

The linkages between trafficking in persons & People with disabilities in Vietnam

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Overview of PWDs in Vietnam

7.06% of the national population (from 2 years and over) are people with disabilities, equivalent to 6.2 million people

The rate of PWDs in rural areas is nearly 1.5 times higher than in urban areas.

According to the five groups of living standards in Vietnam, the poorest group accounts for 20% of the national population (group 1), and the rate of PWD in group 1 is 11,2%. This PWD rate in group 1 is three times higher than its rate in group 5 (the richest group)

PWDs community lives across the country. Only 26 in 63 provinces have a disabled people's association to protect the rights of their members.

Types of disabilities and Data

Physical disability : 3.566.854 people

Cognitive disability : 2.622.578 people

Mental illness: 1.097.629 people

Multiple disabilities (hearing and speaking impairment):
836.247 people

Only a haft number of PWDs (52,1%) can live in permanent houses. Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ number of PWDs can access clean water and hygienic latrines

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Rate of PWDs who need daily support related to health issues is 26,7%

Only 1/3 of children with disabilities attending school at the correct age is 33,6%

Out of every 100 PWDs aged 15 and over, only 7 people receive vocational training (7.3%).

The employment rate of PWD aged 15 years old is 31.7%

Trafficking in persons in Vietnam

According to statistics from the Ministry of Public Security, from 2016 to the end of June 2019, more than 1,000 TIP cases were detected nationwide, with nearly 1,500 traffickers and more than 2,600 victims.

From 2019 to the present, more than 370 TIP cases have been detected, with nearly 500 crimes that were deceiving and selling more than 550 victims.

TIP often occurs in provinces with border lines with China, Cambodia and Laos .

TIP and PWDs

Up to now, Vietnam has not really recorded any cases of people with disabilities being trafficked in the official information system.

However, some forms of disability have a higher risk of being trafficked in border provinces: Intellectual disability;, mental illness, hearing and speech disabilities.

Older people with disabilities who are unmarried are easily lured into love traps of traffickers.

Cases of PWDs sexual abuse or working as a prostitute are recorded. However, these cases are not being trafficked across the border

Recommendations



The government should improve the TIP legal framework, including considering vulnerable groups. Such as PWDs



There is a need of conducting training programs and raising awareness campaign at community level, including raising awareness for PWDs community in the risks of trafficking in persons



Develop the practical model in supporting and protecting vulnerable victims, especially the PWDs victims



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