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SPORTPOWER2

Improving social inclusion and quality of life for people with disabilities.

OVERVIEW

SportPower2 promotes the social inclusion of people with disabilities (PWD) and conflict victims with disabilities' through sport and income generating activities. The activity also provides technical assistance to PWD organizations that advocate for, and provide rehabilitation care to, community members with disabilities. SportPower2 is being implemented in Antioquia, Caquetá, Magdalena and Santander and runs from July 2018-June 2022.

PWD and conflict victims with disabilities' civil participation is restricted by negative stereotypes about disabilities, and they lack access to leisure and education opportunities. SportPower2 addresses the challenges faced by PWD and conflict victims with disabilities by providing them with training, recreation and civil participation opportunities.

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COMPONENTS

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

SportPower2 improves PWD healthcare access by including PWD health needs in regional and national public policies. The activity also encourages regional and national actors to incorporate differentiated PWD health needs in planning and service delivery.

FACILITATING PWD EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION

SportPower2 creates PWD sports teams to foster conflict victims with disabilities' empowerment, participation, reconciliation and social inclusion. The activity also supports PWD and conflict victims with disabilities' employment through job training and formal job creation.

DISSEMINATING POSITIVE MESSAGING

SportPower2 combats negative stereotypes about PWD by disseminating positive PWD messaging to communities through social and sports networks. SportPower2 also supports the inclusion of PWD into procedures to access reparations for victims of armed conflict.

ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

SportPower2 develops policies with national and regional government entities to ensure PWD learn about their rights and are empowered to participate in public decision making.

RESULTS

- Provided financial and commercial technical assistance to 35 PWD businesses;
- Engaged 176 PWD and their families in the community-based rehabilitation strategies to improve their access to rehabilitation services;
- Helped provide services to 437 people by strengthening three rehabilitation service centers in Cienaga, Puerto Wilches and San Vicente del Caguan;
- Trained 197 community members in sports, disabilities, citizen rights and assertive communications;
- Awarded 250 public officials and community leaders with Sport and Peace Diplomas for their use of sports as a peace, empowerment and social inclusion tool;
- Helped 30 PWD community members develop their professional profiles to access employment opportunities;
- Taught 10 municipal administrations' how to implement Act 2011 of 2017 to hire PWD in the public sector; and
- Strengthened 14 local disability committees' capacities to empower community leaders and generate PWD participation in public policy creation.