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DIRECTIVE

**Promotion for implementation of policies to support disabled persons
in the current socio-economic development situation**

Over the past time, the Government have been promulgating many legal documents to guide the implementation of the policies to support disabled persons. Responsibilities of Government bodies, society and families to disabled persons, rights and tasks of disabled persons are regulated comprehensively that creates legal framework for implementing activities to support disabled persons, contributing to improve the livelihood of disabled persons. Some Ministries, and line ministerial agencies have been proactively implementing policies to support disabled persons in the areas of hunger reduction, poverty reduction, vocational training and employment, health check-up and treatments, and accessibility of disabled persons to public buildings. Therefore the livelihood of disabled persons have been improved significantly and positions of disabled persons in the society are more and more affirmative in the socio-economic activities in Vietnam.

However, over the 7 years, the process of implementing policies to support disabled persons still have a lot of shortcomings. Some of the legal documents on disabled persons are still yet to come into life. Legal regulations relating to policies to support disabled persons are still lacking, inconsistent, not specific, and not focused on the implementation mechanism. Awareness of community, families, different levels of authorities, and the disabled themselves on disability issues is limited. The rate of disabled children going to inclusive education classes is still low. Model of special education is not highly effective. The disabled have obstacles to access to the public buildings and public transportation system. Many disabled persons do not receive social allowances even they have economic difficulties or meet the requirements as regulated in the legal documents. The socio-economic development situation of Vietnam is fluctuating that causes the instability of the living cost and salary - income, while the social policies to support disabled persons are not revised in accordance with these fluctuations.

To overcome these above mentioned shortcomings and to promote the implementation of policies to support disabled persons and the commitment of Vietnam Government to 7 BIWAKO priorities, the Prime Minister instructs:

1. Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA)

- a. continue to review and evaluate the implementation of Ordinance on Disabled Persons and related legal documents on disabilities, to lead and collaborate with ministries and

line ministerial agencies to conduct researches, and to propose recommendations for revision and amendments or to submit to government functioning body recommendations for revision and amendment to the policies for disabled persons.

b. draft and submit the National Project to support disabled persons period 2006-2010 to Prime Minister and to organize implementation of the project after approval.

c. coach provincial people's committees and cities under the central government to provide opportunities and conditions for poor disabled persons to access to and benefit from National Target Program on Poverty Reduction, 2006-2010.

d. guide provincial functioning bodies and cities to set up and use the employment fund for disabled persons, to promote vocational training and employment for disabled persons and to design vocational training program for disabled persons only.

2. Ministry of Culture and Information.

Promote the awareness raising programs on disability issues and disabled persons so that people can prevent themselves from disabilities and to provide opportunities for disabled persons to participate in cultural activities appropriately.

3. Ministry of Education and Training (MOET)

Draft and submit to Prime Minister a strategy and action plan on inclusive education for disabled children and community based education for disabled children, period 2006-2010 and the following years. Come to agreement on using sign language for the speaking impaired in the whole country.

4. Ministry of Health (MOH)

a. develop and implement a health care strategy for the disabled in which focus is on the early detection program and community based rehabilitation programs for disabled persons.

b. guide on implementing policies for hospital fee exemption and reduction for disabled persons who are poor.

c. collaborate with MOET to develop programs, training curriculums for staff working on rehabilitation programs at high schools, Health University so that the programs and curriculums can be applied nationwide.

d. lead and collaborate with MOLISA to do research on international experiences and WHO to develop criteria to classify all forms of disability in Vietnam.

5. National Sports Committee

- a. develop activities and exercises and guide disabled persons to participate in sport activities in the communities.
- b. steer the Association of Sports for Disabled Persons to develop a movement for sports competition, propose reward program for disabled persons who have good achievements in sports training and competition.

6. Ministry of Science and Technology

Collaborate with Ministry of Post and Telecommunication to develop regulations encouraging researches, production and application of appropriate software products that help disabled persons easily access to, and use the services effectively.

7. Ministry of Construction (MOC)

Steer and monitor the application of the code and standards for accessibility construction Nr. 01:2002 QCXDVN, TCXD Nr.246:2002, TCXD Viet Nam 265:2002, TCXD Viet Nam 266:2002 to the new construction works. Review and revise these documents that are appropriate for the disabled.

8. Ministry of Transportation (MOT)

Collaborate with MOC, MOLISA to ensure the design and building of new works, upgrading of the works for disabled persons applied with the approved accessibility codes and standards. Collaborate with Ministry of Industry to manufacture means of public transportation to ensure disabled persons to access to transportation services safely.

9. Provincial People's Committee and Cities under Central Government

- a. steer functioning agencies to identify number of disabled persons, to classify all forms of disabilities as regulated and guided by MOH, GSO and other related agencies.
- b. develop plans and organize to implement policies and regulations on social, health, education, vocational training, employment, cultural and sports activities for disabled persons.

10. During a process of verification, approval and check and take over the investment projects, all ministries, line ministerial agencies, government agencies and provincial people's committees and cities under central government should ensure the functioning agencies to apply and follow strictly all accessibility codes and standards in order the disabled persons to benefit from all policies on socio-economic development and to access and use all public buildings and transportation services.

Prime Minister suggests Vietnam Fatherland Front and its members, social organizations collaborate with ministries, line ministerial agencies, offices under government, provincial people's committees, and cities under central government to

develop plans to promote the implementation and enforcement of policies and regulations on disabled persons, to mobilize people to participate in protecting and caring disabled persons, providing disabled persons opportunities to access to all programs, social services, and to integrate into communities.

Ministers, heads of line ministerial agencies and government offices, Chair of provincial people's committees and cities under central government and head of all related functioning bodies are responsible to implement this instruction.

Recipients

- Central Committee of Communist Party
- Prime Minister, and Vice-Prime Ministers
- Ministries, line ministerial bodies, offices under Government
- Provincial People's Councils, People's Committees, Cities under Central Government
- Minority Council and National Assembly Committees
- National Assembly Office
- Office of President
- Office of Central Communist Party
- Supreme Court
- Mass organizations at central level
- National Administration Academy
- Office of Government, Coordination Committee 112,
- Speakers of Prime Minister, Departments of Ministries, Gazettes
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