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REPORT ON THE TAJIKISTAN NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY 2020 IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ERASMUS + PROJECT TITLED DEVELOPING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. [DECIDE] PROJECT NUMBER: 598661-EPP-1-2018-1-RO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP



Guide/ Tips for Writing up NAD Report

This document is compiled in collaboration and continues support of academic and administrative staffs of the Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov, Kulub Institute of Technology and Innovation Management, Public Administration Institute under the President of Tajikistan and Public Organization of Parents of Children with Disabilities and Specialists «Rushdi Inclusia» under the supervision of Prof. Angela Repanovici from Bracov University of Transilvania, Profs. Gerard Cullen and Sven Riddell from TUD and other EU partners who have been involved in drafting and implementing the **"Developing services for Individuals with Disabilities – DECIDE - 598661-EPP-1-2018-1-RO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP"** project in the framework of EU funded program ERASMUS + Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education (CBHE).

The document reports us about Tajikistan National Awareness Day, Partners involved in Tajikistan, SWOT analysis of the day, Target group of the project for NAD, Activities in the day of the NAD, Focus Groups in NAD, Hold Small Group Discussions, mix marketing and other activities related to the NAD in Tajikistan.

The DECIDE Project info

DECIDE aims to foster the rights of individuals with special needs to access education and enjoy the right of participation in everyday society, to combat discrimination of the individuals with special needs by instilling awareness and acceptance in society as in line with Bologna Process and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Aim of the Project

The objective of the project lay in three strand implementations of a comprehensive sustainable curriculum in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan for following target groups:

- Teacher Trainer Educators and Lecturers (Universities)
- Government & State Employee & Policymakers (Public Administration Educators);
- NGO (Non-university Educators).

Outputs and Outcomes of the Project

Training program, constructed from 8 modules (special needs introductory (practical) modules and special needs advanced modules) embed in curricula of universities, public administration institutes and in special needs NGOs to ensure maximum transfer effect to society at large.

The Access Liaison Officer role will be developed and established at each institution to promote disability access and facilities actability.

National Special Needs Awareness Day was established by the nationally strategic Action Groups comprised of universities, public administration institutes, Ministries and NGOs and will be carried on during 10 years keeping improving every year.

Overview and Aims NAD

On Wednesday November 18, in the framework of the Erasmus Plus program for Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education (CBHE) project 598661-EPP-1-2018-1-RO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP Developing services for Individuals with Disabilities. [DECIDE] the Khujand State University, Kulob Institute of Technology and Management, Public institution of the civil Service under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and Parents Association with Disabilities in a corporation with Government of Tajikistan NGOs, National and International organizations as well as civil society partners launched National Awareness Day campaign to promote respect for the rights and dignity of children, women and men with disabilities, and to challenge prevailing misconceptions and reduce stigma about disability.

Tajiksitan NAD program was drafted and designed in a way that all partners will have a chance to lead a part of the event. The first part was Plenary Section or Opening ceremony which followed by Key presentations: 1. Prof. Jurazoda Jamshed Habibullo - Rector of Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov (P14)

- 2. Prof. Angela Rapanovici leader of the DECIDE project (Romania)
- 3. Zarina Nuritdinova Coordinator of NEO Tajikistan
- 4. Istamkulov Jamshed Coordinator of the DECIDE project in Tajikistan.

In Key presentation section the following participants had chance to share their presentation:

1. **Rahmonov Zikriyo -**professor of Khujand State Univesity (P14) Topic: *Inclusive Education in Tajikistan: challenges and opportunities.*

2. **Zamira Nabiyeva** (P17) - Executive Director of the Public Organization of Parents of Children with disabilities "Rushdi Inclusia, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. *Topic: "Building an innovative inclusive model in the Republic of Tajikistan".*

3. Khabibullo Nozimov-Kulyab Institute of Innovation Management and Technologies (Tajikistan) (P15). Partner of the DECIDE project.

Topic: «The role of new technologies in inclusive education»

4. Mukhtorov Zainiddin - Public Administration Academy under the President of Republic of Tajikistan (P17)

Topic: History of inclusive education in the higher education system and Legal documents of the government supporting people with special needs in Tajikistan.

5. International representative from UN in Tajikistan for SEND people presented about the real situation from foreigner's prospective The time allocation was 10+5 minutes.

