Presentation on ICT program in Myanmar (ONNET Project)

Collaboration with government, private school to access inclusive education.

I would like to share you what we are doing in our country to promote ICT area for the person with visual challenge.

Our association MNAB focus on two main working area, policy engagement and development.

As we all know, technology becomes essential tool in development field, especially for us who lost vision. We started catching up this idea and technique in 2014 by collaborating ICEVI and ONNET.

We implemented ICT program with the support of ONNET.

At first, we visited RBI center in Philippine to study their program and getting idea.

We initiated program at government blind school, run by social welfare department. We set up computer lab in the school and provide basic computer training for students in secondary and high school level.

They are taking class at main stream school so they need assist from their classmate to follow lesson. We aim to give them technology support but no one could understand how the computer relate to their education as they use braille and sighted students use printed material.

Even teachers and administrators could not picture up to use computer for schooling.

After one year, the principal realized the benefit. He support the computer lab. Appointed trainer. encourage the students to gain skillful.

In this 2016, some high school students using computer lab for homework and getting class note.

Teachers at blind school type lesson at daytime while students going school so They got reading material in the evening but English written only.

otherwise, they have to copy into braille. Taking time. Braille production is still very limited.

We also provide teachers training to extend computer class in countryside.

We set up computer lab in two private school and one government school for the blind and providing basic course for the students.

We start from awareness raising stage, introduction technology.

At government school, local donors came to see the program, realize the benefit and donate laptop for high school students.

Our objective is to equip the students with technology skill to cope their higher education.

We are working with university to build up accessible learning environment for blind students.

The rector order out to allow blind students using computer to sit examination but the students do not have computer skill. This is our big task in 2017.

We have training center in our office providing advance course, upgrading teachers training, audio engineering course for employment.

We also develop local language screen reader. We have done one E-speak based. It is usable although voice quality is not good.

We are continuing working to achieve better product.

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