

Report on Regional Training and BGM of Asia-Pacific Federation of Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD)

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APFHD in Brief

The Asia-Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) is a regional network of formal and non-formal organizations of hard of hearing and deafened people in Asia and Pacific (AP) region.

APFHD provides a platform to unite voices of millions of people who are hard of hearing (HoH) and deafened, raise awareness, and protect their rights in Asia and Pacific region.

APFHD founded on March 2, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand by a group of representatives who are hard of hearing and deafened from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam.

Vision

An inclusive society where rights and interest of persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in Asia-Pacific are ensured

Mission

To serve as the independent network for issues relating to hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region

Objectives

1. Empower persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region for their independent life with confidence;
2. Support a formation and development of local self-help groups (SHGs) and self-help organizations (SHOs) in line with the vision and mission of APFHD;
3. Facilitate and promote sub-regional and regional cooperation, and exchange information and knowledge among members of APFHD for effective networking locally and regionally;
4. Collaborate with grassroots disabled people's organizations (DPOs) and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local and national governments, regional and international organizations, the United Nations agencies and other stakeholders to mainstream hard of hearing and deafened perspectives in the movement on disability and development;
5. Facilitate scientific data collection on persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in Asia and the Pacific;
6. Assist technology development, including assistive technologies, accessible information and communication technologies; and
7. Promote accessible environment for persons who are hard of hearing and deafened at educational institutions and workplaces in the Asia-Pacific region.

Executive Summary

The Asia-Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) organized its 3rd Biannual General Meeting (BGM) 2018 and Regional Training on International Instruments Towards Sustainability, in line with the promotion of empowering persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region. The aim of this training was:

1. To conduct a regional gathering from the perspective of interactive accessibility for persons who are HOH and/ deafened
2. To provide an opportunity for leaders who are hard of hearing in the Asia-Pacific region by exchanging new information and knowledge which can be integrated in the future implementation of their activities in partnership with various resource persons in line with CRPD
3. To strengthen regional collaboration between APFHD, resource persons from USA, Israel, UN ESCAP, Thailand and APCD, with support from DEP as well as other partners in line with the principles of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” 2018-2022.

The Regional Training and BGM was organized jointly by APFHD, APCD and MSDHS at APCD Training Building from 20 to 23 August 2018.

The three-day Regional Training was attended by 17 potential leaders representing nine countries who are hard of hearing and deafened from Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. On Day 1, Mr. Piroon Laismit (Executive Director, APCD) addressed the training and formally inaugurated the conference, followed by speeches by Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh (President, APFHD) and Ms. Vijita Rachatanantikul (Expert on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Persons with Disabilities, MSDHS, Royal Thai Government). On the very day, a field visit was organized and the participants visited Thailand’s National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC) to witness the practical application of equal opportunities policies practiced in Thailand within the immediate area of work using real-time captioning. On Day 2 and Day 3, Mr. Ghulam Nabi (Chairperson, CBR/CBID AP Network), conducted sessions on “Introduction of International Instruments to Address Disability and Action Plan Development”. Ms Aiko Akiyama (United Nations ESCAP), Ms. Sachiko Flores (Expert on HOH) from the USA presented sessions on linkages among CRPD, SDGs and Business Model and Exchange on Entrepreneurship and Sustainability. Ms. Neeta Keshary Bhattarai and Ms. Tuyá Mijiddorj facilitated country report presentations.

Likewise, Ms. Wantanee Phantachat (Acting Director, NECTEC) shared “Policy and Direction for Accessible Service in Telecommunication and Broadcasting Service in Thailand” and “Real-Time Captioning Local Thai Development Initiative”.

On the fourth day, BGM took place as an open meeting (open to members and non-members), discussing prior activities, financial statement, membership fees for registration and the formation of more structured executive members that penetrate to the heart of the organization and work more effectively. Mr. Avi Blau (Vice President, IFHOH) represented the Federation in the training and BGM as an observer. The election committee led the election, announcing the Executive Board Members as follows:

- 1. Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh President
- 2. Mr. Chhim Kim Hean First Vice President
- 3. Mr. Raphael D. Torralba Second Vice President
- 4. Mr. Mohammad Ishaque Mia Secretary General
- 5. Ms. Tuya Mijiddorj Treasurer

