



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

**Department for the Development of PWDs
Department Of Social Welfare,
Ministry of Women, Family and
Community Development**

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA

today's presentation

- Brief Introduction on DSW
- Current Senario of PWDs
- Category of PWDs
- International Commitment
- National Policies & Legislation
- Services by DSW for the PWDs
- Application, Registration Verification
- PWDs Card Holder's Privileges
- Conclusion



INTRODUCTION

- Department of Social Welfare Malaysia (JKMM) was established in 1946 and has been through several structural changes.
- JKMM's roles and functions are including preventive and rehabilitative services in social issues and the development of the community including PWDs
- JKMM is one of the agencies under Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

Persons with Disabilities Act 2008:



'Person with disabilities' includes people with long term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society'

Current Scenario of PWDs

- WHO estimates between **15%** of the population have some form of disabilities.
- PWDs Information System (SMOKU) captured 472,228 persons (1.5%) as registered OKU. No comprehensive data on the prevalence of disabilities in Malaysia
- DSW - focal point for the development and well beings of PWDs

CATEGORY OF PWDs

- 1.Deaf**
- 2.Blind**
- 3.Physical Disabilities**
- 4.Speech Disabilities**
- 5.Learning Disabilities**
- 6.Mental Disabilities**
- 7.Multiple Disabilities**



INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR PWDs

- 1. Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of PWDs in the Asia and Pacific Region (1994)**
- 2. Biwako Millennium Framework for Action (BMF) following the extension of the Asian and Pacific Regions Decade for Disabled Persons (2003-2012)**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR PWDs

3. United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD)

- ❑ Signatory nation since 4th August 2008
- ❑ Ratified UNCRPD on 16th Julai 2010 and officially become the State Party
- ❑ Purpose of UNCRPD – To **promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities respect for their inherent dignity** (Article 1)

NATIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION FOR PWDs

Milestone for Malaysia's policy for PWDs

- ❑ National Social Welfare Policy (1990)
- ❑ PWDs given special attention
- ❑ Goal - Produce a secure and stable society through:
 - ❑ Creation of self-reliance
 - ❑ Equalising opportunities
 - ❑ Fostering of the spirit of mutual help
 - ❑ Support towards enhancing the caring culture.

NATIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION FOR PWDS

- National Policy for Persons with Disabilities (2007)
- National Plan of Action for PWDs (2008 - 2013)
- Rights of PWDs to full participation and to equal opportunities
- Equal rights, opportunities and access under the country's laws
- Elimination of discrimination against PWDs
- Advocacy of the rights of PWDs through public education.



NATIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION FOR PWDS

- The Persons with Disabilities Act 2008
- Come into force on 7 July 2008
- Registration, protection, rehabilitation, development and well beings of PWDs
- Establishment of a National Council for PWDs
- Better access to public transport facilities, amenities and services
- Equal opportunities to health, education, information, communication and technology, habilitation and rehabilitation
- Improved employment opportunities as well as sports, leisure and cultural life.

NATIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION FOR PWDS

■Policy on Employment Opportunities for PWDs in the Public Sector

■“Service Circular No 3 of 2008: Implementation of 1% Policy on Employment Opportunities for PWDs in the Public Sector”

■Procedures, responsibilities of relevant agencies as well as monitoring mechanism

■The DSW is entrusted to co-ordinate and monitor the implementation of the Policy

- Registration of disabled job-seekers
- Job-matching
- Adaptation to work environment
- Job coaching
- Periodic dialogues to address issues and problems



SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DSW FOR PWDs

□Registration of PWDS

Type of Disability	Registered Number	%
Blind / Visual Impairment	42,184	8.9
Deaf / Hearing Impairment	35,273	7.5
Physical Disabilities	167,077	35.4
Learning Disabilities	163,904	34.7
Speech Disability	2,461	0.5
Mental Disability	39,229	8.3
Multiple Disabilities	22,100	4.7
TOTAL	472,228	100.0

Special Identification Card for PWDs (Kad OKU) will be issued for easy access to services and public amenities.



REGISTRATION OF PWDs

- ❑ Registration of PWDs is made on a voluntary basis throughout the country.
- ❑ Department of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health (MOH) are two agencies that involved in the registration of PWDs.
- ❑ Application should be made at the District Social Welfare Office (PKMD)

PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION

- ❑ To know the exact number, distribution and category of PWDs in this country for the purpose of planning programme related to prevention, education, rehabilitation, training and other services.

