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Report on Disabled Persons in Bakanje VDC.

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This Report is prepared for the knowledge of Mrs. Randi Brorson (randi@randibrorson.dk) and her friends Mette Mathiasen (nielsjuulm@yahoo.dk) and Lars Thøger Jensen (larsthj@gmail.com) who are working with disabled people in Denmark, from which work they are going to retire within the next few years, and now have a wish to work in their field in Bakanje VDC.

As a preparation for Ambika's and Kurt's visit to Bakanje a Schedule, used in Danmark to evaluate disabled persons abilities and disabilities, were adjusted more or less to meet the situation of disabled persons in Bakanje. But it did show several irrelevant questions, as the situation in Bakanje is so much different from Danmark, and as most of the facilities, which is available in Danmark, is absolutely absent in Bakanje. We only succeeded in interviewing the relatives of five persons, which seem to be the most heavily disabled among all. If the interview had concentrated on the less disabled, the schedule might have had a more positive result.

The persons we interviewed were the ones we ourselves went to see. We did spread the information, that we were having this survey, but when people understood that we were not going to do anything right now, and maybe never, the interest in seeking us up did show to be absent. Even we did visit the 6 main villages of Bakanje several times during Pilot-WEP III no one took action by themselves to meet us.

We had got success to find out 27 partially and fully disable people in Bakanje VDC. Most of disable person and their family wish to have support by donors either by re-habitation or by money. This survey was quite challenging for us because while we are asking and looking for disable information, mostly we had seen a hungry and tired eyes that are waiting for support. So, we would like to suggest Mrs. Randi Brorson and her friends to think carefully and seriously before you start the Project for disable people anywhere in developing place like Bakanje. It will catch you, and you will never be able to leave it.

If we run the Project, it will take long time to reach the success or might fall down on the way. But anyhow if we could start with this project as a Pilot Project to know willingness, interest and view of the disable people and their family. We should design and determined the criteria and type of disable with whom we can work with.

There are also so many Disable centers in Kathmandu but very few in the village and some places there are no disabling Centers. Normally in the Disable centers of Kathmandu there are facilities of Lodging and food and education to them. And they are from different village so mostly they never back to the home until they wish to go by their own self. And parents also do not want to take them back home because they can't take care to them for everything. I found the people who are staying in the disable center they are happy than with their family because there are all of them are similar and they can share to each other's feelings,

there are neither superior nor inferior all are equal but in normal society there is not such a easy environment. People are not behaving normally as normal people. People might thought that being disable in present is due to the bad work in our past life and for realize they are having such a bad condition and if we see them before to do some good work it might be bad. So they do not behave nicely to any kind of disable people. So, traditional people have such a superstition belief and dibbles are treating with sympathy not by love.

There are scope of funding to disable center it might be change the life of Disable and the view of people who are behaving badly to the disable person. Many parents of the disable are in search of the disable organization that can take care of their child for long term and where there is not discrimination for the disabling.

So, if someone opens the Disable center she/he should give the Academic education for them and some kind of trainings according to their knowledge and their ability. It will be encourage them to do something in their life and they should not depend upon the others. Also, if they can learn some skillful training according to their ability then also it will be income generating source for them. But such an organization should be long term because it is related to human life and if it can't run the organization for long term then it will be great problem to those disables that are there with hope and expectation to change the life and condition of them may be worse than before.

OVERVIEW ON DISABLED PEOPLE IN BAKANJE VDC, SOLUKHUMBU DISTRICT

The overview includes all persons in Bakanje, whom we were informed about, who is suffering from chronic diseases, which is debilitating their daily life.

We didn't succeed to visit or examine the major part of them, as well as we considered several to be functioning well enough not to be approached.

Evaluation: given points 1-10 where 1 is normal and 10 is worst possible (this evaluation is self-made on the spot, and not according to given scale).

Those who have grey color added by their name have answered the: "Interview Schedule for evaluation of Disabled Persons and their disabilities".

