Afghanistan Efforts to Promote Physical Accessibility

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CSO data on Physical Accessibility in Kabul

• The Central Statistics Office CSO surveyed 1103 buildings built between 1381 till 1386 (2002 till 2007) in Kabul City, it shows followings data:
  – 126 Government Buildings (11%)
  – 977 Private buildings (89%)
  – 195 (17.7%) buildings have facility such as: elevator (132), ramps (56), electronic stairs (7)
Legal Support on Physical Accessibility

- Physical Accessibility Guidelines (2005)
- CRPD (2011)

Physical accessibility conferences of CSO

- ALSO with other civil society actors conducted conference on physical accessibility in 2010 in Kabul
- Physical accessibility committee established under DSCG
- Resulted the conduction of national physical accessibility conference for mayors and other government officials
Physical accessibility Conference for Provincial Mayors, DoLSAMD and other government officials

• Theme:
  – Physical accessibility to the public buildings, transportation and services is the rights of persons with disabilities

• Objectives:
  – To raise awareness on physical accessibility among the provincial mayor, DoLSAMD, government officials and all other relevant sectors
  – To introduce and integrate the physical accessibility regulation in master plan and building code
  – To find out the physical accessibility challenges in the country that people with disability face to
  – To advocate on to ensure physical accessibility in early stages in new buildings by municipality and MoUDA

Declaration of the Conference

• Developing Comprehensive physical accessibility law
• No permission for buildings without considering the accessibility
• Conduct of survey on accessibility in the country by CSO
• Raising awareness on accessibility issues
• Supporting the physical accessibility committee
Thanks a lot
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