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Public organisation of
youth with disabilities "Noil"

Summary of the Activity Report (Fiscal Year (November 2017 – November 2018)

“Human rights awareness raising among youth with disabilities in the five rural districts of Tajikistan”

1 . Brief introduction of the organization, and general contents of the granted project.

Public organisation of youth with disabilities "Noil" was officially registered in February 2017 with a mission to represent and protect the rights of youth with different kinds of disabilities in Tajikistan. In November 2017, Niwano Peace Foundation financially supported our project "Human rights awareness raising among youth with disabilities in the five rural districts of Tajikistan". The project goal was to identify young PWDs who were not actively involved into activities of the local DPOs in the chosen districts to raise their awareness about the rights and opportunities they have according to Tajik and international documents signed by Tajikistan. Other goals of the project were: to raise awareness of society about disability through publications and work with media and to encourage beneficiaries to get education, to get job and so on. In the scope the project – grant amount 7100 USD, during the 12 months we held 10 seminars in the five rural districts, created disabled youth network group in the Viber app and covered more than five hundred beneficiaries, worked in touch with local organisations of people with disabilities, officials and media. Main topics of the seminars sessions were local legislation according to disability and the UNCRPD. Before and after the seminars Noil provided a questionnaire-based survey, where beneficiaries could choose the seminar topics they would like to discuss, any social network to create the group and put some feedback. The group is created to unite young PWDs of Tajikistan to help them to make friends and to provide the participants with free legal aid. The group successfully continues to work and after the end of the project. PO “Noil” is thankful to NPF for its support of young organisation and our beneficiaries and hopes for further common fruitful collaboration.

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2 . Message to society through your achievements and future tasks.

For the project period, participants were very active despite the cold weather during an implementation of some of the activities. In cooperation with local DPOs we identified PWDs who were not involved into disability movement's actions and/or any other public activities. For example, many young people with hearing impairment firstly participated on such events because of the lack of a sign language translator service. Beneficiaries now have our contacts and do apply to us to solve this or those legal issues they have. Also, project participants are very active in our group in Viber app. They inviting their friends to join the group and proposing to meet monthly on this per-support basis. One of the biggest plus for our organisation is that we established pretty good cooperation with local DPOs. They refer members of their organisations to us for legal consultations and invite us to their events. For the coming future we plan to continue this work in other districts as well, to organize volunteer team from among Viber group participants. We set a goal that in future to organize, with the participation of such young people and with the support of and in cooperation with donors and partners, the Forum of Youth with Disabilities, which has not been organized in Tajikistan yet.

Tajikistan signed the UNCRPD on 27 March 2018 and now is on a way of its ratification. During the project, Noil again identified that PWDs not looking to the big efforts of the government and DPOs still face to violation of their rights and stigma regularly. It is extremely important for PWDs and for non-disabled society to be knowledgeable that PWDs have the same rights and duties before the law as non-disabled people and they shouldn't be discriminated in our country and around the world as well.

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