THE WORLD BANK AND DISABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA

A PORTFOLIO REVIEW

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A. Introduction

Disability and poverty are intricately linked. Disability causes poverty and poverty exacerbates disability – people with disabilities are among the poorest and most vulnerable. Global estimates indicate that at least ten percent of the world's population lives with some form of disability. In the South Asia Region, a vast number of people are disabled and lack basic support such as access to social safety nets, education, health services, and gainful employment. Little or no data is available – disability issues are given low priority or are excluded from official statistics. Many forms of disability are difficult to capture in statistics, often due to under-reporting. The incidence of disability is increasing due to conflicts, disasters, malnutrition and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The societal cost of exclusion is high with long-lasting consequences. Short-term solutions to poverty alleviation and improved socio-economic status, as well as political inertia, continue to hamper long-term progress.

A shift in perception of disability is emerging globally, and in the World Bank, Disability and Development is gaining ground as a new area of focus. The traditional view of medical and rehabilitation models - prevention, cure and intervention - is giving way to a social model that looks at disability as a socio-economic construct.

This report is a brief review of disability policies and Bank lending operations in the South Asian countries. Enforcement and implementation efforts are not examined; however, it is evident that the rate of progress on disability policy varies greatly in the region. A portfolio review provides a list of Bank supported projects where disability has been addressed (completed projects and projects under implementation). The report also includes a proposed list of projects with scope for inclusion of a disability focus, keeping in mind the Bank's likely comparative advantage in mainstreaming disability through the emerging global rights-based development approach.

B. SAR Countries with Broad Disability Policies (See Annex I)

Bangladesh: Bangladesh Disability Welfare Act, 2001
Bangladesh National Action Plan for People with Disability, 2002

India: Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995
Mental Health Act, 1987
CPWD Guidelines for Barrier Free Built Environment and Space Standards for Disabled and Elderly
National Trust Act for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, 1999

Nepal: Disabled Persons Protection and Welfare Act, 1982
National Policy Plan of Action, 1996
Disabled Persons Service National Policy, 1996

Pakistan: National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2002

Sri Lanka: Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 1996

C. Disability in Bank Projects

(i) Eradication and Prevention

Bangladesh: TB and Leprosy Eradication Project, 1992-1998
Small Grant Program (Funding for NGOs implementing programs on People With Disabilities (PWD), 2000-2002

India: Tuberculosis Control Project, 1997-2002
National Leprosy Elimination Project, 1994-2000
Cataract Blindness Control Project, 1994-2002

(ii) Disability-Specific Focus

India: Technical Education Project: Establishment of polytechnic institutions for the disabled, 1990-99

(iii) Mainstreaming Disability in Projects under Implementation

Bangladesh: Health and Population Sector Program, 1998-2003
Financial Services for the Poorest, 2002-2005

India: Bihar District Primary Education Project, 1997-2003
Basic Education and District Primary Education Projects (four states), 1993-2004
Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project – Velugu, 2003

Nepal: Basic and Primary Education Project II

Sri Lanka: Improving Relevance and Quality of Undergraduate Education. An institutional block grant and competitive grants propose equal access for disabled students, 2003

The Velugu Project under the Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project adopts a rights-based empowerment approach in its development path. It is the only project where disability is one of the components in the social map, treated at par with other vulnerable groups such as women and scheduled castes and tribes. This project can be viewed as a model of how disability can be integrated into the Bank's work. Others listed above do not address disability as a separate component. However, inclusion of disabled children is addressed in education projects.

D. Projects with Scope for Inclusion of a Disability Focus

(i) Investment Lending

Afghanistan: Health Sector Emergency Rehabilitation and Development
Emergency Transport Rehabilitation

Bangladesh: Primary Education Development II
Social Investment Program
Road Sector Reform

India: Rajasthan Health Systems Development
Chattisgarh District Rural Poverty
Rural Roads
Tamil Nadu Road Sector
Andhra Pradesh Urban Poverty Reduction
Karnataka Urban Water and Sanitation Sector Improvement

Nepal: Higher Secondary Education

Pakistan: National Education Assessment System
Poverty Alleviation Fund II
Highways Rehabilitation

Sri Lanka: Rural Poverty Reduction Program
Colombo Urban Services Improvement
Second Community Water Supply and Sanitation
General Education Project II

