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Catering training for social enterprises

Maria Krolenko, a young promising woman, share her impressions on UNDP's "Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership" catering training, which took place from November 28 to December 7 in Tashkent.



Maria Krolenko (left) and her mentor

The UNDP's "Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership" project along with Association of Uzbek Restaurateurs organized a major training on catering services for interested NGO's and social enterprises. I participated there as a member of 'Mehr kuzda' NGO which enhances capacities of

socially handicapped women. For me it was one of the most valuable experiences in my life. Chefs and pastry cooks of Caravan group, one of the Tashkent's best restaurants, coached and guided us, as well as introduced to the catering services. During 10 days we learned not only how to organize a

coffee break including setting up a menu (kanape, bakery, snacks), but also practiced our knowledge in action.

Besides, we got very useful information on tender participation rules and clients searching, as well as UNDP purchase procedures, receiving orders and establishing a business enterprise.

The vivid evidence of this training's success is a fact that the newly created social enterprise by 'Mehr kuzda' already got an order to serve one of the UNDP's events last week. The coffee break we organized was a big success and it guarantees now more orders in the future.

For me, being socially responsible is very important, and I am very thankful for 'Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership' project, it gave me an opportunity to fulfill my dreams and get all the necessary knowledge in the field I am going to work at.

I knew nothing about catering and now I can coach other people myself, which has been my plan from the very beginning when I decided to join this initiative.



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The training was very helpful for me, as I am planning to set up a catering service, which will employ socially vulnerable women. I believe this will increase their capacity and provide sustainability for their lives.

Together we can leave a valuable social legacy.

Social engagement for children with disabilities

Lyudmila Krivoruchka, a mother of 26-year-old Galina, attendee of the event dedicated to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, discusses how it helped her daughter to be involved in social life.



Lyudmila Krivoruchka (right) and her daughter

On December 3, we joined this wonderful event organized to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Thanks to the 'Special Olympics' and UNDP's 'Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership' project it was possible for my daughter and other 300 disabled children to attend this concert which she enjoyed very much.

As a mother of a mental retarded child I am happy to see my girl smiling and having fun with other children. As you know, it is always

difficult for these children to build up a communication. But this event, which included dancing, singing and clowns interacting with them from the stage, made a lot of difference to them.

She had tons of impressions after that! When we were back home, she could not stop talking about the concert she attended. I wish there were more opportunities for such events because positive emotions and social engagement they get is invaluable!

A sell out fair for 'Sanvikt' art center

Gulsara Radjapova tells about a fair, organized by the UNDP's 'Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership' project, that turned out to be a sell out.



Gulsara Radjapova

I was excited when 'Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership' project invited me to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at UNDP office. It organized a fair to showcase the amazing skills and abilities of 'Sanvikt' art center that I manage. We passionately teach disabled children everything art and employ socially vulnerable women to make crafts.

'It is a wonderful initiative and a perfect example of mainstreaming disability that contributes to achieving Millennium Development Goals' - UNDP Assistant Resident

Representative Stefan Liller told in his opening speech and I do agree. I am devoting myself to this mission for more than 15 years. The first disabled children from orphanages I started to work with are now fully engaged into the social life and are leading active and fulfilled lifestyle. I am now coaching a second generation and have high hopes for them too.

The fair with the goods made by persons with disabilities was a huge success with almost a 100% sell out. UNDP staff bought beautiful ceramics, traditional suzanis and

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New Year accessories. For money earned, we will be able to produce more and provide persons with disabilities with working places.

Christmas activities for social enterprises

IESP project organized a training on design for the social enterprises and initiated their participation at the major Christmas bazaar in Tashkent,



Training on design (left) and 'New Millenium' team at Christmas bazaar (right)

Jingle bells, jingle bells... Tashkent was exploding with a bunch of Christmas bazaars and handmade gifts were going to be a sell out. We, the team, of 'Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership' project, conducted a one-day workshop for the social enterprises on creating special Christmas accessories and toys.

We invited our trainees to Tashkent's trendiest boutique – 'Human House' where they were coached by consultant on design who introduced them to color and composition, construction and materials. Sample accessories were developed together with social enterprise workers who also received handouts with tips and guidelines.

Our next step was to promote the newly developed toys and accessories on Christ-

mas bazaar on December 18. A major art fair was organized at Tashkent International Hotel, which takes place every year a few days before the Christmas. We initiated the participation of our social enterprises and NGOs at this fair and sell their products to more than thousand people who attended the event.

According to Galina Zubanova, the leading teacher at the New Millennium NGO that was facilitated by UNDP back in 2010, they sold quite a good amount of their products during this fair. Other beneficiaries have also reported on their sales that they described as 'incredible'.

We were excited by these outputs and we will definitely work more on increasing capacity of these institutions.



Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership

Inclusive Employment and Social Partnership project is aimed to enhance cooperation between CSOs and Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in the employment generation and social protection of socially handicapped women and persons with disabilities, focusing on gender and disability mainstreaming, introduction of new ICT tools, enhancement of existing and establishment of new social services, supporting development of social enterprises.

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