

**The participatory process in
the ADB Regional Technical
Assistance 5956:**

**“Identifying Disability Issues
Related to Poverty”
A Case Presentation
- PARTICIPATION -**

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I. Statement of Problem

The lack of inputs from persons with disabilities in past country studies on disability.

II. The Objectives:

To conduct a Country Study that include the inputs of all key stakeholders particularly those of persons with disability.

III. The Activities Involved

- **Consultations with stakeholders**
- **Project Visits to viable and sustainable projects**
- **Organization of Provincial & National Workshops**
- **Other parallel activities**

The Structured Participatory Approach to Development of the Country Strategy:



IV. RESULTS : PARTICIPATION OUTPUTS

For the 4 countries, a total of 14 workshops were conducted with 500 participants, 125 of which were persons with disabilities.

During consultations and visits over 1000 disabled person and their parents participated.



V. Outcome

1. A set of policy strategies and doable recommendations were presented by each sector to the government.
2. Demonstrated that people from diverse backgrounds could work together and create a critical mass for movement and impact.
3. Ownership of Study and recommendations by participants who were willing to take responsibility to make them happen.
4. Empowerment of persons with disabilities particularly those who had not participated before.
5. Risk: Raising of Expectations.