(ii) Adjustment Lending

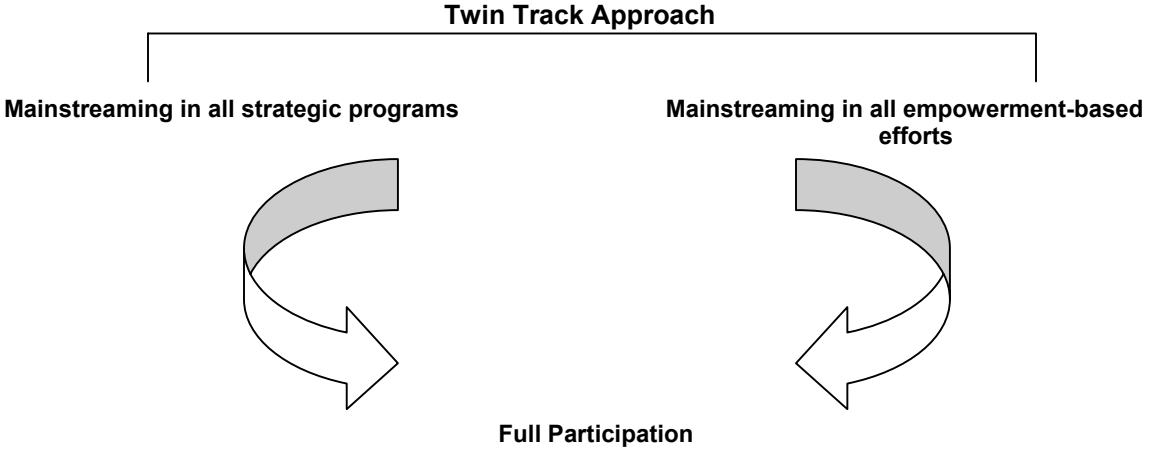
Bangladesh: Education Sector Development Support
Health and Population Sector Program II (Budget Support)

Nepal: Proposed Rural Water Supply and Sanitation II

E. Activities Underway in the South Asia Region (FY04)

GENFUND: Assessing the Reproductive Health Needs of Women with Disabilities in India (Dutch and Norwegian Trust Funds)

F. Options for Mainstreaming Disability in Bank Operations



(i) Infrastructure

- Ensure that architectural and design barriers are addressed as these constitute one of the primary social and economic limitations faced by people with disabilities. In construction of schools, public buildings, transportation systems, streets paths and other public infrastructure, there are opportunities to facilitate accessibility at low cost by promoting barrier free design and providing information to Borrowers about the most cost-effective methods for its application;
- Adopt a policy and strategy for promotion of access (construction, transportation, and Information Technology). Under Education For All (EFA), a component of providing textbooks is included. Offering the textbooks in alternate formats for student with visual and other disabilities would increase access to education; and
- Include disability in supporting governments in their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

(ii) Analytic and Advisory Strategy

- Develop disability-sensitive project screening guidelines and/or establish disability as a safeguard as part of the Bank's operational policies and guidelines;
- Include disability in PRSP, CAS and LSMS as well as in research activities; and
- Develop performance indicators and monitoring and evaluation of progress in disability measures.

(iii) Lending

- Fund pilot projects/components on disability such as inclusion of the disabled in support to widows in post-conflict areas.

(iv) Capacity Building

- Address disability in the context of participation in order to promote inclusion of the most vulnerable and to enable them to become productive citizens; and
- Establish a mechanism for collaboration and exchange lessons learned with external organizations with expertise in disability and development (see annex 2).

(v) Review and Research

- Carry out public expenditure reviews on disability in SAR countries;
- Disseminate information about disability policies among Task Team Leaders in SAR; and
- Document good practices and promising results of projects with a disability focus.

(vi) Internal Organization and Human Resources

- Establish disability focal points in each sector in SAR;
- Recruit disabled people as staff, short term consultants and interns at HQ and in country offices; and
- Ensure that Country Offices are physically accessible.

MDGs FY 04 and FY 05 and themes

Based on the feedback received from a Roundtable with People With Disabilities in 2002, the Bangladesh team has proposed carrying out a PWD situation analysis. In addition, the team has translated the National Action Plan for Disability into local languages and shared it with other development partners and the Poverty Reduction and Strategy Paper Task Force. In India, discussions with civil society groups active in the area of disability have highlighted issues requiring urgent attention, notably access to public places, transportation, and information. The South Asian country offices celebrate the International Day of Disabled Persons annually with specific themes. Access to the physical environment, including road and surface transportation, is suggested as the theme in FY04.

