Centre that takes care of PWD, preferably a centre should correspond to a specialist (a type of disability) and other District should transfer the clients to nearby District
- The Ministry of Education should work on the curriculum for special education.
- The Ministry of Health should acknowledge the referral hospitals to accept mutuelle de santé.
- The ownership of Districts to support the centres that take care of PWDs
- To establish strategies and mechanisms at the community level to rehabilitate the PWDs victims of SGBV.
- Implement the Ministerial Order on PWD categorization after which they will benefit from their rights as stipulated by the law.
- The application of the law on Mutuelle de santé that accepts the payment of rehabilitation materials.

Big number of children with disabilities that cannot go to school due to the long distance they have to walk from the centres where they stay , this is a concern for other children staying in the families (the case of 9 YBE and primary schools that not accessible to them and they are obliged to stay at home)

- No trained staff on disability management
- Instability of staff due to low salaries

- Need of advocacy for having a centre in Rwanda that can manufacture wheelchairs, prostheses and ortheses, white canes, hearing devices, ...
- To provide financial support to centres that have education program
- To build the homes near the school where pupils/students with disabilities can stay during the class period.
- Need establishing strategies to rehabilitate persons with disabilities victims of SGBV
- Need of training on specific needs
- Districts should contribute to the salaries of staff in centres.

4.6. SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE

 Districts should promote sports among
PWDs by supporting the creation and
of teams where they do not exist and
by supporting the existing ones.

4.7. DISABILITY FRIENDLY (ACCESSIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION)

- Lack of communication facilities for people with hearing impairment when they are introduced into justice (two cases reported in Musanze District).
 The same case happens with health services providers as all of them do not know sign language.
- Lack of accessibility for many infrastructure to PWDs (some examples: Gatsibo District office, Muhanga and Huye meeting rooms, ...

 To train one person/sector in sign language and one person at health centre and hospitals.



Centre INEZA Kabaya, in Ngororero District is a model of vulnerability faced by centres taking care of PWDs

CHAPTER FOUR: LESSONS LEARNT

5.1. Engagement of Districts Authorities, NCPD District and Sectors

 The Commitment of Districts Authorities is the result of NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators that are supposed to advocacy on behalf of the people they represent. The Districts where NCPD Districts Coordinators are active have achieved much in terms of PWDs promotion. These are like Gisagara, Kamonyi, Burera, Nyarugenge.

5.2. Recruitment of the staff in charge of disability affairs

 The Districts that have already recruited the staff in charge of disability affairs are realized many achievements like the census of Persons with disabilities in Gakenke, Nyarugenge. The tasks of Districts Coordinators are facilitated and the link with Sectors Coordinators is very easy.

5.3. The presence of Liliane Foundation

 The Districts that have intermediate (volunteers) of Liliane Foundation have many children with disability that are supported by the Foundation while it is not easy for some Districts to take care of children with that need educational and medical support. These are like Kirehe, Nyamagabe.



Sister Perpetue, Liliane Foundation National Coordinator is explaining the criteria of selecting children with disabilities to be supported by the Foundation.

5.4. The cooperatives promotion in Districts

• In the Districts where cooperatives working with PWD are promoted, the PWD are less venerable that others where cooperatives are not created yet.

5.5. Contribution of Centers that take care of PWDs

• The Centers that are headed by religious institutions are well managed comparatively to centers that are headed by particular promoters.



There is a need to invest in to have such infrastructures for PWDs. (Kibeho Centre).

• The initiators of centres that take care of PWDs are abandoned to themselves; few are some who benefit from financial support from government institutions.



The classrooms for children with disabilities in HRD Muhanga

- Some Centres that take care of PWD are not known by the Districts authorities.
- All Centres are owned and headed by religious or particular initiators; no one has been initiated by the Government.

CHAPTER FIVE: RECOMMANDATIONS

Referring to the identified challenges and to suggestions to overcome them, the NCPD have formulated the following recommendations

6.1. To MINALOC

- Earmark the budget to Districts with the line Support to NCPD; as some Districts authorities are not comfortable with creating a line of support to NCPD from social protection budget

6.2. To NCPD Executive Secretariat

- Set up a strong system of coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the activities aim the promotion of persons with disabilities;
- Build close cooperation with stakeholders that intervene in field of promoting PWDs;
- Make priority the capacity building of the NCPD organs at the low level.

6.3. To Sectors and Districts authorities

- Work and collaborate with the NCPD Districts and Sectors Coordinators in facilitating the achievement of their mission towards people they represent.
- Include in the performance contract the activities that promote persons with disability;
- Work closely with centres that take care of persons with disabilities and avail a regular financial support

6.4. To Heads of Centers that take care of PWDs

- Report regular their achievements to the local authorities and other stakeholders;
- Communicate all plans and projects to the NCPD for a better advocacy;
- Share with the NCPD all challenges and best practices to exchange on solutions and dissemination.

6.5. To Sectors and Districts Coordinators

- Work in close cooperation with Districts and Sectors authorities to promote PWDs
- Find solutions themselves to their problems
- Advocate on the behalf of their peers,
- Report their activities

6.6. To the PWDs

- Be aware that the best solutions to the issues they are affected by are on their hands
- Value themselves and struggle for their rights and respect by fighting against selfdiscrimination.

6.7. To the Community

- Consider persons with disabilities not as people to be submitted to charitable support but as people who must benefit from their basic and elementary rights.

6.8. To families having persons with disability

- Report on issues affecting their family members with disabilities to organs representing them
- Avoid discrimination among their children, by prioritizing children without disabilities.

CONCLUSION

The NCPD has conducted a nationwide field visits and through which key findings were highlighted. It was observed that since the establishment of the NCPD's organs, progress is made to improve lives of persons with disabilities through different economic initiatives and social inclusion.

In addition, some actors are not supportive in this framework, due to different reasons, and a need of push by representatives of PwDs at respective levels would be very useful. Persons with disabilities will play a tremendous role in their change of mind set from passive to active role.

As the last resort, the NCPD will continue to advocate all issues as per highlighted in this present report and will partner with its stakeholders in the country.