S.N.	Name	Age	Gender	Village Name	Ward	Disable Type	Evaluation			Im- prove	Remarks
							Physi- cal	Impr	Expr		
1	DawaGyaljen Sherpa	5	Male	Bakanje	4	Eye & Mental	5-6	3	5	Yes	Need few years of help
2	BimalaThami	5	Female	chhimbu	8	Ear Problem	1	1	1	Yes	Cronic infection in middle ear
3	SanchiThami (Tamang)	6	Female	Lole	2	Eye & Leg					
4	SujanKhadka	7	Male	Sagardanda	3	Mental	7	7	6	Yes	Need support
5	MamataJiral	7	Female	Kenja	9	Leg problem	6	1	1	?	Chronic knee disorder after injury
6	Ruby Bashnet	8	Female	Sagardanda	3	Deaf					
7	Nar Maya Bashnet	12	Female	Sagardanda	6	Leg problem		1	1	?	After injury
8	Suk BirThami	12	Male	Lole	2	Leg Problem					
9	JamunaBashnet	13	Female	Sagardanda	6	Deaf					
10	Ram ChandraThami	15	Male	Kenja	9	Mental problem	4	7	8	(yes)	Can't be left alone
11	MingmaChhiri Lama	16	Male	Lole	2	Deaf	1	4	3	yes	Need education and sign language
12	AitayaThami	17	Male	Chhimbu	8	Deaf					
13	SamjhanaThami	18	Female	Chhiringkharka	1	Back Bone problem	3	1	3	Yes	Can never work properly but need care and guidance
14	Dolma Sherpa	21	Female	Dakchu	3	Deaf & Dumb	1	2	4	Yes	Need education and sign language
15	Lhakpa Sherpa	24	Male	Bakanje	4	Paralysis	3	2	3	No	Master of Education and teacher
16	Onchhu Lama	30	Male	Lole	2	Deaf					
17	Sona Sherpa	30	Female	Bakanje	5	Leg					
18	LokBahadurKhatri	32	Male	Sagardanda	6	Deaf					
19	NimaNuri Sherpa	35	Female	Bakanje	4	Mental problem					
20	Mingma Sherpa	40	Female	Bakanje	4	Eye					
21	Pasangphuri Sherpa	40	Male	Bakanje	4	Leg	3	1	1	no	Hard working man
22	Dhan Sari Bashnet	42	Female	Sagardanda	6	Partially paralyzed	4	2	4	no	Brain damage from lightening – could improve
23	MadhuPradhan	44	Female	Kenja	9	Mental problem	2	6	8	yes	Brain damage from epilepsy - could improve with proper care
24	TejBahadurBashnet	45	Male	Sagardanda	6	Leg Problem	3	3	4	No	Peon at Sagardanda School
25	SonamThami	55	Male	Chhimbu	8	Leg	3	1	1	no	Chronic wound on shin
26	Sharkini Sherpa	57	Female	Bakanje	4	Paralysis					
27	TumseThami	68	Male	Chhimbu	8	Blind					

Interview Schedule for evaluation of Disabled Persons and their disabilities

Name of the Disabled Person:				
DawaGyaljen Sherpa	SujanKhadka	Ram Chandra Thami	Dhan Sari Bashnet	MadhuPradhan
Basic Information				
Age (Birthday and Year of Birth)				
5 Years	8 Years	15 Years	42 Years	44 Years
Name and relation of other persons who are present at the interview				
Maya Sherpa (Mother)	SaradaKhadka (Mother)	Suku Maya Thami (Mother)	Bhagwati Bashnet (Daughter)	Sister in Law
Date of the Interview				
23-10-2011	24-10-2011	17-10-2011	24-10-2011	17-10-2011
Married Yes/No – Age and Name of Spouse				
No	No	No	Yes	No
Children Yes/No – Age and Name of Children				
No	No	No	Yes	No
What is your Handicap?				
Inhibition of mobility. From birth he has a cranial depression in the back of his head. Mentally he is fairly normal, but his focusing and balance is disturbed.	Mental misbalance and Physical disorder.	Mongulism (Physical & mental) He has a squint on his left eye.	Partially Paralyzed by thunderbolts.	She has mental Problem due to epilepsy.
Remarks?				
He is living in Bakanje with his family.	He is living in Sagardanda with his family and before it he was with his grandmother in Bhandar.	His living place is Tumulup streams from Kinja nearby river.	She is living in Sagardanda with her husband and children.	Yes, she is not able to do anything.
<u>Your everyday life</u>				
Do you have problems with personal hygiene? Which problems?				
He is too young to describe.	He is too young to describe.	He Can't take care of any personal Hygiene.	Yes, She is not able to do herself.	Yes, she is not able to do anything.
Do you have problems in connection with meals? Which problems?				
He can eat him-self.	He can't eat properly by his own self.	He can't eat him-self. Mother has to feed him.	No, she is able to eat herself.	She is living with her brother' family and economy doesn't seem enough.
Do you have economic problems? Which problems?				
His family condition is poor. (3 children)	Normal farmer and father use to carry load too for others.	They have no income source, for hand to mouth they work in other's field.	She seems not so poor but income is not sufficient.	Yes, she is not able to planning on everyday life.
Do you have problems with planning you everyday life? Which problems?				
He is too young.	He is too young.	He can't do any planning at all.	Yes, difficult to plan but can arrange if someone is helping her.	Yes, other people are not giving care.
Do you feel secure in your everyday life?				
He is too young but seems happy to	Don't know he is too young to know	He can stay at home alone for some	Yes, she feels secure in her home.	She is not considering her everyday