Training Outputs

- Participants were provided a platform to deliberate various perspectives of interactive accessibility in line with the promotion of empowering persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Participants were able to comprehend linkages among CRPD, SDGs, IS, and business models in hard of hearing development in the community, national and regional levels and achieved a better understanding of the challenges that people with Hard of Hearing face in participating in income-generating activities and learnt about implementation strategies to improve the accessibility and captaining options.
- Participants were able to exchange new information and knowledge in line with CRPD along with the principles of Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” 2018-2022.
- Country reports on the Hard of Hearing and Deafened movement of each country and their action plans for future implementation at the community level were developed and presented.
- The regional gathering was an opportunity for the hard of hearing and deafened people in Asia Pacific to meet in person in an international platform and the formation of new EC was an important outcome of the Biannual General Meeting (BGM).
- Regional networking, and collaboration among participants, resource persons, APFHD, IFHOH and APCD were strengthened.
- Accountability was increased by documenting the essential knowledge, learning and skills.
- The practical application of equal opportunities policies practiced in Thailand within the immediate area of work using real-time captioning was demonstrated through field visits and lecture sessions.
- Various best practices on leadership in respective countries were disseminated.
- The old and new barriers faced by persons who are hard of hearing and deafened were discussed and planned further on how to strengthen advocacy in their respective countries.
- The memorandum of understanding between Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) and International Federation of Hard of Hearing people (IFHOH) was signed to ensure human rights of hard of hearing adults and young people, deafened people, CI-users, and their families, persons who experience hearing disorder sand who use speech as a means of communication, persons who have Tinnitus or Meniere.
- Agreement to hold the BGM every two years.

PROGRAM

APFHD's Biannual General Meeting (BGM) 2018

& Regional Training on International Instruments Towards Sustainability:

Capacity Building of Leaders Who are Hard of Hearing and Deafened
in the Asia-Pacific region

19 – 24 August 2018, APCD Training Building, Bangkok, Thailand

Time	Content	Attendance / RP
19 August	DAY 1 Arrival	Participants & RP
20 August	DAY 2	
08:30 AM	Welcome & Registration	EC / APCD
09:00 AM	Opening Ceremony: Welcome Speech by Mr. Piroon Laismit, APCD Executive Director Remark by Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh, President, Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) Opening Speech by Ms. Vijita Rachatanantikul, Expert on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Royal Thai Government	Director General of DEP/ representative, APCD Executive Director & APCD managers, other staff, and all RPs and Participants
10:00 AM	Ice breaking activities / Hope & Concerns – Sharing expectations-	Ms. Hanh
10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM	Course Orientation	Ms. Hanh
11:30 AM	Introduction of International Instruments to Address Disability	Mr. Ghulam Nabi
12:30 PM	Lunch Break	
13:30 PM	Linkages among CRPD, SDGs and Business Models	Mr. Doane
15:00 PM	Coffee Break	
15:15 PM	Depart for Telecom (Site Visit)	NECTEC
17:00 PM	Dinner Reception by NECTEC	NECTEC

21 August	DAY 3	
09:00 AM	Recap	Participants
09:30 AM	Policy and Direction for Accessible Service in Telecommunication and Broadcasting Service in Thailand; and Real-Time Captioning - Local Thai Development Initiative (NECTEC)	Ms. Wantanee & Dr. Ananlada
10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM	International Instruments: Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific	Ms. Aiko
12:00 PM	Lunch	
13:30 PM	Country Report	Participants
14:30 PM	International Collaboration	Ms. Sachiko
15:00 PM	Coffee Break	
15:15 PM	Exchange on Entrepreneurship and Sustainability	Ms. Sachiko
17:00 PM	Closing	
22 August	DAY 4	
08:30 AM	Recap	Participants
09:00 AM	Action Plan Development I	Mr. Ghulam Nabi
10:00 AM	Touring on Disability-Inclusive Business (DIB) by APCD	APCD staff
10:45 AM	Coffee break	
11:00 AM	Action Plan Development II	Mr. Ghulam Nabi
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	
13:00 PM	The Necessity of National HOH Associations in Asian Countries Subtheme is “To get our HOH person’s rights according to CRPD”.	Dr. Kazuhiko, Ms. Neeta
14:30 PM	Coffee Break	
15:00 PM	Action Plan Presentation	Participants
16:00 PM	Wrap-up	Ms. Sachiko
16:30 PM	Awarding of Certificates	APCD staff

