

INCLUSIVE DECISIONS FOR EQUAL AND ACCOUNTABLE SOCIETY

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

To strengthen the role and capacity of disability-focused civil society organisations to work with local government and ensure better representation of People with Disabilities (PWDs) in the policy making process and better understanding and protection of their rights.

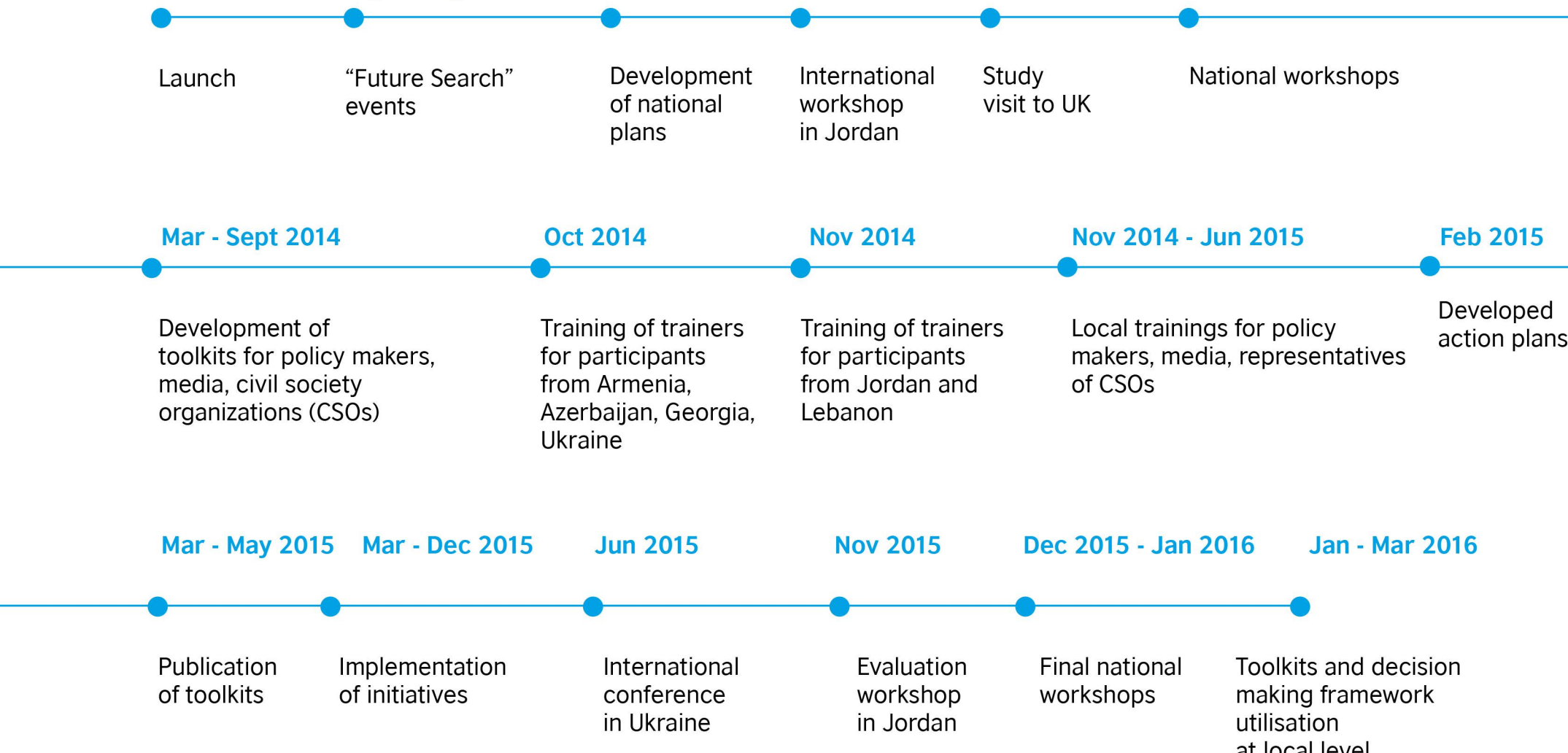
SOCIAL MODEL OF DISABILITY

Focuses on inclusion;
Disabled people are part of society;
Focuses on removing attitudinal, environmental and institutional barriers.