EXCHANGE OF PWDS CARD

Exchange of Kad OKU can be done at any District Social Welfare Office for reasons as below:

- i. Lost PWDs Card / Kad OKU**
- ii. Damage of Card**
- iii. Attained the age of 18 years**
- iv. Changes in disability category**
- v. Introduction of new PWDs Registration Information System (SMOKU)**

PWDs Card Holder's Privileges



PWDs Card Holder's Privileges



- Artificial limb/ Special Devices
- Launching Grant
- Incentive Allowances For Working PWDs (EPC)
- Special Education Facilities
- Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme
- Income Tax Relief
- Road Tax Exemption
- Public Transport Facilities
- Housing Facilities
- Exclusion of Medical Payments (Gov. Hospitals)



PWDs Card Holder's Privileges

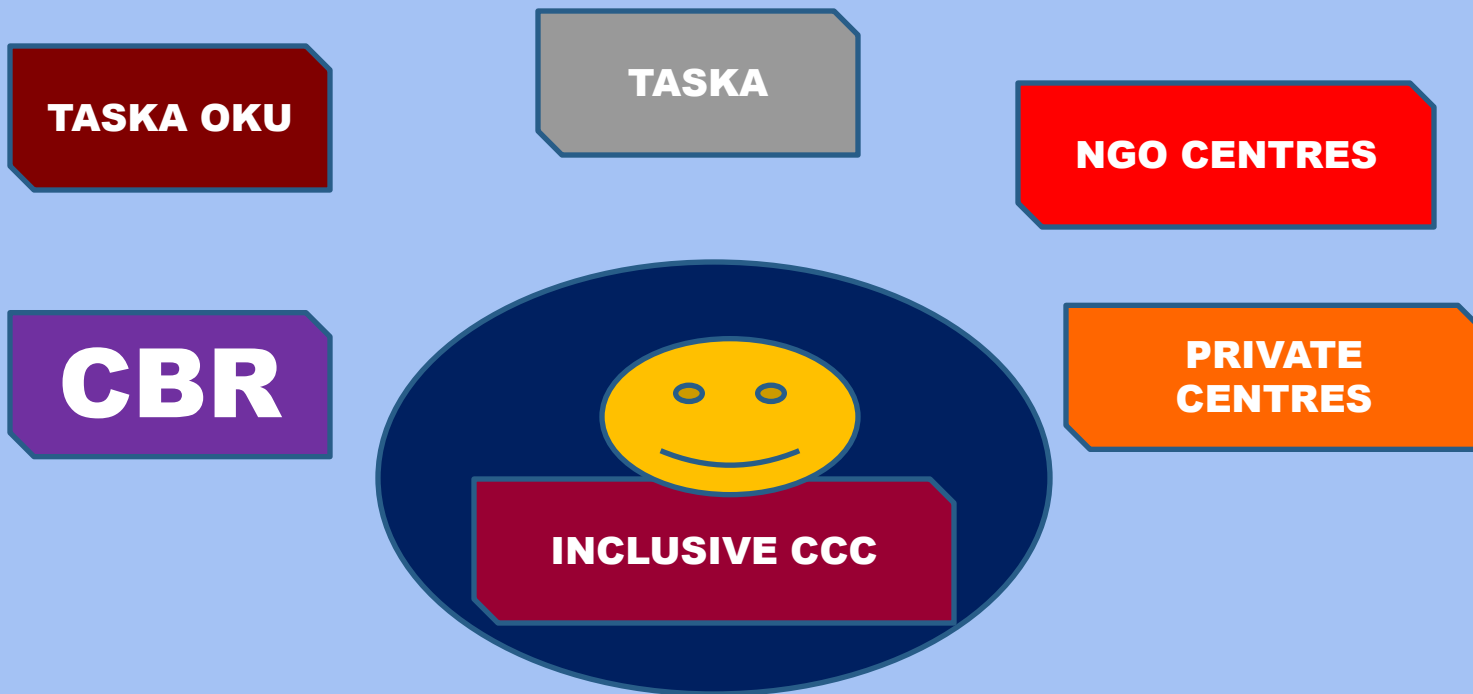
- Travel Documents Fee Waiver(100%)
- Employment Opportunities / Facilities
(1% policy in the public sector, sheltered workshops etc)
- Exclusion of vehicle Excise Duty
- Flexible working hours for government officers with CWDs
- Telekom Malaysia – Special discount
- General Assistance
- Consultation / Counselling Services



SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DSW FOR PWDs

- **Financial schemes** to ensure that PWDs continue to benefit as well as participate in mainstream society
 - Incentive for working PWDs - RM400.00 per month provided for PWDs with a monthly income of less than RM1,200.00.
 - Special assistance of RM350.00 per month for eligible persons taking care of persons with severe disabilities needing fulltime care.
 - Assistance for purchase of assistive and artificial devices
 - Launching grant of RM2,700.00(max) to help PWDs to venture into small businesses and towards achieving self-reliance. The maximum grant is RM2,700.00
 - Sheltered employment of PWDs unable to secure employment in labour market

