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SPORTPOWER2 (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

SportPower2 promotes the social inclusion of people and conflict victims with disabilities through sport and labor inclusion activities. The activity also provides technical assistance to people with disabilities' organizations that advocate for, and provide rehabilitation care to, community members with disabilities. SportPower2 is being implemented in Antioquia, Caquetá, Magdalena, Santander, Meta, Putumayo, Cordoba, and other departments, and it runs from April 2014 to April 2024.

People with disabilities' civil participation is limited by negative stereotypes about disabilities, and they lack access to leisure and education opportunities. SportPower2 addresses the challenges faced by people and conflict victims with disabilities by providing them with training, recreation, and civil participation opportunities.

GOALS

IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS

SportPower2 promotes disability-inclusive healthcare services in regional and national public policies. The activity also encourages regional and national actors to incorporate differentiated health needs into healthcare planning and service delivery through diagnosis to departmental health net services according with Primary Care Centers-CAPs model.

FACILITATE EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION

SportPower2 creates sports teams for people and conflict victims with disabilities to empower them and to encourage their participation, reconciliation, and social inclusion. The activity also supports people and conflict victims with disabilities' employment through job training and formal job creation.

DISSEMINATE POSITIVE MESSAGING

SportPower2 combats negative stereotypes about disabilities by disseminating positive messaging about people with disabilities to communities through social and sports networks. SportPower2 also supports conflict victims with disabilities' access to reparations for victims of armed conflict.

ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

SportPower2 develops policies with national and regional government entities to ensure that people with disabilities learn about their rights, can access essential services, and are empowered to participate in public decision making.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Provide technical assistance in proposal, adoption, and/or modification of 3 Disability Policies at national and local level.
- Help 650 people with disabilities develop social and physical skills through sports and psychosocial programs;
- Train 61 companies and 10 municipal administrations in labor inclusion process to hire persons with disabilities;
- Assist 80 people with disabilities and their families to develop professional profiles needed to access employment opportunities;
- Provide services to 13,000 people by strengthening 6 rehabilitation centers at the primary care level;
- Strengthen 26 local disability committees and 34 people with disability organizations' capacities to advocate for disability inclusive policies; and
- Train 330 sport, health, and/or education sector professionals in empowerment and social inclusion tools for persons with disabilities.