**English**

**Questionnaire onthe provision of support to persons with disabilities**

**Filled out by DAN, Deafblind Association Nepal**

1. Please provide information on the following services that are available for persons with disabilities in your country, including data on their coverage, geographic distribution and delivery arrangements, funding and sustainability, challenges and shortcoming in their implementation:
2. Personal assistance; The service is not available up to now, however PA guidelines have been drafted and are under discussion.
3. In-home, residential and community support; Not available.
4. Support in decision-making, including peer support; and
5. Communication support, including support for augmentative and alternative communication. Alternative communication such as tactile communication and finger Braille system have not been developed for the deafblind.
6. Please explain how persons with disabilities can access information about the existing services referred to in question one, including referral procedures, eligibility criteria and application requirements.

Person with acquired deafblindness do not have proper means of communication.

1. Please elaborate on how these services respond to the specific needs of persons with disabilities throughout their life cycle (infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and older age) and how is service delivery ensured in the transition periods between life cycle stages.

Such services are very much important for each life cycle stages of deafblind people. But in Nepal, issues of the Deafblind community are just being raised by very few organization such as Deafblind Association Nepal and Society of Deafblind Parents.

1. Please provide information on the number of certified sign language interpreters and deafblind interpreters available in your country.

Theere are not any certified deafblind interpreter till now.

1. Please provide information on the existence of any partnership between State institutions and private service providers (e.g., non-governmental organizations, for-profit service providers) for the provision of support to persons with disabilities.

Government of Nepal has recently started allocating tiny budget for the deafblind people. However few international NGO such as Danish Deafblind Association and Sense International have started their support services and empowerment initiatives for the deafblind people in Nepal.

1. Please describe to what extent and how are persons with disabilities and their representative organizations involved in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of support services.

National Federation Of the Disabled as an umbrella organization of persons with disabilities has its active participation in various policy and decision making levels.

But there is not satisfactory participation of deafblind people in such level.

DAN is trying to increase its participation in those levels through empowering its members and increasing access to communication.

1. Please provide any other relevant information and statistics (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, reports, and studies) related to the provision of support to persons with disabilities in your country.

A small level survey of deafblind people in 6 out of Nepals 75 districts has been done during the 2-year project 2015-17 and peer-support groups have been formed in 6 districts.

Visual and hearing asessment have been carried out in the 6 districts, and needs and challenges of deafblind people in those districts have been assessed by the Deafblind Project Nepal supported by Danish government.

The national Sensus of 2011 from the Central Statistical Burau of Nepal cites the number of persons with disability in Nepal as 1,94% of the population, totally 513.321 persons, and 1,8% of these are indicated having a combined visual and hearing impairment, a total of 9239 persons.

There is no national survey showing how many of the 9239 have s combination of severe hearing and vision loss, indicating they are deafblind.