Good practices for the economic integration of landmine victims and people with disabilities

Up Dates on a Study

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Background

- Socio economic reintegration = **key issue** of the complete rehabilitation of the persons back into their communities

- One of the **main challenges** is to support their economic integration through (self-)employment and access to financial services
Objectives of the study

**Overall objective:**
- To *improve practices* of income generation (IG) programmes for PwDs and landmines victims / developing an efficient and innovative approach

**Specific objective:**
- To *learn from the various experiences* of NGOs, DPOs and Micro Finance (MF) on programmes for economic integration of landmines victims and others PwDs

Scope of the research

- Focusing on *self-employment* activities and *financing mechanisms*
- Particularly *micro credit / micro finance*
- Emphasis on experiences with *mainstreaming* into micro finance programmes
Expected outcome

A framework document highlighting: good practices, strategies, tools, and operational methods

That guarantee:
- the efficiency and sustainability of self-employment activities for landmines victims and other PwDs
- the appropriate use of micro credit to finance them.

Methodology of the Study

- **Phase 1**: Identification : Literature review and survey among PwD- and Micro Finance-programmes, *June - November '05*

- **Phase 2**: Exchange : Field visits and regional workshops with various actors, *January - April '06*

- **Phase 3**: Analysis : Drafting of Guidelines, *April - June '06*
Phase 1: Some Highlights

- **>460 leaders organisation** and institutions contacted

**Geographical Scope**

- Central and South America: 27%
- Middle East: 11%
- Europe: 15%
- Asia: 19%
- Africa: 28%

**Phase 1: Some Highlights**

- **Mines and disabilities actors:**
  - ICBL, International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) members....

- **Micro-finance actors:**
  - Micro finance networks (MAIN, FOROLAC, MFCFECA, FINCA, Trickle up, Mercy Corps, CRS, Accion, Gramen, Pro Mujer, Women's World Banking....)

- **International Organisations:**
  - ILO, World Bank, USAID, ACDI/VOCA,, UNCDF, IADB, OAS....
Phase 1: Some Highlights

Results:
- 67 responses of PwD’s programmes
- 62 responses of Micro Finance Institutions

REPORT available on the results of the survey

Presentation has been made at the 6MSP in Zagreb on the Main Findings

Phase 2: Exchange

1. Field visits in: India, Bangladesh and Afghanistan
   - 16 projects visited

   Regional workshop in Bangladesh with 13 participants from 9 organisations
Phase 2: Exchange

2. Field visits in East Africa: Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya

- 11 projects visited

Phase 2: Exchange

2. Regional workshop in Kenya with 8 different organisations from 4 countries
Phase 2: Exchange

3. Field visits in Central America: Nicaragua

- 10 projects visited

Phase 3: Analysis

- **Drafting the Guidelines** on the basis of the collected information, the questionnaire report, and the outcome of the field visits

- **Experts panel discussion** on the 10th and 11th of May, side events of the ISC, to debate on the main outcomes from the field visits

**Participants:** leader organisations, CBM, NAD, LCI, MAIN, SIDI, BPKS, ADU, Trickle up, and independent expert
Final result

- **Publication of the FINAL FINDINGS,**

  **Deadline : next 7MSP in Geneva in September ‘06**

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**Many Thanks for Your Attention...**