

## The activity of the Branch of the German Caritas Association in Tajikistan



Over the past ten years, the Branch of the German Caritas Association in Tajikistan has implemented more than 30 programs and projects jointly with partners – government agencies and local NGOs.

The charter activities of CARITAS are targeted to developing social services for vulnerable individuals and communities. They include home care for lonely elderly citizens, women with many children who lost their main breadwinners, graduates of boarding schools and orphanages, and people with disabilities. The organization also supports victims of emergency situations and natural disasters.

For the purpose of the local capacity building and development of the civil sector, the CARITAS branch implements its projects through non-governmental organizations. The work is carried out in rural areas, in regions that are far away from administrative centers, where access to social services is limited and communities are especially vulnerable.

Since 2010, the priority direction of Caritas Germany is the implementation of the WHO's Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program funded by the European Union, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the International Department of Caritas Headquarters. To date, Caritas Germany, in partnership with local governments and local public organizations, has implemented CBR projects in 5 districts of Tajikistan: Vahdat, Devashlich, Konibodom, Shahrituz and Ayni. Key achievements include:

- A sustainable CBR service system established and over 5000 persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their families received access to quality service at the community level.
- Contribution to development of Specifications and Standards of CBR document that are currently piloted by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population (MHSP) in 10 districts of Tajikistan.
- A database (DB) of service users developed and improved, which was adapted to the DB of MHSSPP and will be integrated into the national DB.
- A model of early identification system for children with special developmental needs and early intervention at the community level developed and piloted, which is recognized by MHSP as one of the most effective ones in Tajikistan.
- A training program and modules for the training of community based rehabilitation specialists developed and more than 1000 rehabilitation workers and specialists trained.
- 10 national trainers trained on CBR program.
- About 100 children with disabilities included in the mainstream schools.

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Together with partners, CARITAS applies essential efforts to creating an inclusive society.

The Branch of the German CARITAS Association in Tajikistan expresses its gratitude to all partners for their trust and support. We look forward to long-term and fruitful cooperation targeted to creating better living conditions of citizens.