

Situation of Persons with Disabilities in Mongolia

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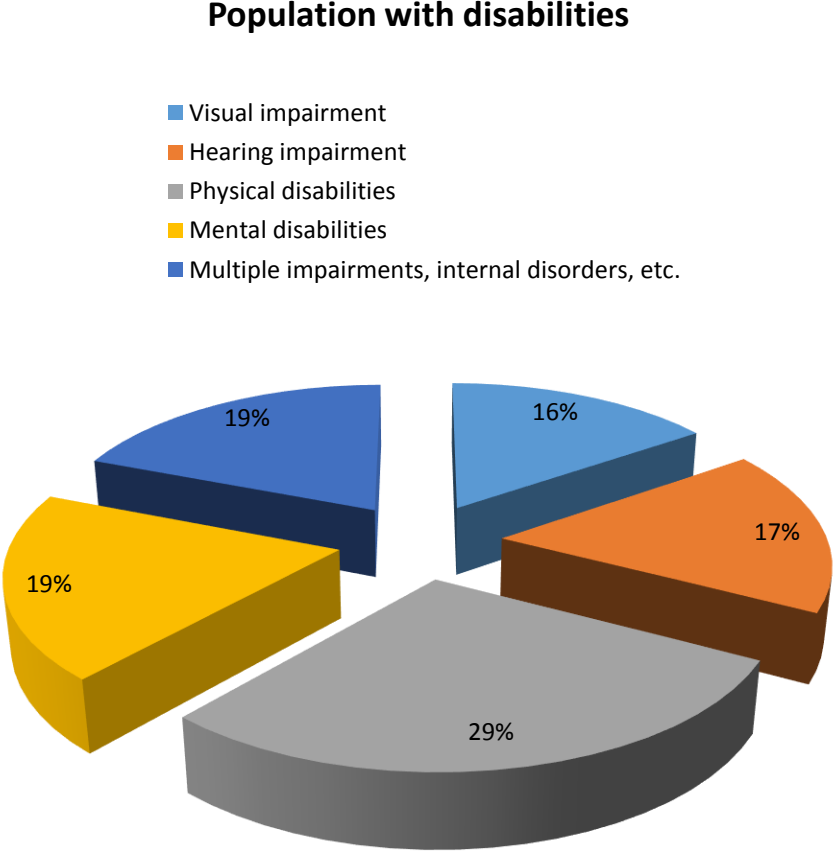
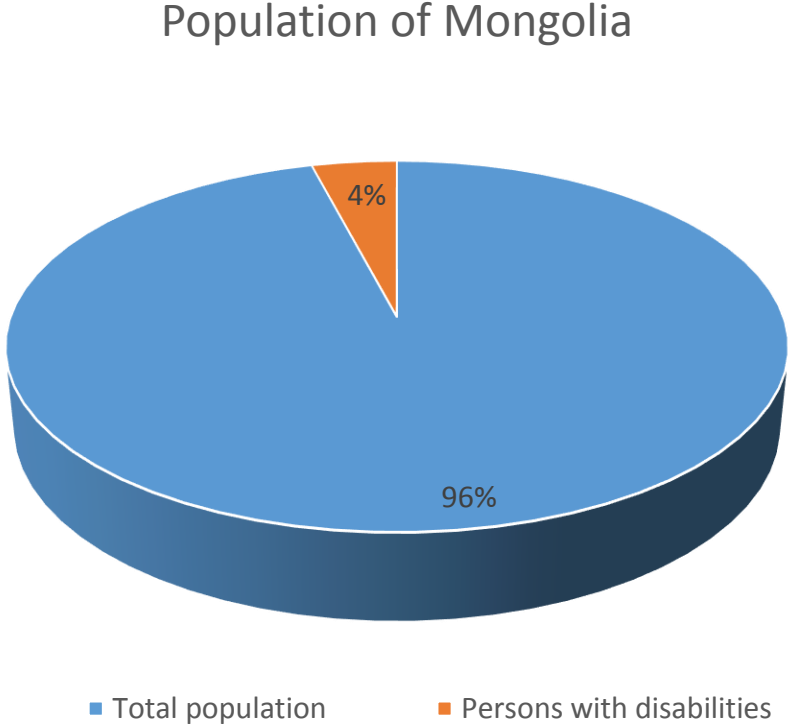
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Briefing on the population, environment, and weather of Mongolia

- The population of Mongolia is 3,100,000, 4.1% of which are persons with disabilities.
- It accounts for about 108,070 persons.
- Changes in climate are severe throughout the year; the temperature drops down to minus 40 degrees in winter and rises up to plus 40 degrees in summer.