	DAY 5 –	APFHD's Members & Observers
23 August	APFHD's Biannual General Meeting (BGM) 2018	
08:30 AM	Registration	
09:00 AM	APFHD's Biannual General Meeting (BGM) 2018	
10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
	APFHD's BGM 2018 (Continued)	
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	
13:30 PM	APFHD's BGM 2018 (Continued)	
14:45 PM	Coffee Break	
15: 00 PM	Closing	
24 August	DAY 6	Participants & RPs
09:00 AM	Departure	

Participants List

No	Name	Country	Organization
1	Mr. Mohammad Ishaque Mia	Bangladesh	Hard of Hearing Assocaiton
2	Mr. Chhim Kim Hean	Cambodia	HOPE Cambodia
3	Mr. Kazuhiko Seya	Japan	Zennancho - All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People
4	Ms. Yumiko Minami	Japan	Zennancho - All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People
5	Mr. Tadashi Miyamoto	Japan	Zennancho - All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People
6	Ms. Tuya Mijiddorj	Mongolia	
7	Ms. Neeta Keshary Bhattarai	Nepal	SHRUTI
8	Ms. Agnishikha Achrya	Nepal	SHRUTI
9	Mr. Muhammad Akram	Pakistan	Danishkadah

10	Ms. Joanna T. Chan	Philippines	Hard of Hearing Group Philippines
11	Mr. Raphael D. Torralba	Philippines	Hard of Hearing Group Philippines
12	Ms. April Rose Escaros	Philippines	Hard of Hearing Group Philippines
13	Mr. Joselito Ramiscal	Philippines	Hard of Hearing Group Philippines
14	Mr. Dao Truong Thang	Vietnam	CED
15	Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh	Vietnam	CED
16	Ms. Angela Friska	Indonesia	Individual
17	Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani	Pakistan	Volunteer Resource Persons
18	Mr. Avi Blau	Israel	IFHOH
19	Mr. Keith Doane	US	Ms. Sachiko's team
20	Mr. David De Keyzer	US	Ms. Sachiko's team
21	Ms. Sachiko Flores	US	Ms. Sachiko's team
22	Ms. Abha Bisht	India	Ms. Sachiko's team
23	Mr. Ashish Doval	India	Ms. Sachiko's team

Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) and International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH)

I. Purpose of MoU

This MoU is intended to:

- Ensure open and mutually supportive working relationship between APFHD and IFHOH towards improving the quality of life and human rights of hard of hearing adults and young people, deafened people, CI-users, and their families, persons who experience a hearing disorder, and who use speech as means of communication, and persons who have Tinnitus or Ménière.
- APFHD and IFHOH are independent international non-governmental and nonprofit organizations; APFHD is an official region of IFHOH.
- The official language for communication is English.

APFHD Mission: APFHD aims to achieve an inclusive society where rights and interests of persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in Asia and the Pacific are upheld.

APFHD Vision: To serve as the independent network for issues relating to hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region.

In line with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the objectives of APFHD shall be to:

1. Empower persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia- Pacific region to achieve an independent and confident life.
2. Support a formation and development of local self-help groups (SHGs) and self-help organizations (SHOs) in line with the vision and mission of APFHD;
3. Facilitate and promote sub-regional and regional cooperation, and exchange information and knowledge among members of APFHD for effective networking locally and regionally;
4. Collaborate with grassroots disabled peoples organizations (DPOs) and other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), local and national governments, regional and international organizations, the United Nations agencies and other stakeholders to mainstream hard of hearing and deafened perspectives in the movement on disability and development;
5. Facilitate scientific data collection on persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in Asia and the Pacific;
6. Assist technology development, including assistive technologies, accessible information

and communication technologies; and

7. Promote accessible environment for persons who are hard of hearing and deafened at educational institutions and workplaces in the Asia-Pacific region.

IFHOH Mission and Vision

IFHOH Mission: IFHOH aims to promote the fundamental human rights of hard of hearing and deafened persons worldwide and to enable their full participation in all of society in keeping with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as set out in its constitution.

