

**SOCIAL SURVEY REPORT ON  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND HEALTH ISSUES AMONG PERSON  
WITH DIFFERENTLY ABLED IN MAHE, PUDUCHERRY**

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**The Institute of Behavioral Health and Social Sciences (IBASS)** is an Interdisciplinary Research and Training Institute for Social Sciences and Behavioral Health which placed in Palloor, Mahe, Puducherry. The Institute established in 2019 and conducting feasibility studies and consulting services for governmental and non-governmental agencies in the area of Urban Planning, Disability, Gerontology and Health Care with professionals in the relevant areas. Apart from the studies and consulting services, the IBASS provides capacity building, Livelihood Programs and mainstreaming program for women and children. The Institute also focuses the welfare and well-being of Person with Differently Abled and Elders and organizing research, seminars, workshops, training programs for PWDs and Elders since 2019.

As part of World Women Day in 2019, IBASS has planned to organize a house visit for Elder and Person with Differently Abled in Mahe. We could meet 12 PWDs in Moolakkadav area of Pandakkal, Mahe and interacted with them. It was first time in their life that somebody meets them other than Government Department and they shared their happiness and sorrows to us. According to IBASS it was a turning point and realized the importance of mainstreaming of PWDs in Mahe and as a result and outcome of house visit, IBASS has conducted a Focused Group Discussion. After the Focused Group Discussion, organized a seminar for PWDs in Mahe on National Trust Act in Association with Puducherry Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped and registered the legible persons in the National Career Portal. In the FGD and Seminar all the PWDs said only three thing, that the

- a) renewal of Disability Certificate
- b) Distribution of UDIS Card and
- c) Continuation of Welfare Schemes which was stopped recently.

To know the reality of above, IBASS has decided to conduct a Survey in association with STERT NGO in Mahe in 2019. In this survey IBASS collected data from 112 respondents from ward 9 to 14 of Mahe and submitted the first phase of Survey report to Regional Administrator and Honorable Mahe MLA in 2019 February.

IBASS came to know the need of Renewal of Existing Disability Certificate, Distribution of UDID Card and Continuation of Welfare Schemes which was not alive now. The Socio- Economic and Health Condition of PWDs in Mahe is craving the

continuation of welfare schemes. IBASS explained in detail to Regional Administrator about the present condition of PWDs and emergence of Medical Camp in Mahe. But R A told to complete the survey for other ward and we can go for further action. We have decided to start second phase of Survey in April 2019. But we were bound stop our survey due to Corona for two years and continued the Second phase of Survey has in February 2022. The Survey carried out in hands with STERT NGO which works for the wellbeing of differently Abled. As part of Second Phase, IBASS has collected data from 200 respondents from ward 1 to 8 of Mahe.

Soon after the completion of II Phase of Survey, IBASS organized a seminar on Problems of Differently Abled in Mahe-Issues and Challenge in month of August 2022. In the seminar more than 150 PWDs were participated and 90 PWDs have given written statement on their current problems. They have opened up their problems and shared their difficulties and limitation to the MLA, the inaugurator of the Seminar. Based on the written statement IBASS visited houses of the PWDs and physically verified the originality of their statement. During the physical verification, the Research and Project Management Team of IBASS found that the written complaints are true. Based on physical verification and observation of IBASS it is decided to propose the following matter to Regional Administrator, Mahe MLA and Puducherry Health Department.

I. Renewal of Differently Abled Certificates

II. Distribution of UDID Card

III. Continuation of Welfare Schemes such as

The following welfare schemes are not in function for many years.

- a) Grant of Incentive for the marriage between differently abled and normal persons.
- b) Grant of 50% of fuel claim / payment of subsidies on purchase of petrol / diesel
- c) Grant of stipend to the differently abled trainees of the vocational training institutes
- d) Payment of Transport Allowance to Differently Abled Persons.
- e) Free Distribution of Rice to Differently Abled Persons.
- f) Free supply of invalid carriages (Motorized Tri-cycle) to the Differently abled person.
- g) Scholarship for differently abled persons
- h) Free supply of Sarees and Dhothies to the differently abled persons.
- i) Extension of free bus travel.

- j) Annual Tour to the differently abled persons.
- k) Group Insurance for Differently abled Government Employees:
- l) Issue of National Identity Card to the Differently abled persons:

To overcome this crisis, kindly plan for a Medical Camp. It is only a supreme solution for their problems. If your organization is ready to provide adequate fund to conduct the Medical Camp, the IBASS would like organize Medical Camp with whole facilities. We assure all support and we will arrange Physical Setting with sufficient volunteers. Hence, we would like to request you kindly take necessary action on above mentioned problems and please remove the limitations and difficulties which are facing by PWDs in Mahe for long years

Yours Faithfully

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Project Coordinator, IBASS

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**Place : Palloor**

#### **We hands with**

1. STERT NGO, Palloor, Mahe
2. Association of Parents and Person with Differently Abled,-APPDA, Mahe
3. Sreenanma JLG, Palloor, Mahe
4. Subhasree JLG, Valavil, Mahe
5. Devasree JLG, Manchakkal, Mahe
6. Co-Operative B.Ed College, Mahe
7. Lions Club, Mahe