All of these parts were moderated by Istamkulov Jamshed - coordinator of the DECIDE project at Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov and other parts were moderated by other country partners. Each of the parts were comprising of full of activities and hot topics of the subject. And each of the parts were including partners from other partner countries and an NGO speaker. It was one day NAD but will be continued during next 10 years.



The overall aim of this initiative is to create a more inclusive society with opportunity for all. In the lunch event we tried to host representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan, the UN Resident Coordinator, UNICEF Representative in Tajikistan and others, NGOs, individuals and other stakeholders.

In the next weeks and months, various media materials produced under the framework of this campaign, such as TV and radio talk-shows and short animation movies, reached the wider community in Tajikistan through local media and community mobilization efforts.

1. Objective of the National Awareness Day

- ✓ The main and wider objectives of the National Awareness Day aim:
- ✓ to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities in all spheres of society and development;
- ✓ to increase awareness of the situation of people with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life;

- ✓ to encourage respect for the rights and dignity of children, women and men with disabilities;
- ✓ to challenge prevailing misconceptions and reduce stigma about disability;
- ✓ to state awareness that every member of Tajik society is able to make an important contribution to stability, cohesion and prosperity of the country and the world;
- ✓ to foster the rights of individuals with special needs to access education and enjoy the right of participation in everyday society;
- ✓ to combat discrimination of the individuals with special needs by instilling awareness and acceptance in society;
- ✓ The overall aim of this initiative is to create a more inclusive society with opportunity for all.



Partner-participants involved in organization of the event :

statistics (number of participants, number of leaders, number of presentations, the time allocated, records on dissemination in the local press, number of participating students...)

For the implementation of the project in Tajikistan the following institutions have been involved and they initiated the event:

- 1. Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov
- 2. Kulub Institute of Technology and Innovation Management (KITIM)
- 3. Public Administration Institute under the President of Tajikistan
- 4. Public Organization of Parents of Children with Disabilities and Specialists «Rushdi Inclusia»

It should be underlined that each and every partner have their own responsibilities and contributions for the overall achievements and success of the project. The leading institution in the country is Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov hence is assigned to be responsible for fulfilling all obligations this role entails. All other Partner Institutions involved in the project and, as such, will be involved in the design, pilot, evaluation, accreditation and dissemination of the project. KSU worked with the Tajik NGO - as well as the institute of Public Administration under President of the Republic of Tajikistan to enhance actual IMPLEMENTATION of international standards for future generations particularly in the educational and social service Ministry areas as opposed to maintaining just inactive state, EU and UN agreements. Like the other educational institutes, their role will be, in particular, supported by the NGO from Tajikistan in the project, particularly regarding practical aspects of special needs education and the creation of the Special Needs Liaison Officer and participation in the all-party Action Group. We work closely also with other Tajik universities in the project to ensure effective implementation of the project on the national level.

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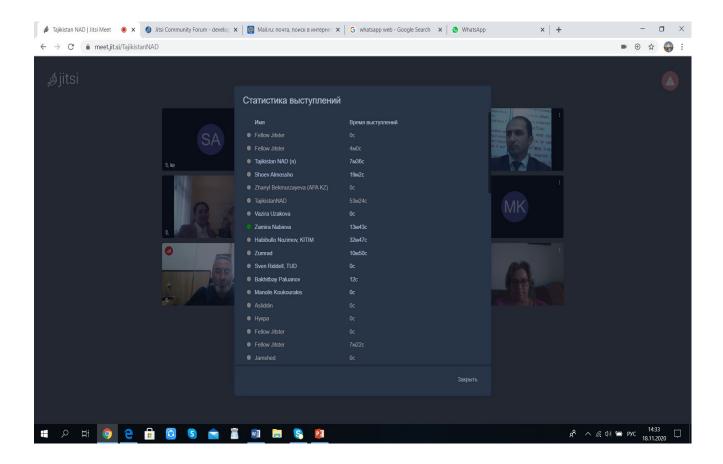




Who participated?

There were over 70 participants from partner, program countries and non – partner and from national and international organizations from NGOs and etc. Some of the key participants' list have been screed shot and the rest list of the Tajikistan NAD participants will be attached.