SERVICES FOR CWDs



Community Based Rehabilitation Centre **(CBR)**



- ❑ CBR is a strategy within community development for the **rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities and social integration** of all people with disabilities.
- ❑ CBR is implemented through the **combined efforts of PWDs themselves, their families and communities, and the appropriate health, education, vocational and social services.**
- ❑ Currently **551 CBR Centres** are in operation with almost **21,000 PWDs** including CWDs.

The objective of CBR

- ❑ to ensure that people with disabilities are able to **maximise their physical and mental abilities**, have **access to regular services and opportunities** and **achieve full social integration within their communities** and their societies.

TASKA OKU

CHILD CARE CENTER (CCC) FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

2013 budget announcement

- The Government has agreed to implement CCC for CWD for 6 categories (Down's syndrome, autism, blind, hearing, physical and learning disabilities) as a pilot project.
- Expected to provide **opportunities to CWD** as well as to ease the burden of low-income families to get **quality early care and education** for their children.

TASKA OKU

BIL	TASKA OKU & Location	Category
1.	TASKA ANISD Putrajaya	Down's Syndrome
2.	TASKA SEMANGAT MAJU IPOH Ipoh, Perak	Learning Disabilities
3.	TASKA ISTIKA JAYA Puchong, Selangor	Deaf / Hearing Impairment
4.	TASKA AUTISM Sibu, Sarawak	Autism
5.	TASKA MESRA CHESHIRE Likas, Sabah	Physical
6.	TASKA ST. NICHOLAS Pulau Pinang	Blind / Visual Impairment

INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE

Inclusion describes the practice of including children with disabilities in a child care setting with typically developing children of similar ages, with specialized instruction and support when needed.

Children with special
needs / disabilities

- Chances to learn by observing and interacting with other children of similar ages.
- Time and support to build relationships with other children.
- Chances to practice social skills in real-world situations.
- Exposure to a wider variety of challenging activities.
- Opportunities to learn at their own pace in a supportive environment.
- Chances to build relationships with caring adults other than parents.

BENEFITS OF INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE

Children without
disabilities

- Increased appreciation and acceptance of individual differences.
- Increased empathy for others.
- Preparation for adult life in an inclusive society.
- Opportunities to master activities by practicing and teaching others.



What the research says

Research over the last 30 years confirms **inclusion benefits both children with and without disabilities.**

A common myth about inclusion is that attention provided to children with needs will take away from the typical peer's experience, when in fact **research indicates that typically developing children make similar developmental gains in regular and inclusive preschools** (Odom, DeKlyen, & Jenkins, 1984, Strain & Bovey, 2011).

Active engagement in classroom activities is a **strong indication of learning and typically developing children actively engage in inclusive settings** (Brown et al., 1999).

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)

SERVICES

- 1. Registration of PWDs**
- 2. Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Centre (PLPP)**
- 3. Community-Based Rehabilitation Centres (CBR)**
- 4. Group Home**
- 5. Institutional Care, Protection and Rehabilitation (TSH/Bengkel Terlindung/Pusat Harian)**
- 6. Disability Equality Training (DET)**
- 7. Job Coach**
- 8. Independent Living (IL)**

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)

- 9. PWDs One Stop Centre
- 10. Counselling
- 11. PWDs Working Allowance
- 12. Launching Grant
- 13. Artificial Aids / Assistive Devices
- 14. PWDs Financial Assistance



STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WITH NGOs

- The NGOs complement and supplement efforts by the Government in providing various services for the benefit of PWDs.
- The DSW provides support in the form of annual grants to the NGOs to help NGOs to cover part of their expenditure for providing services to the PWDs
- NGOs participation in formulation of policies and programmes concerning PWDs

CONCLUSION

- Increasing awareness of people in Malaysia on issues confronting PWDs - the result of the various international initiatives such as the Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of PWDs and the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities.
- National Policy for PWDs, National Plan of Action for PWDs and Persons with Disabilities Act - improve the quality of live of PWDs and ensure that PWDs contribute, enjoy and benefit in the country's development.
- DSW will continue to work in close collaboration with both governmental and NGOs to ensure PWDs to live an independent and meaningful live as respected members within the society.

Disability is a matter of perception. If you can do just one thing well, you're needed by someone. [Martina Navratilova](#)





Thanks!
Terima kasih!