To achieve the MDGs in education, it is critical to ensure inclusion of students with disabilities and to incorporate appropriate accommodations in terms of physical and structural access. These include buildings, curriculum design, information access, teacher sensitization, and equipment availability.

G. Resources: (See Annex II)

H. References:

Equity A Quarterly Newsletter of the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People. New Delhi, 1999.

Takamine, Y. *Disability Issues in East Asia : Reviews and Way Forward.* World Bank Presentation, 2003.

Annex I: Disability Policies in South Asia

Afghanistan
Estimated share of population living with disability: 6-10%
Disability policy: None

Bangladesh
Estimated share of population living with disability: 10%
Disability policy: Disability Welfare Act 2001
National Action for Disability 2002

Education	Include disabled children and adults in education programs Include disability into curriculum Establish special education schools for children with special needs
Health	Prevent of disability through: Pre-natal, post-natal, and ante-natal-care; and pollution control Provide free and accessible health care to the disabled in government employment
Employment	Provide micro-credit with special focus on disabled women Maintain rehabilitation services Establish quota (10%) for the disabled in government employment with punitive action for non-compliance
Accessibility	Ensure disabled-friendly public places, places of social amenities and municipal buildings, and public transport and transport terminals Ensure easy access for visually impaired in public places and roads
Transportation	Introduce transport facilities for disabled students to education institutions Follow Prime Minister's Directives for providing easy physical access at all public places to all persons with physical and sensory impairments

Bhutan
Estimated share of population living with disability: 9-10%
Disability policy: Disabled Protection and Welfare Act and Regulation, 1982 and 1995 (not yet enforced)

India
Estimated share of population living with disability: 8-10%
Disability policy: Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995
Mental Health Act, 1987
Guidelines for Barrier Free Built Environment
National Trust Act, 1999

Education	Provide free education for every child with disability below age 18 Provide non-formal and functional literacy for those above age 16 Promote integrated education and special schools for children with special needs Provide transportation to disabled children or financial incentives to parents or guardians to enable children with disabilities to attend school Remove all architectural barriers from schools, colleges and other educational institutions
Health	Promote methods to prevent disability Provide aids and appliances to persons with disabilities
Employment	Establish quota (3% of vacancies) in all government establishments for people with disabilities Ensure employment of disabled persons through: Regulation; provision of non-handicapping environment; and training and welfare measures Reserve seats (3%) for disabled students in all educational institutions Provide incentives to public and private employers to ensure 5% of workforce comprising of people with disabilities
Accessibility	Ensure disabled-friendly and accessible public buildings and transport Ensure easy access and safety on roads and sidewalks
Transportation	Ensure disabled-friendly transportation – rail, road and air
Poverty	Ensure quota (3%) for inclusion of persons with disabilities in all poverty alleviation programs

Maldives
Estimated share of population living with disability: 8-10%
Disability policy: Building code for disabled-friendly access

Nepal
Estimated share of population living with disability: 11-12%
Disability policy: Disabled Persons Protection and Welfare Act, 1982
National Policy Plan of Action, 1996
Disabled Persons Service National Policy, 1996

Education	Provision of education and training
Health	Ensure access to health services
Employment	Provide job placements and income tax relief

Pakistan
Estimated share of population living with disability: 8-10%
Disability policy: National Policy for Persons With Disabilities, 2002

Education	Promote integrated/inclusive education of disabled children Provide accessible education through the use of assistive and information technology
Health	Promote methods to prevent the occurrence of disability
Employment	Increase quota of jobs reserved for the disabled (from 1% to 2%) in all establishments and a provision of punitive measures for non-compliance Promote self-employment through vocational training and rehabilitation, micro-credit and other mechanisms Promote employment in the private sector through incentives to employers
Accessibility	Ensure safe and easy access for the disabled to public places and buildings

Sri Lanka
Estimated share of population living with disability: 10-12%
Disability policy: Protection of the Right of Persons with Disabilities, 1996

Education	Provide educational and vocational training to the disabled in accessible format
Health	Promote effective methods to prevent and control disabilities
Employment	Provide assistance to the disabled to be gainfully employed
Accessibility	Introduce programs to make the physical environment accessible Implement schemes to provide access to information and communication

Annex II: Resources

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