- 1. Sidiqova Madina Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov
- 2. Prof. Angela Rapanovici leader of the DECIDE project (Romania)
- **3. Istamkulov Jamshed** Coordinator of the DECIDE project in Tajikistan.
- 4. Rahmonov Zikriyo -professor of Khujand State University (P14)
- 5. Zamira Nabiyeva (P17) Executive Director of the Public Organization of Parents of Children with disabilities "Rushdi Inclusia, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- 6. Khabibullo Nozimov–Kulyab Institute of Innovation Management and Technologies (Tajikistan) (P15). Partner of the DECIDE project.
- 7. **Mukhtorov Zainiddin** Public Administration Academy under the President of Republic of Tajikistan (P17)
- 8. **NGO or International representative** from UN in Tajikistan for SEND people will present about the real situation from foreigner's prospective
- 9. Elmurodova Sadbarg (P14) Head of the primary education and special pedagogy department at Khujand State University
- 10.Saltanat Meiramova (P9) Director of ICMEDC in KATU
- 11.**Shoev Asilsho (P15)** vice rector for science and international relations of Kulob Institute of Technology and Innovation Management
- 12. **Sherzod Gulomov (P6)** Associate Professor of the Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi.
- 13.**Ismatov Somon Sulaymonovich** vice rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of Tajikistan. (16)
- 14.Usmanova Zumrad PhD at Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service (P5)



Статистика выступлений		Статистика выступлений	
Имя	Время выступлений	Saydamir Mirzoev	0c
Fellow Jitster	0c	Zumrad Usmanova	0c
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Shoev Almossho	19м2с	Zumrad Usmanova	0c
Zhanyl Bekmurzayeva (APA KZ)	0c	Tajikistan NAD	2м8с
TajikistanNAD	53м24с	Zamira Nabieva	19м3с
Vazira Uzakova	0c	Takhmina	10м56с
Zamira Nabieva	13м43с	Fellow Jitster	20м0с
Habibullo Nozimov, KITIM	32м47с	Sven Riddell, TUD	0c
Zumrad	10м50с	Asliddin	0c
Sven Riddell, TUD	0c	Saydamir Mirzoev	0c
Bakhitbay Paluanov	12c	Saydamir Mirzoev	0c
Manolis Koukourakis	0c	Fellow Jitster	0c
Asliddin	0c	Saydamir Mirzoev	0c
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Fellow Jitster	0c	Zaynidin Mukhtorov	0c
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Jamshed	0c	angela.repanovici	0c

Include statistics (number of participants, number of leaders, number of presentations, the time allocated, records on dissemination in the local press, number of participating students...)

As mentioned earlier there were over 70 participants and over 15 presentations and role plays, activities and storytelling. The time allocation was as 10 minutes ppt and each section or part would be followed by Overall Q&A and feedbacks.

In NAD of Tajikistan even it was online we invited local press, University press, from radio, Furug TV, Nurimarifat new-paper and others. The NAD was recorded and being reported. After the NAD the mass-media reported and populated on the news and social media. Beside it the students were as well were involved in the NAD of Tajikistan.



And also, in NAD of Tajikistan we involved our University Library staff, representatives of NGOs, and as well as a disabled student, a teacher who is working in the Institute of Public Administration of the Republic of Tajikistan. There were 2 success story by disabled persons.

Further mediums used?

The NAD was supported actively in social networks and Internet portals. The event itself was created using <u>https://meet.jit.si/TajikistanNAD</u>.

The Announcement of the event were posted on Internet pages of partner Universities, project web – page, facebook page of the project and also the announcement invitation was sent to the partners and all stakeholders via email.

Creation of agenda NAD Marketing plans

The Agenda and the NAD Marketing Plan initially was designed by Tajik National Erasmus + Decide Team in Limerick when we were there for 2 weeks participating

in training. The Marketing plan was created and the Agenda was designed for face to face activities but due the COVID - 19 we shifted to Online meeting.

