

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Providing Job Training and Job Placement for People with Disabilities in Costa Rica
REGION/COUNTRY	Costa Rica
PROJECT DURATION	October 2008 - October 2010
FUNDING LEVEL	Total: \$470,000 (Fiscal Year 2007)
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The general unemployment rate is 6%, However the rate for persons with disabilities (PWDs) jumps to 26 % and of these 67% have been looking for work for over a year. Some have even estimated the rate of unemployment for PWDs is as high as 85%.
TARGETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PWDs• Employers• Ministry of labor• Training centers/NGO's
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased employer awareness about the laws regarding job placement with PWDs.• Increased PWDs access to training, including information technology (IT) programs using adaptive technology.• Increased capacity of local organizations to provide case management of PWDs training and job placement.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop outreach campaign, in coordination with the Ministry of Labor, to target employers and inform them of the tax benefits related to hiring of PWDs.2. Increase accessibility to existing training programs for PWDs.3. Train local organizations to link provide computer training using adaptive technology, or other job training programs as appropriate.4. Link to or provide IT and other job training for PWDs.5. Conduct outreach to employers to inform them about the training programs, government incentives and job referrals.6. Provide follow-up to PWDs and employers.7. Link to systems to help find job openings as well as track trainees and job placement.
IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION	The Trust for the Americas
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