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## **STRATEGIC ORIENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (AEPD)**

### **I. OVERALL GOAL**

The AEPD is established to mobilize potentials of the society, international and national donors and benefactors to create every convenient condition for supporting persons with disabilities, improving their quality of life with an aim at improving their health, economic self sufficiency and social integration.

Promote status of Persons with Disabilities, reduce poverty and implement gender balance and social equality, protect community health, sustainable natural resources and environment, and minimize climate change.

The AEPD also encourages and educates Persons with Disabilities to better themselves, help each other to do their duty, ensure the rights of Persons with Disabilities as citizens aiming at contributing to building and protecting the Socialist Vietnam.

### **II. ORIENTATION FOR ACTIVITIES**

Based on functions, tasks, authorities and organization written in the Charter, the AEPD will implement its activities as follows:

#### **1. Two year short term orientation (June 2010 – May 2012)**

##### **a. Objectives**

The overall objective of this period is to establish an Association with strong organization, leadership and management capacity, and ability to implement activities of the Association as well as its projects and programs of supporting Persons with Disabilities and community in general.

- Promote capacity for officers in the Association.
- Improve quality of life for Persons with Disabilities comprehensively in Health, Livelihood and Social Integration.
- Promote the participation of Persons with Disabilities in the process of developing and implementing programs and policies related to Persons with Disabilities.
- Build capacity for community in general with a focus on Persons with Disabilities in the fields of food security, community livelihood, health, education, children protection, vocational training, environmental protection, gender balance, etc.

**b. Plans and solutions for short term orientation (June 2010 to May 2012)**

**Establishment and development of the organization**

In order to help the Association to start their operation, firmly maintain and develop to meet the set principles and purposes, in the first two years, it is essential to complete the followings:

- Stabilise the Executive Board, carry out assignment of responsibilities and tasks for each member in the Executive Board.
- Propagandise and improve capacity of members.
- Set up mechanism of Association Office, design and recruit human resources appropriately for the Office.
- Establish functional bureau to manage programs and projects of the Association.
- Set up regulations for the office.
- Complete materials related to the Association (on the website and brochures).
- Get the advice from international and national experts about development strategies and activities of the Association.
- Make long-term strategic plan with vision, priority sectors and expected results.
- Establish and develop partnership and networking with international and national individuals and organizations about supporting persons with disabilities and community development projects in general.

In the first two years, organization of the Association will be pact, including mainly professional officers.

**Design and develop programs and projects**

With the existing human resources, the Association plans to keep on with topics and projects and build more new projects after its establishment, including:

- Provide advice for Persons with Disabilities on health care, business development and community integration.
- Establish self help clubs for Persons with Disabilities to integrate activities related to experience sharing about life, business development and training for members about peer support, carry out income raising activities for members via clubs.
- Implement programs and projects on small business development of Persons with Disabilities; create jobs; improve capacity and raise income for poor households of Persons with Disabilities via referring, linking and providing basic rural services.
- Set up and develop community development projects with a focus on Persons with Disabilities, regarding food security, community livelihood, health, education, children protection, vocational training, environmental protection and gender balance, etc.
- Link to credit organizations to provide credit fund for Persons with Disabilities and community in general in income raising activities.
- Design trainings and workshops to raise awareness for Persons with Disabilities and community in general about disability issues and rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Cooperate with relevant departments, mass organizations and Persons with Disabilities to organize big events in the year: Viet nam Day for Persons with Disabilities (18 April) and International Day for Persons with Disabilities (3 December).

### **Promote partnership**

- Maintain existing partnership with functional departments, local mass organizations, international and national donors.
- Actively participate in the Disability Forum, link to disability organizations and national and provincial disability associations.
- Build up new partnership with national and international donors and benefactors.
- Study into grant programs and develop over 4 feasible proposals to submit donors, including 2 projects approved for the period 2010 – 2011.

## **2. Organisation orientation and long-term activities for 5 years (2012 – 2017)**

### **a. Objectives**

Long-term objectives of the Association are (i) toward a strong organization, linking Persons with Disabilities within Quang Binh, among provinces, and amongst nations in the region; (ii) using necessary skills to set up and develop relationship with international and national individuals, organizations and donors for supporting Persons with Disabilities, implementing gender balance and social equality, protection of community health, sustainably protection of natural and environmental resources, minimizing climate change in Quang Binh.

### **a. Plans and solutions for long term period of 5 years (2012 – 2017)**

- Strengthen human resources mechanism.
- Each year there are more than 3 projects designed, including over one project granted. These projects are aimed at improving quality of living environment and promoting sustainable lifestyle in the community of Persons with Disabilities and in the community in general.
- Actively participate in and contribute to the movement for Persons with Disabilities within international and national framework.
- Expand support target to include children and poor communities in general.
- Expand project areas to other districts in the province.

### **b. Programs and projects to be implemented after 2010**

- Create jobs and raise income for Persons with Disabilities.
- Set up the model of community based rehabilitation.
- Support to set up and build capacity for Quang Binh Association for Persons with Disabilities.
- Provide environmental education for community and officers from local authorities.
- Carry out sustainable natural resources with the participation of the community.
- Clean water and environmental hygiene.
- Prevent natural disasters.

## **3. Guidance**

Continuously court the concern and cooperation of departments, mass organizations and INGOs in the province to implement activities as well as project programs of

the Association. Closely follow the orientation toward local socio-economic development strategy.

Maintain relationship with existing donors like Irish Aid, Survivor Corps, ICBL, CMC, World Bank, etc. Develop relationship with new donors like USAID, AUSAID, Global Compact, Japanese Embassy, etc. to mobilize financial support for activities of the Association as well as project programs for supporting Persons with Disabilities and community in general.

Maintain and court the maximum support from disability organizations and national and provincial disability associations like Disability Forum, Inclusive Development Action (IDEA), East Meets West, Ha noi Disability Association, etc.

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