Activities of NAD:

The NAD of Tajikistan was according to the following plan:

	OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NAD				
"NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN TAJIKISTAN"					
10:00 - 10:30	1. Prof. Jurazoda Jamshed Habibullo - Rector of Khujand State				
	University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov (P14)				
	2. Prof. Angela Rapanovici - leader of the DECIDE project (Romania)				
	3. Zarina Nuritdinova - Coordinator of NEO Tajikistan				
	4. Istamkulov Jamshed – Coordinator of the DECIDE project in Tajikistan.				
	Venue: Zoom conference				
	Moderator: Istamkulov Jamshed - coordinator of the DECIDE project at Khujand State University				
	named after academician Bobojon Gafurov				
	KEY PRESENTATION OF THE PARTNERS				
10:30 - 10:40	1. Rahmonov Zikriyo -professor of Khujand State Univesity (P14)				
	Topic: <i>Inclusive Education in Tajikistan: challenges and opportunities.</i> 2. Zamira Nabiyeva (P17) - Executive Director of the Public Organization of Parents of				
10:40 - 10:50	Children with disabilities "Rushdi Inclusia, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.				
10000 10000	Topic: "Building an innovative inclusive model in the Republic of Tajikistan".				
	3. Khabibullo Nozimov-Kulyab Institute of Innovation Management and Technologies				
10:50 - 11:00	(Tajikistan) (P15). Partner of the DECIDE project.				
	Topic: <i>«The role of new technologies in inclusive education»</i>				
	4. Mukhtorov Zainiddin - Public Administration Academy under the President of Republic of Tajikistan (P17)				
11:00 - 11:10	Topic: History of inclusive education in the higher education system and Legal				
11.00 11.10	documents of the government supporting people with special needs in				
	Tajikistan.				
	5. NGO or International representative from UN in Tajikistan for SEND people will				
11:10 - 11:20	present about the real situation from foreigner's prospective				
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11.20 11.50	Overall Q&A and feedbacks Moderator: Istamkulov Jamshed (P14) – coordinator of the DECIDE project in KSU named				
	after academician B. Gafurov				
11:30 - 11:40	BREAK AND REFRESHING				
	Khujand State University Named After Academician B.Gafurov (P14)				
11:40 - 12:10	Poster Contest: "We are all differently abled people"				
	Target group: Target group: Students, undergraduates, doctoral students, teaching staff of the				
	university and librarians.				
12.10 12.20	Master class by Prof. Rahmonov Z. on dealing with people with specials needs PRESENTATIONS OF THE TOPICS				
12:10 - 12:20					
	1. Elmurodova Sadbarg (P14) – Head of the primary education and				
12:20 - 12:30	special pedagogy department at Khujand State University				
14.40 14.50	Topic: Communication and interaction with people with special needs in higher educational				
	institutions				
	2. Saltanat Meiramova (P9) - Director of ICMEDC in KATU				
	Topic: «Pedagogical technology for the formation of communication skills among students with				
12:30 - 12:40	disabilities in universities on the basis of academic interaction»				
	Overall Q&A and feedbacks				
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	Venue: Zoom conference and university page on social networks Facebook, Instagram,			
	YouTube Moderator: Kholov Saidmuhiddin (P14) -Senior teacher of the faculty of foreign languages.			
	Kulob Institute of Technology and Innovation Management (P15)			
12:40 - 13:10	Essay Competition among students			
13:10 - 13:20	Presentation of the topic about the technology in inclusive education 1. Shoev Asilsho (P15) – vice – rector for science and international			
13:20 - 13:30	relations of Kulob Institute of Technology and Innovation Management Topic: Introducing new technology in Education for people with special needs: EU experience to Tajikistan 2. Sherzod Gulomov (P6) - Associate Professor of the Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi. Topic: "Current state of inclusive education in Uzbekistan".			
13:30 - 13:35	Target group: Doctoral students, teaching staff of the university. Overall Q&A and feedbacks			
	Venue: Zoom conference <u>Moderator</u> : Khabibullo Nozimov–Kulab Institute of Innovation Management and Technologies (P15).			
13:35 - 14:20	LUNCH BREAK			
Academy of Public Administration under the President of Tajikistan (P16)				
14:20 - 15:10	Inspiring success stories Names to be confirmed soon			
15:10 - 15:20	1. Ismatov Somon Sulaymonovich – vice rector of the Academy of Public			
	Administration under the President of Tajikistan. (16)			
	Topic: Initiatives of Academy of Public Administration under the President of Tajikistan with			
15:20 - 15:30	PwD and specialized centers 2. Usmanova Zumrad – PhD at Samarkand Institute of Economics and			
	Service (P5)			
	Topic: "Features of the provision of educational services to students with disabilities".			
15:30 - 15:40	Overall Q&A and feedbacks.			
	Venue: Zoom conference			
	Moderator: Mukhtorov Zainiddin – coordinator of the project at Public Administration Academy under the President of Republic of Tajikistan (P17)			
թոր	lic Organization of Parents of Children with disabilities "Rushdi Inclusia" (P17)			
15:40 - 16:20	Focus group – discussion			
	 The role of NGOs in the lives of children with disabilities presentation. Rights and shares of the people with special needs in the society 			
16:20 - 16:50	Two NGOs from Tajikistan will make presentations about the aforementioned issues with involving people with special needs			
16:50 - 17:00	Overall Q&A and feedbacks			
	Moderator: Zamira Nabiyeva (P17) – Executive Director of the Public Organization of Parents of Children with disabilities "Rushdi Inclusia, Dushanbe, Tajikistan Closing remarks			
17:00 - 17:30	Closing remarks			
	<u>Moderator:</u> Istamkulov Jamshed (P14) - coordinator of the DECIDE project at Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov			

