

# "Disability and Inclusive Development: Sharing, Learning and Building Alliances."

Day 1, November 29

On Tuesday, November 30 Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the World Bank held its second international disability and development conference, entitled "Disability and Inclusive Development: Sharing, Learning and Building Alliances." On the eve of this event the Uzbekistan Country office has held a series of events to accompany the conference and to mark the United Nation's 2004 International day of disabled persons.

On Monday, November 29 an exhibition/fair of the crafts made by disabled was opened in Public Information Office (PIC). The exhibition displayed the works made by several NGOs supporting disabled people. the Tashkent city Center of spirituality and Enlightenment of women and children with disabilities is among them. Being established in 2000, the Center renders



legal support, provides opportunities to obtain professional education, creates new jobs for disabled women and children. The Center staff is sure that jobs and independent labor lead disabled adults towards independent social life and inclusive education integrates children with limited abilities in the society. The Center teaches disabled women and children to make things of ceramics, wood carving, gold embroidering, toys making and computer using.



NGO "Sanvikt" was established in 1999 by Gulsara Rajabova. Being a professional sculptor and coming from the family of sculptors she devoted her life to disabled children bringing Beauty and Art in their lives. Gulsara's uncle Kasym Mirzarakhimov, was a famous Uzbek sculptor, an academician, a member of Arts Academy of Uzbekistan. Although his right side was fully paralyzed, he made his sculptures using only his left hand. It was his testament to Gulsara to help disabled children and she is doing her best to fulfill his will.



Angren Center of Women, having children with social needs is named "Kamilla". The NGO was established with the main aim to help women, having children with special needs to overcome social, psychological and practical barriers.

Before the start of a PIC Dialogue, the participants invited to the discussion got acquainted with the exhibition and bought some items. A video film on disabled persons was on in the PIC.



The aim of the PIC dialogue was to bring together NGOs, dealing with disability issues and donors working in this field. Some government agencies, like Ministry of labor and city hokimiyat also took part at the discussion. In the conference room we posted the information about the conference in DC, the poster and made some handouts from the disability web site.

The PIC dialogue's agenda was rather intensive. At the very beginning a 5 minute film about the World Bank activities in Uzbekistan was shown. The film is based on the 10 things you never knew about the WB in Uzbekistan brochure. After that, Martin Raiser, a country manager, greeted the participants and outlined the WB activities in the field of disability and inclusive development.



Viola Artykova from TACIS made a presentation "Information resources for

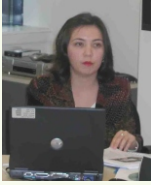


disabled persons” and told about the information network for disabled created within TACIS project.

In his presentation about “Medical resources for disabled”. Mr Ronald Hong from New Hope NGO told about the activities of his private charitable company, which provides free of charge prosthetic devices.



Martin Horseling, Team Leader of TACIS project Legal approximation of Uzbekistan mentally disabled rights legislation to the EU law told about the main results of the project aimed to bring legislation on the rights of mentally ill persons in compliance with international standard.

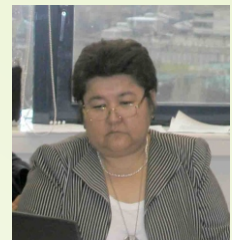


JICA representative Dilbar Sulaimanova presented the main findings of the survey made by this organization and conducted among about 1000 disabled persons. This presentation was of a great interest and entailed lots of questions.

At the end of the discussion Matluba Mukhamedova, communications associate, gave the information about the "Disability and Inclusive Development: Sharing, Learning and Building Alliances" Conference to be held in DC.



Taking the opportunity of the presence of NGOs Irina Tsoy, external affairs officer, presented information about the Development Marketplace 2005 and Small Grants Program 2005



Handouts distributed at the event included:

- a) Info about the conference: "Disability and Inclusive Development: Sharing, Learning and Building Alliances"
- b) Development market place 2005
- c) Small grants program guidelines and application form
- d) World Bank Group Brochure
- e) Slides Short term expertise for the development of a legislative proposal on social protection (TACIS)

## Day 2, November 30

On November 30 PIC Uzbekistan participated at the International scientific and practical conference “Urgent problems of medical and social expertise and rehabilitation of disabled persons”. The event brought together the specialists, physicians, social workers and government officials from Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus.



At the event PIC distributed some World Bank publications and informed people about the "Disability and Inclusive Development: Sharing, Learning and Building Alliances" Conference opened the same in DC. Also information about the Development Marketplace 2005 and Small Grants Program 2005 was circulated.

In the WB country office the exhibition/fair continued its work. It was open for the Bank staff, visiting missions, partners and PIC visitors

