

The background is a collage of three images. The top left shows a young girl in a white dress and blue shoes running on a green field. The bottom left shows a woman in a white shirt holding a baby. The right side shows a close-up of a woman with a stethoscope around her neck, looking down.

Objectives of Disability Assessment Methodology IP project

Sion

19 August 2009

Statistics

138 407 disabled persons were officially registered in Georgia by 2009

11 204 (8%) children

127,203 adults,

- 15% - the first category (“very severe”) of disability
 - 62,5% - the second category (“severe”) of disability
 - 22,5% - the third category (“moderate”) of disability
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- WHO estimate - **400,000 persons** with disabilities caused by physical, mental or chronic disorders

Examples



I category

Dementia

Hemiplegia

Absence of 8 fingers

II category

Heart aneurism

Epilepsy

Rheumatoid arthritis with significant deformation

III category

Foreign body in brain

Absence of lung

Absence of 3 fingers

Evolution

Medical model

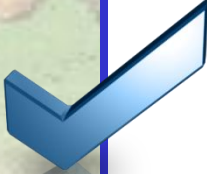
-disability as a deficiency embodied in an individual

Social model

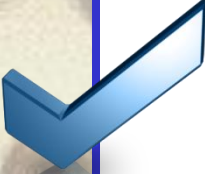
– disability as arising from the interaction of a person's functional status with the physical, cultural, and policy environments

New concept for Georgia

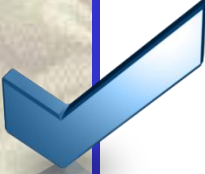
Parliament of Georgia has adopted a new concept for social integration of people with disabilities



Ranks current disability assessment methodology
non-adequate
not corresponding modern requirements



Points at lack of
international collaboration
training of health professionals working

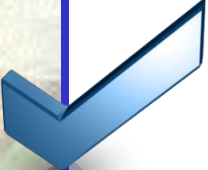


Requests development of a new methodology for disability assessment based on individual's functional abilities


State Program 2009

- **Order of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs (86/N)**
- **Allocated more than 1.5 million GEL for day care centers providing habilitation/rehabilitation services to people with disabilities**

Swiss-Georgian Institutional Partnership



to implement co-operations, which enable Georgian partners to get access to knowledge and technologies practiced in Switzerland;




to mobilize the Swiss scientific and technological capacities to the benefit of the international community and partners in the areas where Switzerland has a recognized expertise

Goal

Essential change in current principles of disability status determination and elaboration of a new system where disability status will be determined not according to disease, injury etc. but rather assessment of individual's functional abilities:

- ✓ self-care,
- ✓ mobility,
- ✓ learning,
- ✓ work,
- ✓ orientation,
- ✓ interpersonal interactions, and
- ✓ self-control

Objectives:



Develop scientific methodology of medical-social examination to determine degree of disability



Develop legal documents necessary for introduction of the new system



Train health care professionals in the usage of the new methodology

Expected Results

- ▶ Improved needs assessment for persons with disability
- ▶ Built capacity of Georgian institutions and professionals in disability assessment
- ▶ Enhanced knowledge and skills of Georgian team to design and implement a curriculum that meets national standards and is appropriate to the disability assessment needs
- ▶ Improved purposefulness of specific interventions
- ▶ Promoted medical and social rehabilitation



Thank You!