

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM COUNTRY REPORT

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on Caring Societies

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“Human Resource
Development in the sector
of Welfare and Health; with
a focus on capacity
building of service providers
and employability
promotion of vulnerable
people”

Follow-up of the 8th High Level Official Meeting

“Poverty Alleviation with a focus on vulnerable people”

- The government has established partnerships between all levels in government, NGOs, private sectors and the communities.
- Various agencies have initiated several programmes and policies.
- These agencies disseminate and share information regarding the services for the poor and vulnerable.

- They also encourage discussion on social protection concepts and components.
- Initiatives includes development of a framework on poverty reduction, & development of trade and industry sectors.
- Department of Community Development (DCD), Ministry of Culture Youth and Sports (MCYS) has introduced the Self - Reliance Scheme to its welfare recipients

- The Empowerment Program has been introduced where applicants are required to undergo mandatory training on business management, entrepreneurship, self - development and skills training before the micro financing can be disbursed.
- Ministry of Finance has funded a training program which equip basic entrepreneurial skills training, ICT training and also preparing business proposal to the trainees to enhance them to start up business efficiently facilitated by the Youth Development Centre (YDC)

- The Ministry of Religious Affairs has initiated a the Empowerment Programme for *Zakat* Recipients. The main objectives of this programme are to help the participants to make use of all skill training given either to find jobs or to open up small businesses in order to help in supporting their lives and not just depending on receiving the welfare money.
- Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) under the Youth Development Resources (YDR) Scheme also offers grant to the youths who aspire to be future entrepreneurs.

- The Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation, the Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al - Muhtadee Billah Fund and other non - government organizations (NGOs) such as the Women Council of Brunei Darussalam and other remarkable associations.
- Brunei Darussalam has experienced high level of income per capita and an improvement in income distribution as a result of its long term economic and human development.

- To enhance opportunities for supplementing income and reducing unemployment, the Government has laid emphasis on SMEs development as a strategy to foster economic growth and hence alleviate poverty.
- To ensure the projects and programmes are implemented effectively and efficiently, The active participation of all levels of the community in social development is essential to provide supports the people need in maximizing their potential and their contributions to society.

Brunei case study on employment promotion of vulnerable people

- The Department of Community Development [DCD] provides programmes to promote and develop potentials of disabled so they can be self reliant and generate their own income.
- To achieve the above, DCD has established 2 types of programmes namely Centre Based Programmes and Home Based Programmes.

- There are 2 Centre Based Programme: -
 - The Bahagia Centre for the children
 - The Employment Training Centre for the Disabled, for adults

- The Bahagia centre provides: -
 - Basic orientation training
 - Vocational training
 - Special academic training
 - Selective employment

- The Employment training Centre for the disabled provides vocational skills training courses to prepare disabled adults for useful employment in future.
- Trainees are provided incentives of monthly allowances and is adjusted according to the category or grade attained by them.
- The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme provides services to those who do not have the opportunity to undergo the training.
- Assistance in the form of monthly living allowance under the Pensions and Disabled Act, 1954 is also extended to the disabled and their dependents.

- The Special Education Unit, Ministry of Education has also provided other vocational training under their Technical schools.
- With regards to employment, there has been an increase in public awareness about the PWD and a corresponding increase in public acceptance of PWD being an active member of the society.
- At present, there are 4 PWD associations active in promoting and providing employment programmes: -
 - Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajah Maryam
 - The Society for the management of Autism Related Issues – Training, Education and Resources (SMARTER)
 - Brunei Darussalam National Association of the Blind
 - Brunei National Association for the Deaf

Ministry of Health

Health Strategy & Vision 2035

Aims:

- Comprehensive healthcare.
- Holistic approach in the provision of healthcare focusing on promotive, preventive, curative & rehabilitative.
- Upgrade core competencies.
- Ensure professionalism and ethical standards.
- Continuous professional development.
- Evidence-based approaches, interventions and practices.

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Socially vulnerable people are those patients suffering from a disease (including chronic diseases), an illness or a disability effecting their ability to perform a job.

(i.e. People diagnosed with mental health disorders, experiencing physical disabilities, suffering from kidney disease, heart problems, etc.)

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To ensure vulnerable people are given the attention and opportunities to be part of the nation's workforce:

- Provision of professional assessments and treatments offered by medical and allied health professional.

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- Department of Psychiatry
(Kiarong Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre)
- Department of Internal Medicine
(Rehabilitation Medicine Unit, RIPAS Hospital)
- Occupational Therapy Division
- Medical Social Work Division