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be with his mother all the time.	about his feelings.	hours.		life.
Remarks?				
<u>Being together with family and other people</u>				
Do you have problems with giving care to your family? Which problems?				
No, he can look after the family especially he can look after his younger brother and sister at home.	Yes, he can't care anything because he need cared by others for everything.	He can't care anyone but can become angry and wild.	No, she can help in some household work.	Yes, she is not able to give care to family.
Do you have problems with giving care to your family? Which problems?				
No, mother is taking care for him.	No, mother and his elder brothers are taking care of him.	If he gets food time to time he seems happy otherwise he gets angry.	No, family members are giving care and support to her.	No, family members were taking care but some time they feel it is too much work.
Do you have problems with giving care to other people? What problems?				
No, he can adjust with his neighbours.	Yes, can't care anyone.	He can't care anyone.	Yes, not able to give care to other People.	Yes, she is not able to give care to other people.
Do you have problems with receiving care from other people? Which problems?				
No, neighbors people do care for him	Yes, people do not like so much to be close.	No, he doesn't show any reaction.	Yes, other people are not giving care to her.	Yes, other people were not giving care for her.
Do you have problems with being in contact with other people? Which problems?				
No, he can play and enjoy with other friends.	Yes, he can't speak.	He used to be happy having contact with others for a moment but soon he reacts as dislikes the contact.	No, she can adjust with people but don't like to spend lot of time in talking.	Yes, not able to speak and she become angry if people are against her inactivity.
Remarks?				
<u>Spare time, work and education</u>				
Which activities and work are you involved in?				
Can look for cow & can carry light things by hand.	Nothing Special but can follow mother's instruction.	He is not involved in any activity at home even his mother believed that he can help her with something.	Only in some minor household work like help in Kitchen.	She is not involved in any activities.
Are there activities which you would like to involve in, but is difficult or not possible for you to take part in? Which activities?				
He had difficult to carry load by with rope in forehead (Namlo).	Don't know too young.	He doesn't show any interest in any activities.	Yes, she would like to involve in women group visiting neighbors but not able to do.	She doesn't know because her mind is not functioning.
Do you have problems with work or education? Which Problems?				
His mother was Planning to send him school by next year.	Not going school and there is no any plan to send him school..	He is not performing any work and has no education.	Yes, not able to do work and not educated.	Yes, she is not able to work or education.
Remarks?				

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<u>Communication</u>				
Do you have problems with talking and listening to people? Which problems?				
No, he can talk and listen.	Can listen and understand but can't talk.	He can say "mother" and can understand few orders and he had never cried.	No, she doesn't have problems in listening but difficult to talk and see.	Yes, she has Problems on talking because she can't speak but can listening to people with less understanding.
Do other people care to communicate with you?				
Yes, but can't speak fluently.	Yes, but less react from his side.	Only father and mother communicate with him.	Yes, other people want to communicate with her.	No, people show less interest to communication.
Do you have problems with reading and writing? Which problems?				
Yes right now but he will go to school by next year.	Yes, according to condition he can't read.	No idea because he is not send to school.	Yes, she can't read and write.	Yes, not able to read and write.
Do you have friends who visit you? Who?				
Yes, many neighbors friend.	No, He has no any friends because he is not seems active.	No, he doesn't have any friends and even he doesn't feel good with his sister.	Yes, only few neighbors friends but not often.	No, she doesn't have any friends.
Remarks?				
<u>Home</u>				
Do you have problems with getting around in your home? Which problems?				
No, he can walk around but not too far.	Yes, but can't walk around.	No, he can walk around the home.	Yes, need support from someone for getting around at home.	Yes, difficult to work freely she needs support.
Do you have problems with taking care of your home? Which problems?				
No, he was never left alone at home.	Can't care	He doesn't take care of anything.	No, she can look after the home.	Yes, she is not able to take care of home.
Do you have problems with carrying out activities in your home? Which problems?				
No, he shows normal Behaviors.	Can't carry anything	Yes, he is not carrying any activities.	Yes, she is not perfectly able to carry out activities.	Yes, she is not able to carry out activities.
Where are you staying in your home?				
He can stay Everywhere and he sleeps with father and younger sister.	Everywhere in which place parents let him to stay.	He can Stay in the room only in the house and sleeping with mother.	Wherever she wish mainly in her room.	Everywhere in the houses with guidance.
Which facilities can you use in your home?				
He can use all the facilities available at home.	All facilities available at home.	No facilities provided for him.	All facilities which are available at home.	All facilities which is available at home.
Do you have proper toilet facility?				
No, he doesn't have proper toilet facility.	No, he doesn't have proper toilet.	He can do everything everywhere outdoors but sometimes he does anywhere.	Yes, but very poor toilet.	Yes, but very poor sanitation.

