

Brief on Differently-Abled Persons

The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure protection and promotion of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in line with its national and international obligations. These obligations include Constitution of Pakistan, UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and ICT Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2020. The Government is accordingly adopting all possible measures for rehabilitation and integration of persons with disability within the society in Pakistan. The steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure rehabilitation and integration of PWDs' within the society through implementation of relevant laws in letter and spirit are as under: include:

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- i. The ICT Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2020, has been enacted. This Act provide legal and institutional framework for an inclusive society where PWDs have full participation in all forms of social life, particularly in health, education and employment. The major aim of this law is to ensure rehabilitation of PWDs through protection and promotion of their rights. Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (CRPD) has been constituted under the law. in ~~2020~~ 2021 and functional.

Similarly, the Provincial Government have also promulgated their laws on PWDs

ii. Government of Sindh enacted Sindh Differently Able Persons (Employment, Rehabilitation and Welfare) Act, 2014, which was amended in 2017 to increase the employment quota from two to five per cent. In June 2018, Sindh promulgated the Sindh Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2018 which repealed the 'Differently Abled Persons Act, 2014'. Similarly, Balochistan Assembly has promulgated Balochistan Persons with Disabilities Act, 2017 to promote and ensure full and effective inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community in line with the Islamic teachings and international best practices to protect their rights. Similar legislations are in the process in Punjab and KP.

- iii. Sehat Sahulat Programme under BISP launched for ~~rehabilitation of PWDs~~ to ensure PWDs' access to social health protection initiative. PWDs and their families are provided with free-of-cost health insurance to secure indoor health care services.

- More than 100 normal schools have been made inclusive
- iv. National Committee for Implementation of UNCRPD and other national/ international commitments pertaining to disability, having representation of Government of Sindh has

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been constituted under the Chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights. The ^{National} Committee is mandated to recommend policy, legal and administrative measures for protection of Rights of PWDs & their rehabilitation/ empowerment. ^{Inclusion}

v. Incheon Strategy is ~~an~~ one of the International obligations which outlines 10 disabilities inclusive development goals, 27 targets and 62 indicators to be met by ^{end of 2022} 2022. The Ministry had ^{provided} ~~submitted~~ response to survey for midpoint review of Incheon Strategy, ~~with the coordination of relevant Federal and Provincial Departments.~~ However, data on disability was found as a major challenge, while preparing responses on various indicators of the Incheon Strategy identified in the survey. Response for the Final Review of Incheon Strategy prepared in consultation with stakeholders has also been shared with UNESCAP.

vi. The Government of Pakistan had welcomed the UNESCAP technical support aimed to collect reliable and comparable disability data needed for tracking progress in achieving the Incheon goals and targets, under the UNESCAP Project on data collection for the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities. ~~Action Plan in this regard prepared by MoHR shared with all relevant stakeholders of the Federal and Provincial as well as Regional Governments.~~

~~vii.~~ Capacity building sessions were organized by MoHR at the Federal, Provincial and Regional level GB and AJK to build the capacity of officials of relevant departments about UNCPRD, Incheon Strategy and required legislative and policy measures in response to these commitments.

viii. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and BISP have committed to collect data on PWDs through their ongoing/ upcoming surveys.

To combat the challenge of data generation,

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