Social Welfare Council National Disabled Fund



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Introduction

In accordance with the proclamation of the United Nation (UN), International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) was observed in 1981 worldwide. The general Assembly also called for a plan of action at international, regional and national levels with emphasizing on equalization of opportunities, rehabilitation and prevention of disabilities. In Nepal too that year different disabled related programs were implemented by the government, forming an International Year of Disabled Persons 1981 National Committee. On the occasion of IYDP, National Disabled Fund was established on 31st December, 1981 by Social Welfare Council (SWC). As a humanitarian organization NDF has been rendering support to persons with Disabilities through implementing meaningful charitable programs focusing on physical rehabilitation, education, vocational trainings and enhancing living condition of People with Disabilities (PWDS) for over more than three decades.

Vision

NDF would continue to ensure equality in every sectors of development so that Person with Disabilities will have access to assistive device, education, employment and socialization.

Mission

NDF will provide required support and services for economic independence and social inclusion of PWDS.

Goal

The goal of NDF is to provide quality rehabilitation service for the betterment of PWDS.

OBJECTIVE

- .To support people with disabilities by providing quality Physiotherapy service, Prosthesis and Orthotics (P&O) Services and assistive device.
- .To support on education and skill development training for PWDS.
- .To honor deserving and talented disabled persons.
- .To implement programmes for the welfare of the disabled people as deemed fit by the NDF Management Committee.

Physical Rehabilitation Service (PRS) Project

Under Physical Rehabilitation Service Project NDF has been providing following services:-

Physiotherapy Service

NDF has a long experience in providing Physiotherapy Service. Physiotherapy is a kind of treatment, which prevents disease and deformity. Physiotherapists work in partnership with their patients, assisting them to overcome movement disorders, which may have been present from birth, acquired through accident or injury or are the result of ageing or life changing events.

Assistive Device Distribution

NDF produce and provides assistive device such as prosthesis and orthotic, and mobility aids (Crutches, Wheelchairs, White Cane, etc.) to supports and help persons with disabilities to lead as normal life in main stream creating barrier free environment. NDF has its own well equipped workshop with modern and high tech machines, tools and experience human resource.

Community based Rehabilitation (CBR)

NDF mobilizes community disability workers (CDW) in the community level. The main objective of CDW mobilization is provide door to door service for PWDS and develop home environment based practical 'therapy' to develop potential and minimize/prevent complications.

Counseling

The objective of this service is to inform clients about the rehab service and recommend them to other centers or facilities based on clients requirements. The counselor also provide adequate information to the people in the society regarding disability in order to avoid discrimination and create awareness among the people in the society regarding disability in order to avoid discrimination and create awareness among the people making them aware about their rights.

Mobile & Mini Mobile Camps

As a part of community outreach service, mobile camps are organized to increase access to the person with disabilities living in remote and difficult access area with the quality physical rehabilitation services. There are four phase of mobile camps:

- 1. Feasibility study
- 2. Assessment
- 3. Fitment and
- 4. Follow up

Together with physiotherapy services, the camps intends to provide counseling services to inform its target beneficiaries about the rehabilitation services and make them aware regarding their provided rights.

Occupational Therapy Service

NDF has been providing Occupational Therapy focuses on the personal independence in daily activities and functional rehabilitation. Occupational Therapist provides needful and helpful therapy for PWDS.

Scholarship Distribution and the Vocational Training

NDF has been providing scholarship for creating access to the education for the disabled person. Till date, hundreds of disabled students have got the opportunity of schooling and higher education with the support of this fund. Along with the education support programme, the fund has also been providing vocational and skill development training such as computer, cell phone repair to persons with Disabilities.

Awards & Prize distribution

NDF has been recognizing outstanding and distinguished feats and contribution of persons with disabilities by conferring them award and prizes. This kind of programs motivates disabled persons in excelling their endeavors, which enable them to live a life of self esteem and respect. NDF has been providing following award annually:

- > Talent Disabled Student Award
- ➤ Disabled Teacher Award
- Chandra Kumar Bhattrai Blind Talent Award
- Dhana Indira Rana Deaf Award
- ➤ Hem Ganga Physical Disabled Talent Award

Physical Rehabilitation Service for conflict Affected Disabled Person (CADP) in Nepal Project.

Conflict is one of the major causes of disabilities in Nepal. According to the GoN record, there are about 8,000 persons (Mopr's Record- as of 2012) certified as physically disabled due to the conflict. Majority of them need assistive devices and rehabilitation therapy services. During the conflict period, people have lost their physical parts of the body. On the other hand, their access to the physical rehabilitation services are limited due to the availability of only few physical rehabilitation services. NDF has been providing quality rehabilitation services to the PWDS since 3 decades. In spite of this, there are still enormous needs to further reach more PWDS to avail them of essential rehabilitation service and ensure the service continuity in the remote and conflict-affected districts of Nepal. To address these needs and to ensure the access of quality rehabilitation to facilitate PWDS their requirement of the long-term functioning, the services are planned to the provided by NDF and other rehabilitation centers with financial support to Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, Nepal Peace Trust Fund and the close technical support from Handicap International. Through the provision of quality and accessible and physical rehabilitation service, conflict affected, vulnerable and isolated persons with disabilities are functionally independent and enabled for their full and equal participation in the society and ultimately contribute to the peace process in Nepal.

Future Plan

- ➤ Promoting Advocacy and Awareness program regarding services availability in the rehab centre to strengthen referral mechanism.
- Extending PT and P&O service having additional equipments.
- ➤ Coordination with the Government, NGOs, INGOs and individuals for sustainability of Rehab Service and other programs.
- ➤ Maintenance/Construction Centre building for extending services.
- > Promote locally available raw materials.
- ➤ Provide self employment oriented skill Development Training to PWDS.

Ways to Support NDF

- 1. Support to provide Assistive Devices e.g. artificial hands, leg, Crutches, Wheelchair etc. to PWDS who are from poor economic background.
- 2. Support in education for PWDS having low income by providing scholarship.
- 3. Support on skill development program for PWDs.
- 4. Support in adding equipments to extend P&O workshop and the physical infrastructure.
- 5. Support to establish wheelchair production and repair center.

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