Number of persons with disabilities in Mongolia



Social Conditions

- In 1990, Mongolia made the transition from socialism to capitalism.
- There were laws and rights with regard to human rights, constitutional issues, and persons with disabilities during the socialist era, but they were not sufficient.
- Twenty-six years have passed since the transition from the socialist system, but the infrastructure issue and legal measures in relation to persons with disabilities are still insufficient.



Government policies

- Many policies, laws and projects for persons with disabilities have been implemented.
- Opportunities have now been set up to take in views of persons with disabilities in the creation of new systems.
- For example: Law on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, General Agency for Development of People with Disabilities, etc.

However....

- Only few are implemented.
- Not recognized.
- Hard to make use of. For example: Admission to college may be free of charge, but the barrier-free transportation is not developed.

Education of persons with disabilities

- The same as before in principle. Persons with disabilities go to school for persons with disabilities.
- However, schools for persons with disabilities exist only in Ulan Bator.
- Therefore, persons with disabilities in rural areas go to regular schools.

The system for inclusive education began to be created.

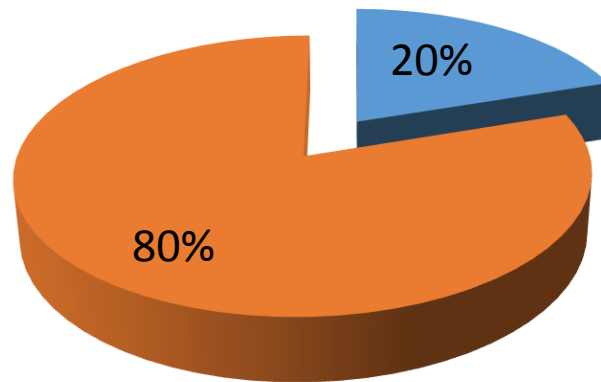
- There are experts with knowledge about school for persons with disabilities, but no experts with knowledge of inclusive education.
- Even when laws and systems are created, they are hardly implemented.

Employment situation of persons with disabilities and breakdown of jobs

(Reference: 2010 Population Census of Mongolia)

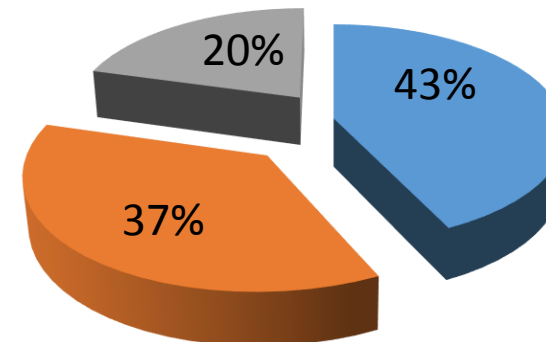
Of the employable persons with disabilities, those employed and those unemployed

- Employed persons with disabilities
- Unemployed persons with disabilities



Type of employment of employed persons with disabilities

- Self-employed, piecework at home
- Company employee
- Helping the family, helping relatives (no wage)

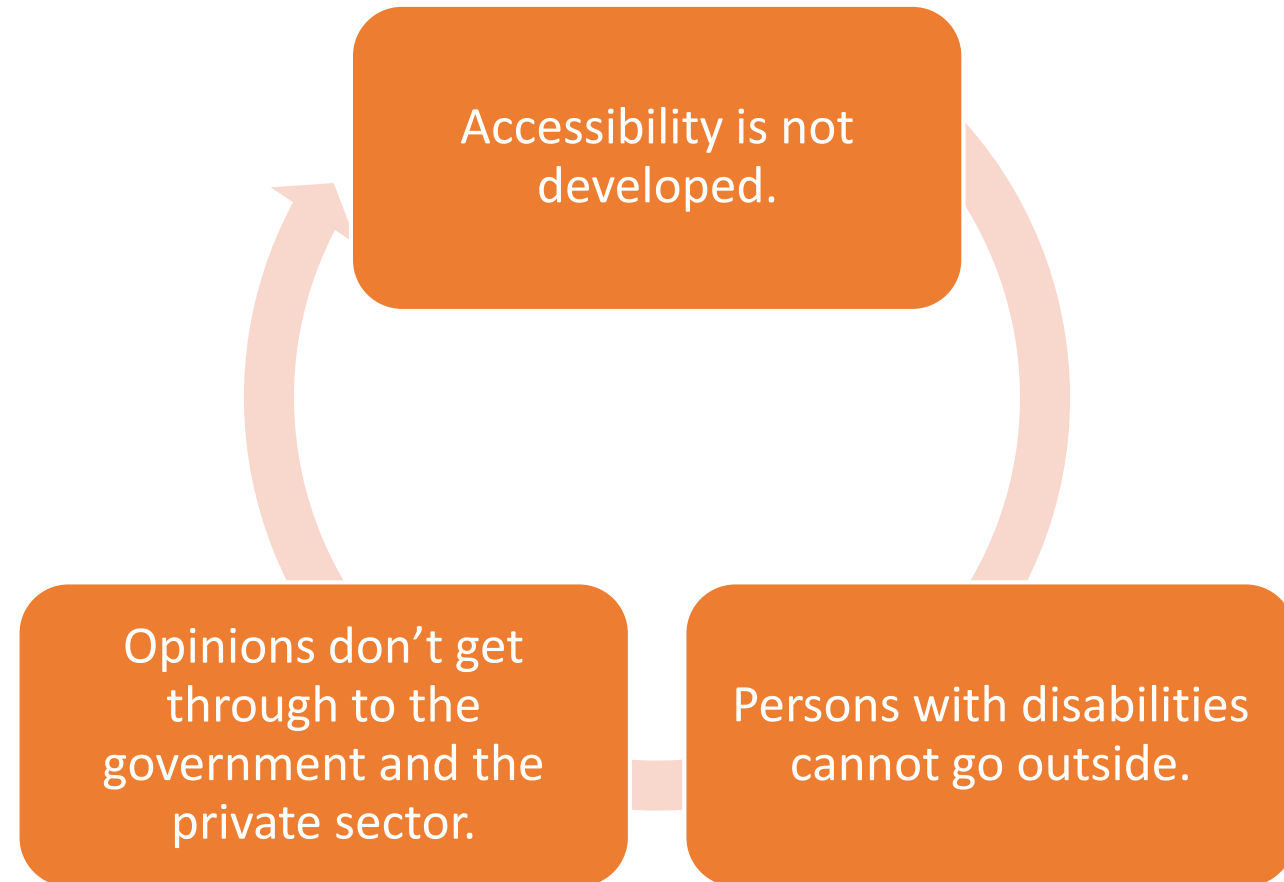


Employment situation of persons with disabilities

- Most of self-employment jobs are sewing and embroidery, which take time for production and do not pay much.
- Not many persons are able to work in the specialized fields they studied.
- Even when persons with disabilities find jobs in companies, there is no support from the government.
- Employment requirements (qualifications) desired by companies are made from the standpoint of persons without disabilities, making it impossible for persons with disabilities to achieve them. (This is partly because persons with disabilities are not able to go to school.)
- There are few facilities and systems, such as Japan's Hello Work (Public Employment Security Office – PESO), to provide support for persons with disabilities for the relationship until the time they are employed at companies.
- There is no environment where persons with severe disabilities can work.

Accessibility

- The current situation is that persons without disabilities still play the main role in society.
- Disability movement is gaining momentum.
- Persons with disabilities cooperate in conducting accessibility checks (barrier free checks) as officials from the government, such as, for example, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.



Independent Living Movement

- **“Universal Progress”**
Independent Living Center.
Established in March, 2010.
- Its purpose is to support all persons with disabilities to live independently regardless of the degree of disability.



Activities

- Personal assistant service
- Peer counseling activity (consultation service by persons with disabilities)
- Training activity for persons with and without disabilities
- Awareness activity for persons with disabilities to become independent
- Concrete guidance and advice toward a barrier-free society
- Others (monitoring, appeal activity, advocacy)



Others

- Laws and systems, even when they are created, are not conveyed to persons with disabilities.
- No support from the government for the movement.
- The situation is that those in need of a respirator or those with multiple disabilities cannot even go outside.

Thank you very much.
ありがとうございました

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