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Network of Persons with disAbility Organisations (NPdO)

Disabled People Organization

## Case Study of

## Tejaswini Mahila Vikalangula Network (TMVN)



A collective of women formed as a group to focus the issues of the women with disability. The process made the women strong and bold to face the women challenges in the society slowly many women with disability issues came into light and had much awareness about the rights and the entitlements. The group has been registered and named as Tejaswini Mahila Vikalangula Network with the objective of strengthening the rural disable women on their rights, making them sustainable in earning their livelihood, addressing the legal issues faced by the WWDs and making them to get married.

The team members were success full in reaching up to 650 women with disabilities and nearly 240 members taking active participation in the activities of the network. They participated in income generation programs they contributed the memberships and recycle the amount as livelihood support. In this way the team built the strong network and started lobbying on the rights of women with disabilities. The women Network initiated many activities to strengthen women and improved their confidence.

The women group initiated trainings to the CBOs, VO's and local women leaders. It focused on the rights of the disable women and sensitizing them how to avail the services and the benefits provided in the constitution as well as the government. They observed majority of the women with disability were depending on their family members. To emphasis them they advocate the family members to give the priority and support them with some benefits for their survival in the society. In this attempt they were successful and building confidence in them and making them to live independently.

To process the activities build a strong linkage with the supporting groups and likeminded personalities. The network receiving continuous support from likeminded group NPdO for the survival of the poor and the depressed women. The CBO successful in addressing the issues and providing livelihood support to 80 individuals, focusing the issues of the women and their legal issues. More than 35 poor women got marriage assistance.

In the words of the members 'the sustainable life of every women with disability independently and availing of every opportunity' was the main objective of the group.