IFHOH Vision

1. To promote hearing accessibility for hard of hearing and deafened people, in particular with regards to technical aids, noise control, communication systems, architectural design and other services and facilities
2. To inform and educate the public about the special problems hard of hearing people encounter in everyday life, as well as by participating in the work of international organizations and bodies.
3. To promote the prevention and management of hearing loss and the preservation of hearing. To generate a better understanding and a positive attitude towards hard of hearing and deafened people.
4. To promote research for the development of technical devices for noise control, communication systems and for other aids.
5. To promote research in the area of hearing loss, hearing disability, and hearing related disabilities, as well as encouraging hard of hearing and deafened people to personally participate in such research or support it.

II. Cooperation

APFHD and IFHOH hereby agree to:

- Appoint responsible officers (i.e. the presidents) who will regularly inform each other's organizations about the progress, plan of action, strategies and events;
- Hold an annual meeting of the presidents and one other officer of the two organizations.
- Every two years, in conjunction with IFHOH BGM and/or World Congress, encourage a meeting of IFHOH, EFHOH and APFHD board. Each organization is responsible for their own participation expenses.
- Check with each other on new IFHOH and APFHD initiatives in the Asian & Pacific region in order to promote cooperation and coordination, to provide mutual support and to work toward the expected results.

- Mutual exchange information on a regular basis about possible initiatives, good practices and opportunities for cooperation in both organizations.
- Each organisation agrees to publicize news about the other organizations in their communications vehicles.

III. Consultation and Exchange of Information

The Parties shall invite each other to send observers to each other's Annual General Meetings, as well as to meetings and conferences convened by them or under their auspices in which, in the opinion of either Party, the other may have an interest. Any fees or travel costs related to the attendance of the observer from a Party shall be covered by its own respective organization and shall not be claimed to the inviting Party. Any accessibility costs will be borne by the attendee although the inviting party will make every effort to facilitate access. Registration fees for conferences will be waived for the official delegate.

IV. Terms of MoU

The MoU may be renewed with renewal discussions to begin six months before the expiry date. Either party may terminate with sufficient notice (90 days) and an explanation (unclear if circumstances should be cited).

V. Principal Contacts/APFHD Contact

Phone # 66-(0)-2354-7505-8 | Fax # 66-(0)-2354-7507

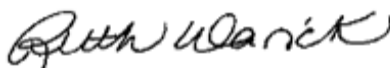
Email: info@ap-fhd.net | Website: <http://www.ap-fhd.net>

IFHOH contact

Email: info@ifhoh.org | Website: <http://www.ifhoh.org>

VI. Effectivity Date and Signature

This MoU is in effect for the following period: September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.



Ruth Warick,
President, International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH)
Date: August 15, 2018



Hanh Duong Phuong,
President, Asia-Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD)
Date: August 23, 2018

Photos



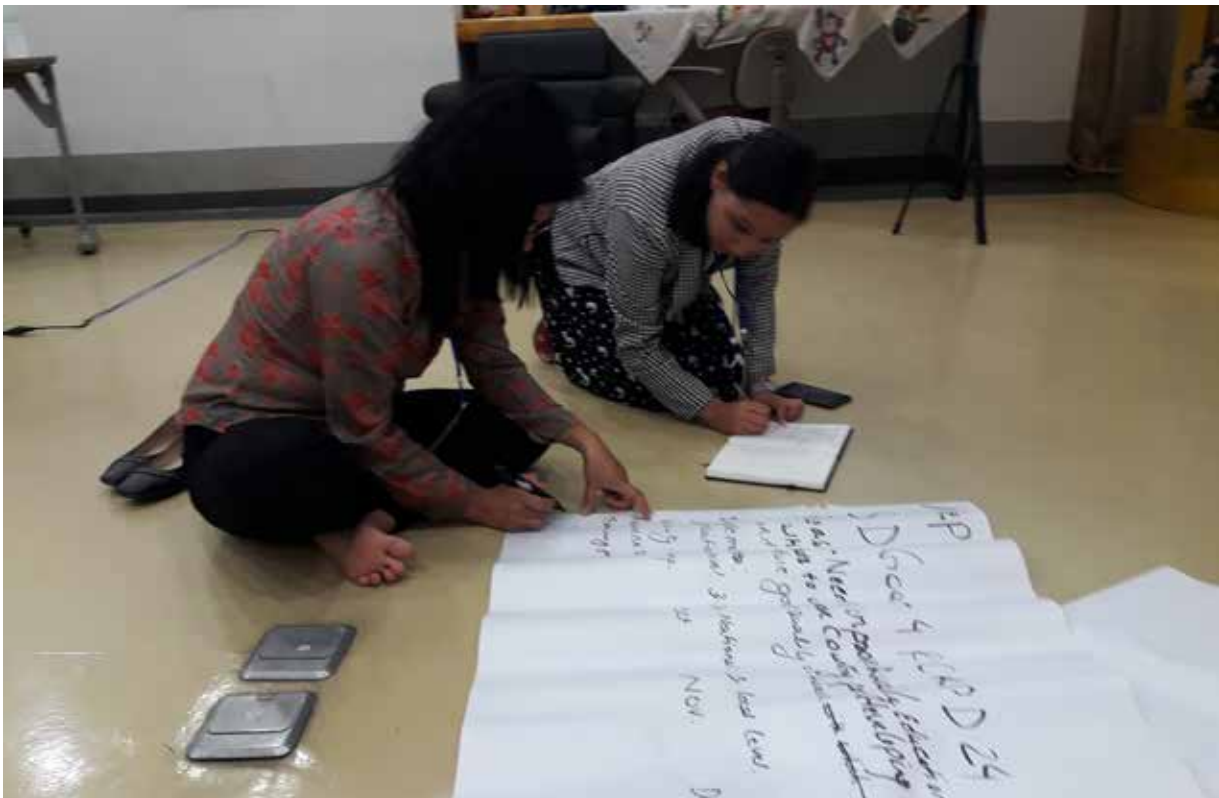
Elected officials and representatives of the APFHD at its Biennial General Meeting



