

Myanmar Team's Research Proposal



Background

- 1) 2014 Census: 2,311,250 PWDs or 4.6% of the total population
- 2) No reliable data- challenges PWDs face health and nutritional services on their daily life
- 3) The need to bridge the gap- enhance the voice of PWDs
- 4) Kachin and Karen context (IDPs, veterans etc.)

Objective

- To better understand what public services are available for PWDs in Kachin and Kayin State
- To understand political, social and cultural obstacles hindering PWDs from access to public services
- To identify the policy aspects which can be best improved concerning to PWDs in Kachin and Kayin State

Research Questions

Sub Research Questions

1. What are social and cultural barriers on accessing health services among people with disabilities in Kachin State, Myanmar.
 - a. What kind of community's cultural and social practices intentionally or unintentionally act as barriers for the PwDs in their daily lives?
 - b. What are the existing coping mechanisms for PwDs to deal with the barriers?
 - c. Do they experience the barriers differently based on their gender, income and age?
2. What are barriers to access to rehabilitation services among people with disabilities in Kachin State, Myanmar.
 - a. What are the existing rehabilitation services (private as well as public) for PwDs in Kachin State?
 - b. What are the factors (family, governmental policy or society) hampering them from getting those services?
 - c. Do they experience the barriers differently based on their gender, income and age?

3. What are barriers to access to treatment services among people with disabilities in Kachin State, Myanmar.

- a. What are the existing treatment services (private as well as public) for PwDs in Kachin State?
- b. What are the factors (family, governmental policy or society) hampering them from getting those services?
- c. Do they experience the barriers differently based on their gender, income and age?

4. What are barriers to access to nutrition among people with disability in Kachin State, Myanmar.

- a. Where does the main source of their daily nutrition come from?
- b. Are they getting sufficient nourishment? If not, what are the factors posing difficulties for them getting sufficient nourishment? (We need to define what do we mean by sufficient nourishment)
- c. Do they experience the barriers differently based on their gender, income and age?

5. How do these barriers impact on people with disabilities in Kachin State, Myanmar.

- a. What are the impacts on their daily lives?
- b. How do they cope up with such barriers on daily basis?
- c. Are the impacts different based on gender, income and age?

Note: we will only look at the age group from 18 years onward. In this research project we will not be dealing with the juvenile PwDs.

Methods

Mixed Methods: Qualitative as well as quantitative

Sample Size

#	Townships	State/ Region	PwD Population	Sample size
1	Waigmaw	Kachin	10,545	110
2	Myitkyina	Kachin	7,788	82
3	Than Taung Gyi	Kayin	1,435	15
4	Kawkareik	Kayin	16,528	173
Total population			36,296	380

Ethics

- KRC ethical guidelines and data management procedure
- ECID ethic panel guidelines

Advocacy

Jan Lata (Name of Kachin
CSO in Non-government
controlled areas)

Funder
INGO

High Alignment with approach

Kachin Development
Group (KDG)

Christian

Myitkyina Blind

Myanmar

Myanmar Physically
Handicap association
& Humanity Inclusion

MPHA &
HI

Low interest

High interest

Kachin state

USAID

UNDP

Ministry of
Health and
Sports

Low Alignment with approach

MPs

Myanmar Stakeholders Exercise