PRESENTATIONS OF THE TOPICS

3. Elmurodova Sadbarg (P14) – Head of the primary education and special pedagogy department at Khujand State University

Topic: Communication and interaction with people with special needs in higher educational institutions

List of presentations

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- 2. Prof. Angela Rapanovici leader of the DECIDE project (Romania)
- 3. Zarina Nuridinova National Erasmus + Officer in Tajikistan (could not get connected)
- 4. Istamkulov Jamshed Coordinator of the DECIDE project in Tajikistan.
- 5. Rahmonov Zikriyo -professor of Khujand State University (P14)
- 6. Topic: Inclusive Education in Tajikistan: challenges and opportunities.
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- 22. Topic: *Initiatives of* Academy of Public Administration under the President of Tajikistan with PwD and specialized centers
- 23.Usmanova Zumrad PhD at Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service (P5)
- 24. Topic: "Features of the provision of educational services to students with disabilities".

SWOT ANALYSIS FOR TAJIKISTAN NAD, 2020

2. SWOT analysis of the day

Strengths

- ✓ good location
- ✓ intellectual capitals
- ✓ double diploma with international universities
- \checkmark rich study materials
- ✓ independent dissertation councils
- ✓ both state-financed and selffinanced university
- ✓ mobility
- ✓ Credit System of education
- \checkmark multi languages study
- \checkmark international collaboration
- ✓ well-equipped buildings
- ✓ academic staff with rich experience
- \checkmark low tuition fee
- ✓ distance education
- \checkmark reputation and ranking
- ✓ huge coverage Institution
- ✓ cultural diversification
- ✓ vocational courses in skills developments

Weaknesses

- ✓ Burocrasy
- ✓ paper-based documentation system in all departments and faculties.
- \checkmark no university campus.
- ✓ limited number of scholarship programs for international students.
- ✓ average staff age is more than 46 years old with no English knowledge
- ✓ drop out of qualified and skilled young specialists for low salary
- ✓ poor flexibility of the administration for changes
- ✓ comparativeness
- ✓ compatibility
- to use last opportunity of information and new educational technology as a distance
- ✓ limited spaces
- \checkmark old building
- ✓ change resistance
- ✓ lack of approach for special needs

Opportunities	Threats
 development of educational programs by means of participation in the international trainings, seminars, conferences free vocational courses high quality specialists of national and international levels mutual interest in cooperation with international organizations techno-park and experimental and research areas for natural sciences favorable conditions to apply modern technologies available conditions to receive more international students from neighbour countries particularly from CIS countries, middle-east and Central Asia regions new courses and programmes in English research opportunities in local and international grant programs 	 ✓ recently founded or newly flourished rival universities in local higher educational markets ✓ political risks ✓ some uncertainty coming from the dependence on ministry ✓ new players - institutes and universities in national and international level ✓ limited opportunity for involving of the students ✓ budgets ✓ moving the students to other institutes

Summary

From our point of view the project started successfully and from the very beginning day there is warm communication atmosphere among the partners and we all work in a very friendly way which continued as well in the NAD of Tajikistan.

The NAD of Tajikistan started 9 AM by Local time and ended as well at 6 PM local time. The aforementioned topics were presented and discussed in a very friendly and warm communication.

The Tajik team aims to implement the project successfully and corporate beyond the project to work in other joint projects.

The whole idea is to ensure the sustainability of the project during and after the project implementation as we feel the necessity of the care to be taken for the people who are in need.

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