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TIMELINE OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER 2012 – 20 MARCH 2016



TARGET GROUPS:

POLICY MAKERS



senior government representatives, regional government representatives, members of parliament

MEDIA



journalists, TV/radio presenters

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS



including disabled people's organizations (DPOs)

Numbers of people, who actively participated in the project
3,000

Media audience reach
350,000 people



"We had great teamwork between DPOs, Government, CSOs and journalists – around the same table very productive discussions. We made connections and started to work towards inclusive society"

Ukraine DPO member

THEMATIC PRIORITIES OF THE PROJECT:

- inclusive education,
- architectural, transport and information accessibility;
- representation of people with disabilities in government bodies,
- employment;
- independent living of people with disabilities;

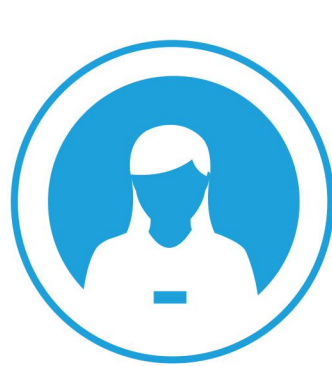
The international decision making framework is a tool that ensures cooperation between CSOs and government to ensure understanding and protection of the rights of PWDs

TOOLKITS

3 toolkits produced in English

- 1 for policy makers
- 1 for media
- 1 for civil society

3,505 copies of the toolkits produced across the 6 countries



"The concepts promoted, and toolkits and framework produced will continue with us – they are powerful tools we're going to use in the future"

Lebanon DPO member

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS:



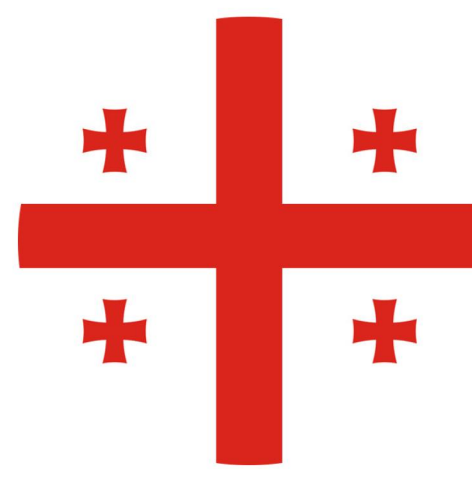
ARMENIA

- Developed "Checklist for inclusion for local communities" officially approved by the Ministry for Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations in 2015
- 11 TV programmes with a disabled journalist host
- The IDEAS project in Armenia received the global British Council's diversity award in innovation for their work with the national TV station on disability-inclusive programming



AZERBAIJAN

- 50 school directors trained in inclusive education supported by the Ministry of Education June 2015
- Promotion of IDEAS video on 600 bus stops in Baku in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport
- Signed collaboration protocol with the Chamber of commerce to adapt working conditions and job descriptions to be suitable for PWDs



GEORGIA

- One of the initiatives won a national award in 2015 for "best practices in municipal Government"
- An IDEAS project participant is chair of the disability council in the disability mayor's office in the capital
- Another project participant is now is now Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights

CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF PWDs:
Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification: 22 Sep 2010

CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF PWDs:
Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification: 28 Jan 2009

CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF PWDs:
Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification: 13 Mar 2014



JORDAN

- 10 TV programmes on national TV hosted by the first-ever female disabled host,
- Support of the royal family and particularly the Prince has been significant in achieving changes
- Communication channels have opened up with the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Parliamentary and Political Affairs and the Women's commissions



LEBANON

- 15 Ministries received training on targeted disability inclusion, based on the toolkits, organised by the Ministries of Social Protection and Administrative Reform, resulting in 19 practical initiatives.
- Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union lobbying campaign was able to get 250 PWDs employed
- Signed collaboration protocol with the Chamber of commerce to adapt working conditions and job descriptions to be suitable for PWDs



UKRAINE

- Change of language for more ethically appropriate announcements in metro of Kyiv, the capital
- First training centre in Ukraine for independent living for PWDs opened in September 2015
- 10 PWDs ran for local council elections and 3 were elected for important posts, including 1 city mayor. Parliamentary hearings on change of terminology in UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities translation to Ukrainian language

CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF PWDs:
Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification: 31 Mar 2008

CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF PWDs:
Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification: 4 Feb 2010

RESULTS:

Changes In Environment



- More disability-accessible institutions
- Addressing of access barriers to specific facilities

Changes In Attitude



- Change from discriminatory language to respectful and inclusive language
- Empowerment of people with disabilities
- DPO capacity strengthened.
- Support received from senior government, key ministries; patronage support of the Prince of Jordan.

Changes In Institutions



- Positive changes in policies, greater involvement in national decision-making processes by PWDs as a result of IDEAS project work
- Changes in national decision-making processes
- Changes in local decision-making processes

Changes In Policy



- Increased engagement of PWDs in lobbying for policy change
- Positive policy and practice changes in the private sector and civil society

GLOSSARY

CSO – civil society organisation • DPO – disabled people organisation
PWD – person with disability • UN CRPD – United Nations Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities