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Accessibility for Inclusion



Woman uses a newly built accessibility ramp. Photo: DRD

GVN Counterparts

Departments of Labor Invalids and Social Affairs of Tay Ninh and Binh Dinh provinces

Duration

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Planned Budget:

\$310,210

Prime Implementer:

Disability Research and Development (DRD)

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In Vietnam, persons with disabilities are unable to access most public buildings, limiting their social and physical access to services. The Accessibility for Inclusion project works to improve the physical accessibility of buildings for persons with disabilities in the two provinces of Tay Ninh and Binh Dinh. The ultimate goal is to contribute to the creation of a barrier-free society where persons with disabilities can participate in all social, economic, and educational activities as equal members of society.

RAISING AWARENESS OF PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY RIGHTS

This project aims to raise awareness about the basic rights of persons with disabilities within the general public and the persons with disabilities community. Increased knowledge and appreciation will build a foundation for the future where persons with disabilities can better participate in, and contribute to, a vibrant Vietnamese society. Through this project's One World for All outreach events, government agencies, universities, and the public will learn more about the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and how they can contribute to a more inclusive society.

IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

This project will assist public buildings to become more accessible through three approaches: by creating a task force, including persons with disabilities, to perform accessibility audits; showcasing model accessibility improvements that have increased access and equality; and seeking corporate financial partnerships to build a sustainable source of support for additional accessibility improvements.

BUILDING ADVOCACY FOR PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

The project works with Disabled Persons Organizations to promote accessibility rights and improve their ability to advocate for their own accessibility needs through various trainings and seminars. Complementing this approach will be a monitoring committee, including persons with disabilities, to strengthen their role in community development.

EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the project, at least 300 persons with disabilities will be trained to better advocate for physical accessibility. Approximately 20,000 persons with disabilities will have received information about disability rights through mass media. In the first year of the project, at least three public buildings will be renovated with accessibility features