Mr. Piroon Laimit, Executive Director of APCD, addresses the leaders of Hard of Hearing and Deafened in the Regional Training.



Participants from Japan



Participants from Nepal



Participants from Vietnam



Participants from Mongolia and Indonesia



Participants from Mongolia and Philippines



Elected officials and representatives of the APFHD at its Biennial General Meeting



Signing of memorandum of understanding between Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh from Vietnam (President, APFHD) and Mr. Avi Blau from Israel (Vice President, IFHOH)





Presentation and discussion about APFHD vision and action plan for 2018-2020



Motivated participants after certificate awarding ceremony


Country Reports

Mongolia

Country report-Mongolia

Prepared by Tuya.M /Social worker/ Good Neighbors Mongolia, Child Rights Protection specialist





INTRODUCTION

Good Neighbors International NGO was founded in Korea in 1991. It was granted General Consultative Status from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).

Good Neighbors works in 38 countries including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam with its focus on community development projects to protect children's rights and encourage the self-reliance of communities.

OUR MISSION

Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

Good Neighbors respects the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters, oppression, and helps them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild their hope.




CRC – Child Rights Protection

Good Neighbors plans and implements projects that respect the human rights of children based on our unchanged belief in human dignity under the principle of fully-filling the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



Network

Good Neighbors stimulates its projects and sustains its network by mobilizing the human and material resources of communities in field centers, encouraging them to actively engage in the projects as an organized group of volunteers, partners, and community committees.



DIRECTIONS




Advocacy

Good Neighbors conducts advocacy projects, such as campaigns, government policies, and seminars to promote its projects and raise awareness of governments or the general public as part of citizenship education.





GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Strategy objectives	Outcome	UN Sustainable Development Goals
1 People are free from hunger	1.1 People have resilience for enhanced food security 1.2 People do not suffer from malnutrition	2. ZERO HUNGER, 9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, 13. CLIMATE ACTION
2 Every child is protected	2.1 Children exercise child rights through improved awareness of people 2.2 Children are safe in community	5. GENDER EQUALITY, 8. ECONOMIC GROWTH, 16. PEACE AND JUSTICE
3 People enjoy the right to education	3.1 Girls and boys enjoy quality public education 3.2 Adults are able to access lifelong learning	4. QUALITY EDUCATION, 5. GENDER EQUALITY

