

Accessibility of public buildings and services among people with disabilities, the contribution of national policy on disability in: the case study of Ilala municipality Makero, Opportuna (2015)

Abstract:

Background:

The dissertation report is about assessing the contribution of the National Policy on Disability towards access of public buildings and services among people with disability in Ilala municipal of Dar es Salaam. This is a common problem because many public buildings are not friendly to people with disabilities and the communities have negative attitude towards people with disabilities. Also the building planners do not consider people with disabilities during planning.

Study objective: To assess the contribution of the National Policy on Disability towards access of public buildings and services among people with disability in Ilala municipal of Dar es salaam.

Methodology:

A descriptive cross sectional survey was conducted involving 90 people from selected sample in Dar es Salaam region, among them being people with disabilities, non disabled architects, civil engineers, and Ward leaders.

Results:

Not all respondent in the study were aware of the word disability, and only 53.3% of the respondents knew what exactly the meaning of disability. Majority of the respondents had poor knowledge on the National policy on Disability and the Persons with Disability act. Only 32.2% had heard the policy and the Act, and persons with disabilities only 28.3% of the respondents had heard the policy and the act of people with disabilities. The study revealed that only 70% agreed that the buildings are not accessible. The community also has a negative attitude towards people with disabilities and the study shows that among the non disabled who were interviewed about 63.3% said they are comfortable working the same office with PWD's.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The government in collaboration with other stakeholders like social workers should make sure that polices and laws that introduced are strengthen and strongly implemented so as to help people with disabilities in the community to achieve their goals and to become one family in the society by receiving the same services in the society.