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Do you have washing and bathing facilities?				
No, he doesn't have washing and bathing facilities.	No, he doesn't have washing and bathing facilities.	No, he has no facilities of washing and bathing facilities.	Yes, but very poor place.	Yes, but is not proper.
Remarks?				
<u>Transportation</u>				
Do you have problems getting around indoors? Which problems?				
No, he can walk around indoors.	Yes, he has problems getting indoors.	No, he has no problem getting indoors.	Yes, she needs help from someone.	Yes, she needs someone's support.
Do you have problems getting around outdoors near your home? Which problems?				
No, he can walk.	Yes, he has problem because he can't walk hardly he can stand for few minutes.	No, he doesn't have any houses near by his home.	Yes, she needs help for someone.	Yes, she needs someone's support.
Do you have problems getting around outdoors more far away from home? Which problems?				
No, but can't walk alone far away from home.	Yes, very much.	No, he always staying at home and near around has difficulties in walking.	Yes, she is not able to get around outdoors more far away from home.	Yes, not able to get around outdoors more far away from home.
Do you have problems getting around in other people and families home? Which problems?				
He had never visiting other people and families.	Yes, carried by mother.	No, he hasn't been alone to any family visit.	Yes, she is not able to visit others.	Yes, not able to getting around in the home.
Are you able to travel with bus to Kathmandu?				
No, he can't.	No, It is impossible from him.	No, he can't.	Yes, if someone support or join to her.	No, she is not travel alone by bus anywhere.
Are you able to travel alone or with escort?				
Yes, only with escort.	Yes, he can do short travel with his escort.	No, he can't travel even with escort.	No, can't travel alone but can with escort.	No, not able to travel alone but if there is someone who can carry her all the day.
Remarks?				
<u>Hope in Future</u>				
Do you have hopes that you can have major changes in your life? Which hopes?				
He has no idea right now because he is too young.	Don't know, too young.	No, he has no hopes.	No, she has no hope to improve.	No, she has no hope for major change in her life.
Do you have hopes that you can have changes in your current situation? Which hopes?				
He is too young	Don't know, too young.	No, he has no hopes to change his condition and he is too young.	No, there is no hope to change in current situation.	No, there is no hope to change in current situation.
Do your family have hopes that your situation can change? Which hopes?				
Yes, his family has hoped to get change in his condition.	Yes, there is hope to parents that their son's condition might be	No, there are no hopes to his family that the situation can be changed.	No, family members have also no hope to change her situation.	No, there is no hopes from family too.

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	changed.			
Remarks?				
Summary of functional ability				
1. General information				
		Extremely poor Thami family living far away from everyone.	It seems she is in happy and has good life with her family.	Probably she has suffered from hypoxia in connection with epileptic crisis.
2. The everyday life				
Have almost normal life but difficult to have normal movement.	Very difficult in normal life because he is fully dependent upon the parents.	There are no activities, no option, nothing.	She has not so bad everyday life.	She is not Conscious about the life and need.
3. Being together with family and other people				
He is happy to communicate with other people.	He seems to be happy.	He don't care to contact with other people	She doesn't care to others people business.	She is not able to deal with others.
4. Spare time, work and education				
He is too young	He is spending time with nothing else.	To spending time with nothing.	She spends day with some minor works of the house.	She have no sense of time and action
5. Communication				
He can communicate which is not so bad	He can' communicate with others.	He doesn't communicate with other.	Sometimes she communicates with others.	She can communicate quite less.
6. Home				
His mother is quite strong but father is physically weak. So, the condition of home is poor.	He and his family are living in a small house and they are depends upon farming.	The family is extremely poor and there are no facilities in his home	She is not so poor and house is also not bad.	She can stay where she put.
7. Transportation				
In Solu where they are living have no public transportation is available	There is no any transportation available in the village.	There are no transportation and no need of it.	There is no any transportation available in the village.	She has to be carried so not practical.
8. Hopes				
Yes, there are hopes to get change in his situation.	Yes, there is some hope to improve his condition.	He has no idea about hope.	She has no idea of hope.	She have no hope and family neither
Remarks?				
Need proper care by everyone.	Need to find out his main problem.	He need support to improve his condition.	She needs some supports.	She needs support from everyone to live.