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Strategy objectives	Outcome	UN Sustainable Development Goals
4 People exercise the right to health	4.1 People are able to access to basic health service 4.2 People have quality maternal and child health & sexual and reproductive health service access 4.3 People have safe water and sanitation	3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, 5. GENDER EQUALITY, 6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
5 People live in sustainable environment	5.1 People practice environment protection 5.2 People achieve the sustainable use of resources	1. NO POVERTY, 2. ZERO HUNGER, 3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, 4. QUALITY EDUCATION, 5. GENDER EQUALITY, 6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION, 7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY, 8. ECONOMIC GROWTH, 9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, 10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES, 11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, 12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, 13. CLIMATE ACTION, 14. LIFE BELOW WATER, 15. LIFE ON LAND
6 People build inclusive and democratic communities	6.1 People promote inclusiveness and non-discrimination 6.2 People's solidarity is strengthened	4. QUALITY EDUCATION, 5. GENDER EQUALITY, 10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES, 16. PEACE AND JUSTICE



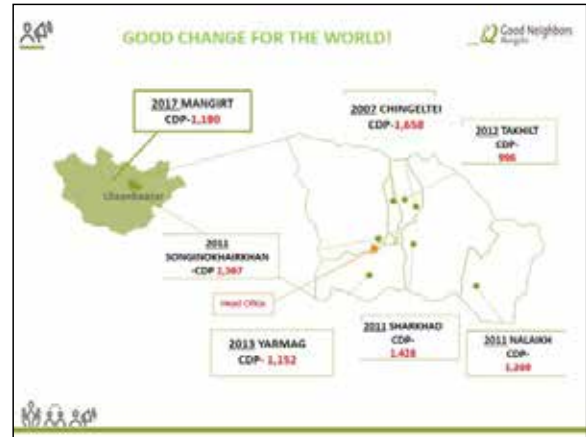

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Strategy objectives	Outcome	UN Sustainable Development Goals
7 People achieve economic empowerment through solidarity and cooperation	7.1 Social economy for people is promoted 7.2 People have improved economic capacity	1. NO POVERTY, 2. ZERO HUNGER, 4. QUALITY EDUCATION, 5. GENDER EQUALITY, 8. ECONOMIC GROWTH, 9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, 10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES, 11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, 12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, 13. CLIMATE ACTION, 14. LIFE BELOW WATER, 15. LIFE ON LAND
8 People are protected from disasters	8.1 Communities are resilient to disasters 8.2 People are recovered from disasters 8.3 Refugee's rights are ensured	1. NO POVERTY, 2. ZERO HUNGER, 3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, 11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, 13. CLIMATE ACTION, 16. PEACE AND JUSTICE



GOOD CHANGE FOR THE WORLD! Good Neighbors Mongolia

Good Neighbors Mongolia was established in 2006 to implement Community Development Projects which based on Child Sponsorship Service program.



CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION Good Neighbors Mongolia

- 1st season: Special case
- 2nd season: School enrollment
- 3rd season: CDP family campaigns
- 4th season: Treatment
- 5th season: Welfare supplies
- 6th season: Library and after school program
- 7th season: Medical check up
- 8th season: School feeding program



WORLD HEARING DAY-2018 Good Neighbors Mongolia

Approximately 100 children attended in the training and 28% of them responded that hearing loss can be caused due to loud noise but after training it was increased till 67 percent.

Nepal


Introduction of SHRUTI

- ▶ National Association of Blind of Hearing and Deafblind
- ▶ Founded in 2017 by persons with hearing disability
- ▶ Working in
 - Awareness raising
 - Advocacy
 - Rights
 - Empowerment
 - Early identification and assessment
 - Mainstreaming
 - Research


A pilot study in two schools in Kathmandu Valley and teacher awareness (2015-2016)

- ▶ Activities
 - Conducted an check up and hearing assessment for primary level children (6-12 years age)
 - Provided hearing aids, rehabilitation, speech therapy and socio-educational facilities and parents awareness program
- ▶ Findings
 - Out of 477 hearing assessment 4 30% children were found hearing loss
 - Teachers and Parents did not have enough knowledge of hearing loss and its impact on children learning
 - Hearing loss children had poor academic performance

Project Background - Kathmandu



Dhading Hearing Assessment and Ear Camp



A pilot study in two schools in Dhading and teacher awareness in 13 schools (2015-2016)

- ▶ Activities
 - Conducted an check up and hearing assessment for primary level children (6-12 years age)
 - Provided hearing aids, rehabilitation, speech therapy and socio-educational facilities and parents awareness program
 - Conducted first Aid awareness to non-student community
- ▶ Findings
 - Out of 407 hearing assessment 18.37% children were found hearing loss
 - Teachers and Parents did not have enough knowledge of hearing loss and its impact on children learning
 - Hearing loss children had poor academic performance
 - Health facility was not available at local level

