


“The IDB Disability and Development Team works towards the full inclusion of persons with disability in the development process through accessible design and inclusive policies”.



GOAL



Improve living conditions and opportunities for persons with disability



Mainstream disability issues in Bank operations

Develop understanding of disability in the development process

STRATEGY

Strategic Objectives:

- ✓ Make the invisible visible in statistics
- ✓ Establish key economic arguments for inclusion
- ✓ Build demand and capacity in operations
- ✓ Support technical capacity in local NGOs

PRIORITIES

Inclusive EDUCATION

Increase attendance and transition rates in primary and secondary education through curricular development, teacher training, parent outreach and addressing stigma in the classroom.

LABOUR MARKET Participation

Increase participation rates by including PWD in technical skills training and targeted insertion programs based on local demand.

Access to HEALTH CARE

To improve access to health care for PWD. Health-related issues are the biggest cause of disability in the region, and lack of access and capacity puts PWD at increased risk of not receiving attention to health care needs.

APPROACH

Physical ACCESS

Universal design is a field of Bank expertise, and is a prerequisite for building opportunities for PWD.

Yet, physical access to schools, work places, and health facilities does not equal access to education, jobs, and adequate health attention.

Social INCLUSION

Policy, capacity and attitude are the foundations for creating inclusive societies. Addressing the legal and political framework, public and private capacity building, and stigma and discrimination is key to including PWD in the development process.

ACTIVITIES

Work programme 2007:

In-BANK:

- Develop guidelines on designing inclusive projects in education and labour market
- Review of the IDB loan portfolio on education and labour market projects between 1990-2006

In-COUNTRY:

- Review of national inclusive education and labour market laws and policies and their state of implementation
- DPO capacity building workshops on evidence-based advocacy

ACHIEVEMENTS

Major accomplishments since 2002:

- ✓ Largest collection of evidence showing the exclusion of PWD in education, labour markets and health care available for LAC region
- ✓ Established a strong rationale for including disability in development
- ✓ Grant portfolio review of Bank technical assistance on disability, 1959-2006

CHALLENGES

Forward direction:

- ❖ Increased focus on stimulating operational demand in priority sectors
- ❖ Strengthen the Team's capacity to work with sector specialists and country staff
- ❖ Second major round of fundraising
- ❖ Measuring the impact of the Team's work on Bank lending, country reports and poverty papers

BUSINESS MODEL

Members of the Disability and Development Team:

- Conduct and disseminate research
- Design innovative pilot programs
- Offers technical assistance to Bank projects

The Team is guided by the [Social Development Strategy](#) and located in Social Inclusion Team of the Social Programs Division in the Sustainable Development Department – [Organizational Chart](#)

TEAM

Social Inclusion: Ernest Massiah (Team Leader)

Universal Design: José Brakarz

Disability Data: Sanne Tikjoeb

Sector Specialists:

Inclusive Education

Labor Market Participation

Access to Health Care

At our website, www.iadb.org/sds/disability, you can find detailed information on Bank projects and publications related to disability.