

Improved disability inclusion and PWD's participation in Zambia Dry Sanitation Country program

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Introduction

The problem/Background

People with disability (PWD) and other vulnerable groups have huge challenges in access sanitation services in Global South. There are several barriers that cause the exclusion of persons with disabilities and other marginalised persons from WASH-related initiatives and services. Most problems are caused by external factors, such as social, environmental and institutional barriers.

The aim of the experiment?

The aim is to increase participation of the people with disabilities in general and their possibilities to influence the development in the WASH situation in their areas as well to improve their access to the appropriate facilities.

The experiences will be documented carefully to create the unique approach to fit in Zambian context.

Video from Uganda: <https://fb.watch/ifb6G6UMm1/?mibextid=6aamW6>



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Beneficiaries and stakeholders

Beneficiaries

Persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups representatives in the communities and in institutions, community groups (WASH- groups, disability groups) and other community people

Stakeholders

Finnish and local Disability Organisations, Local NGO partners, WASH stakeholders and actors like government officials in related ministries, districts WASH offices, area councils, INGO's, private sector, academia and other actors and stakeholders in the field



Community experiment circle

1 Setting scene phase

Stakeholder workshop; Local Partners, WASH Provincial and District level representatives

Actor-Network tool, Workplan

Local Disability organisation introduced the theme and facilitated the workshop.

5 Handover phase

4 Create and test loop phase

Creating the approach

Community meetings, discussions

Improving the accessibility and prototypes of toilets

2 Research phase

Beneficiaries workshop

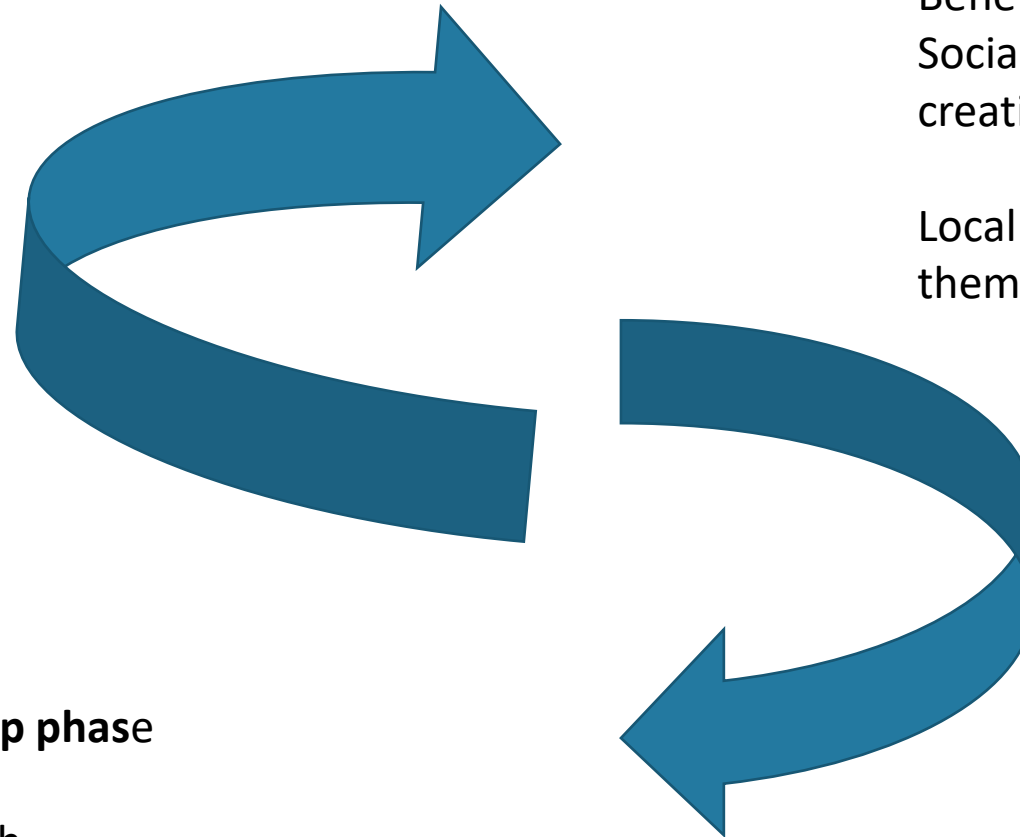
Social Map tool, Diary and photo collection, creating forms for identification of PWD's

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3 Ideation phase

Local partners, feedback from the workshops, beneficiaries and from stakeholder

Ideation workshop with community members and beneficiaries



Results

- Approach how to identify and include PWD's in the projects and activities; improvement of the participation of PWD's in decision making
- Awareness raising about the disability inclusion (in all levels)
- Community members realising the struggles PWD's face
- Clearing stigma around the disabilities



Results

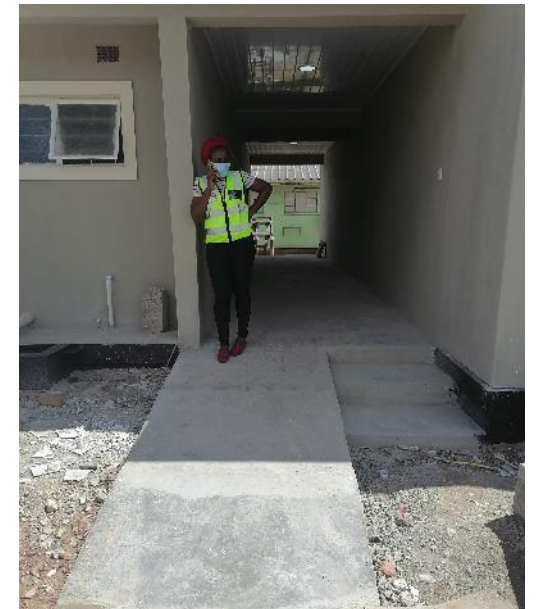
- Plans how to improve the situation of PWD's (e.g. community mobilisation, income generation activities e.g. gardening), identifying funding possibilities for inclusivity and accessibility)
- Deepened co-operation and project activities between GDTF and Finnish and local Disability organisations
- Accessable toilet prototypes (scale model for exhibition, accessible designs)



Collaborations/partnerships - Way Forward

*Stakeholders has been part of the process and results has been shared/
will be shared in many occasions as possible*

- Through the ongoing project, possibility to extend these collaborations/partnerships beyond the experimentation*
- Important to collaborate with local Disability organisation's and groups; they are the experts in their lives and know the best about local conditions.*



Feasibility for scaling up

- *After the final results of the experience we will start to use the result in larger scale in all our working areas in Zambia (currently 16 Districts) and we can utilise the results in our other program countries too (Ghana and Kenya). In Kenya, partner organisation Mifuko Trust has already build one prototype of accessible toilet.*
- *By sharing the results with all the stakeholders and in media as well as with our wide networks, we can scale up the result*

Thank you!

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