Development of teacher's manual

The manual covers

- Understanding hearing loss and its effects on children
- Causes, types and impacts of hearing loss
- Identification of hearing loss
- Utilization of residual hearing and assistive devices
- Challenges and roles of children who are deaf/hd in the classroom
- The educational implications of teaching children who are deaf/hd in inclusive education
- The support for HD children in classroom
- Functions of government support

Identification of Hard of Hearing through teacher observation

- Out of 1,874 students
- 426 students (23%) had visible issues with their ears (malformation of head or neck, discharge coming from their ears or ear infection)
- 1,210 students (63%) displayed behaviours that were indicative of hearing loss (for example, not responding to sounds, their issue)
- 1,092 students (58%) displayed other problems (such as poor academic performance, lack of interest in extra-curricular activities, missing important instructions in class)

Manual Launch by Hon. Chief guest Mr Anup Raj Sharma (NHRC)
National Human Right Commission Nepal



Developed Awareness Brochure

- Received grant from Austrian Government.
- Developed brochure for children and parents
- Results
- 8 schools had been aware of need of hard of hearing
- Distributed 2,650 children and 2,650 parents brochure in 8 location of Kathmandu valley

Students actively engaged in the presentation at various schools

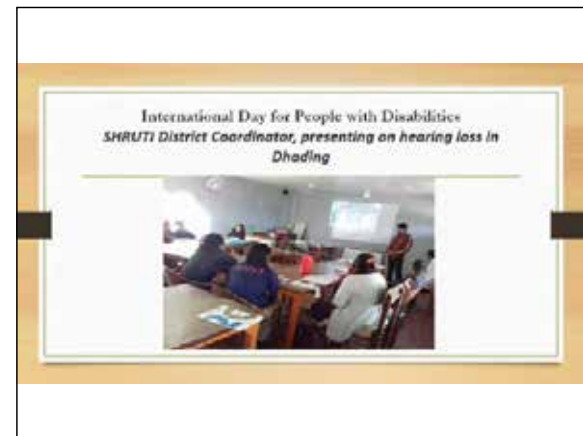


Visitors from Zennancho, Japan



Students listening to the presentation A student asking a question

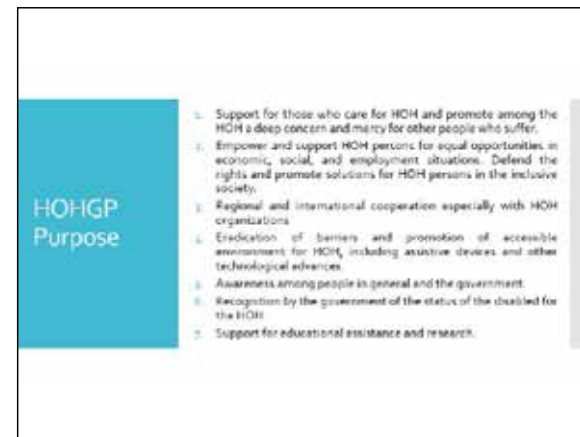
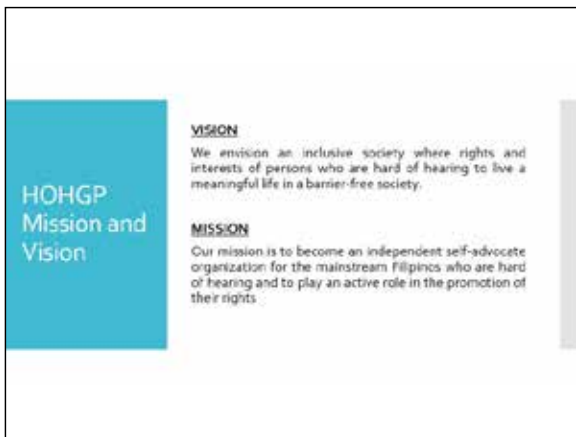




Organising Training for teachers



Philippines



Activities organized and participated for the past 4 years

- Consultation Workshop on Disability Resource and Development Centre
- Australia Awards Information Sessions for 2015 Intake
- Psychosocial Disability and Hard of Hearing Seminar
- Disaster Resilience Conference for PWDs
- National Conference on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
- Attended and participated in the following PWD commemorative events:
 - National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (Member of the National Working Committee)
 - Chief Business Week (Member of the National Working Committee, Vice Chair in 2015)
 - Freedom Walk of Persons with Disabilities
 - Angels Walk for Autism
 - Happy Walk for Dawn Subarna

