Answers to questionnaire from the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Ms. Catalina Devandas - Agullar

1. There is national strategy and action plans in my country in the following way , Iraq is one of the state parties of CRPD, there is a Law No.38 for the year 2013dealing with rights of disabled persons, a commission is established to deal with the rights of persons with disabilities called the Commission of care for Persons with Disability and Those of Special Needs , which is the frame work to implement and monitor the implementation of the articles of the law 38-2013, this commission is active , since the start of 2016 , these are the milestones of the national strategy , the national strategy took in consideration the situation of all the disabled people in general but there is no special action for children and women with disability till now.

The participation of persons with disability and their representative organizations is great ,they react with the Commission and are ready to participate to implement and monitor the articles of the law 38-2013 side to side with the Commission ,in addition to that in the commission there is an administrative board 7 members of that board or council are from disabled persons from different NGOs and disabled activists plus the assistant of the chief of the commission who must be a disabled person according to the law 38-2013 article No.6

There is budget allocated to implement the articles of the law 38-2013 especially article No. 19 which gave celery to the care giver of the disabled person, this budget is around 50 billion ID.

1. The articles of the law 38-2013 prohibits any discrimination based on disability and gave the opportunity for high degrees in the ministry of high education , and opportunities to work in the governmental sector and private one , articles No.15-16 .

There is no budgetary mechanism to ensure the provision of reasonable accommodation by public entities , but the denial of provision amounts to carelessness ,misunderstanding the needs of the disabled persons and the continuous war environment rather than due to discrimination .

There is affirmative measures for persons with disabilities represented by the appearance of the Commission by the law 38-2013, in its articles, and especially article No. 15, there is always a signal against any discrimination based on disability, in the commission there is a lawful department based on the law 38 deal with any discrimination against any disabled person and any complain from any disabled person is taken seriously and the administrative court is ready to deal with any case .

Yes the establishment of the Commission guarantee to persons with disabilities equal and effective protection against any discrimination.

1. There is little to be said about the legislative and policy framework in place in my country concerning accessibility for persons with disabilities in relation to physical environment and transportation, maybe there is some good talk about the information and communication to some disabled people but not to all,for example, there are difficulties for those who are suffering loss of vision and those who are deaf and mute .

There are no national standards , guidelines and regulations on accessibility and universal design.

Some of the services and facilities are going now to be provided like celeries given to the care givers of the disabled persons, opportunities to get high degrees, 50% discount in the Iraqi Airlines twice per year .

Other services may take a year or more to take place like physical accesses in the roads and transportation.

There is no or little accessibility requirements for public procurement exist.

There is mechanism of accessibility standards but it needs time.

There is provision of train inning on accessibility issues for state officials and other actors but on limited bases.

1. There is diversity and coverage of services available especially for education, employment, justice, health and personal support, but for other services they are little .

There is one certified sign language interpreter but others are not certified, we are now going to cooperate to teach and give certification to the take givers of the mute and deaf people.

The services are delivered through direct provision and partnership with NGOs.

The financial mechanisms are given either through direct delivery to the disabled persons by Commission of Social Protection, or indirectly to their care givers by our Commission.

Other services are provided by the other ministries of the Iraqi government under the supervision of our commission.

1. There is no statistics available till now ,but what we have is:

51.000 of disabled persons given letters from our commission to the medical committee and other ministries to get their rights since the beginning of the year 2016.

There are 2500 care giver waiting to receive their celeries for the previous period, now we start to give the 1st 250 of them their celeries and the others will receive their money 250 per week and this system will continue until all the care giver receive their money and then each month, celery provided by our commission to care giver is 170 .000 ID per month which equal to about 125 USD. We request to make it 300 USD, we are waiting the answer, the Commission of Social Protection provided celeries for disabled persons but they deal with the disabled people according to the poverty line, a law our commission refuse it and our trials continue to bring all the affairs of disabled people under our commission responsibility.

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