Upcoming projects

- First General Members Meeting and Assembly
- Creation of Captioning Team
- World Hearing Day 2019 (In collaboration with Better Hearing Philippines, SM Malls Ear Access Canada)
- Future projects with Ear Access Canada and Starkey Hearing Foundation (in discussion)
- International Day of PWDs
- Deaf Awareness Week
- Local orientation on HCH Awareness in different provinces (grassroot level)
- Disability sensitivity trainings conducted by NODA, SM Malls and other stakeholders

MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

Vietnam



APFHD BGM 2018
COUNTRY REPORT
Center for Research and Education
of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CED)

Duong Phuong Hanh (MED)
Founder/Executive Director of CED
General Secretary of International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHCPH)
President of Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing & Deafened (APFHD)
Commissioner of Vietnam Federation on Disability (VPD)

Everything is Possible!



**Center for Research and Education
of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CED)**

**Center for Research and Education of
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CED)**

- Founded since 19 January 2011 under Service of Sciences and Technologies of HCMC
- The first and the only social enterprise established by the Deaf and serve for themselves

Everything is possible!



**Center for Research and Education
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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



5 GENDER EQUALITY



Everything is possible!



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CED's Services

EDUCATION


For the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

- ✓ Early Intervention Program
- ✓ Inclusive Education Program
- ✓ Special Education Program
- ✓ English class and Lip-reading
- ✓ Living skill, Learning skill training

For the Hearing

- ✓ Vietnamese Sign Language Classes
- ✓ Medical Sign language
- ✓ Typing Classes
- ✓ Skills in supporting PWHL in hospitals

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CED's Services

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

1. Advocacy
2. Peer counseling /Consultancy
3. Employment
4. Hearing Aids Fund for the Poor children
5. Research/Products
6. Supporters and Speech-to-text interpreters

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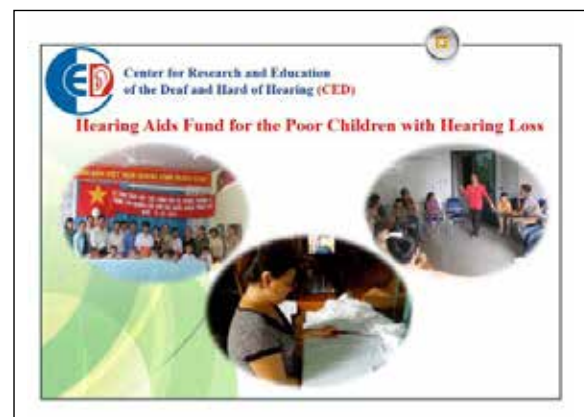
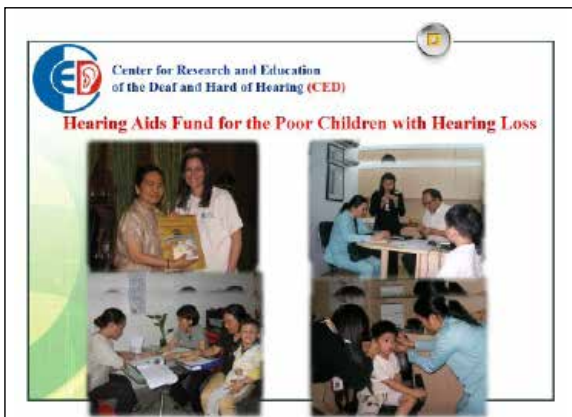


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Advocacy

1. Contribute ideas/ recommendations into Laws on PWDS, Constitution of Vietnam, Policies etc...
2. Contribute solutions in promotion of accessibilities of persons with hearing loss
3. Enhance the Deaf awareness

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Lip-Reading Classes

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Presented:

Used hearing aids	: > 295
New hearing aids	: 248
→ Male: 182	Female: 146

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Skills in supporting people with hearing loss in hospitals

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Training in Inclusive Education for Students with Hearing Loss

Trainees:

- Officials of Departments of Education and Training
- School Boards of Mainstream Schools
- Teachers

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Accessible for Persons with **dis**Abilities

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