

## Concept Note

### 1. Basic information of the plan-

- 1.1. name of the plan: Establishment of Support Center for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD)
- 1.2. planned by: University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka
- 1.3. location: university premises, Pammaimadu, Vavuniya.
- 1.4. Year of proposed implementation: 2022

### 2. Basic information of the university-

- 2.1. Name of the university: University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka
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### 3. Basic information of the concept note-

- 3.1. title of the concept note: concept note on SCPD
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- 3.4. submitted to: Vice Chancellor
- 3.5. date of submission: 26.11.2021

### 4. background of the plan-

the Vavuniya campus of the University of Jaffna which was initiated as an affiliated university college in 1991 and upgraded as a university campus in 1997 has now been re-upgraded as 17<sup>th</sup> independent university of Sri Lanka by the government in Aug 2021 due to its successful functions in creating valuable citizens to the country as the results of committed services of the rectors, lecturers, non-academic staff etc for last 31 years.

Now this new university is planning to develop its human, physical and financial resources in order to improve its quality of academic services to undergraduates and their service providers.

As a part of it, it is planning to establish a center for staff and students with disability in the name of Support Center for Persons with disabilities (SCPD) in its premises.

The key reason for this decision is that the university has observed several challenges faced by the staff and students with disability in other universities due

to lack of access to carry out their academic activities. On the other hand, the international community is always encouraging in general and the high education institutions including universities to protect and promote the rights of education of the students with disability and working rights of staff. Since Sri Lanka had signed the United Nations Convention of Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD) in 2007 and Sri Lankan parliament had ratified it in 2016, all universities have great obligation to follow the education rights of undergraduates with disability, prescribed in article no. 24 of UNCRPD.

Therefore, the university of Vavuniya does strongly believe that if such a service center is established it could provide various services such as human helpers, access physical resources etc in order to carry out smooth academic activities by the undergraduates with disability. Hence, it does hope to protect and promote the rights of education of undergraduates with disability and working rights of the staff through the established center.

5. Proposed interventions-

- 5.1. Land scaling and allocating sufficient block of land for the center in the premises of the university.
- 5.2. Consulting with proper disable activists, engineers, architects etc and constructing the center with fully accessibility for the students with disability through general construction procedures of the university.
- 5.3. Purchasing proper tools, equipments, furniture etc after consulting with proper relevant agencies through the general purchasing procedures of the university.
- 5.4. Recruiting necessary human resources through general recruiting procedures of the university.
- 5.5. Making basic publicity on the center among the students and staff, in order to make the center approachable one.
- 5.6. Running the center as per the general administrative procedures of the university.

6. Goal and objectives of the plan-

The overall goal of this plan is to protect and promote the education rights of the undergraduates with disability and working rights of the staff by providing them barrier free university society without environmental, attitudinal, communicational, cultural, institutional and policy barriers. To achieve this goal, the plan shall have the following specific objectives.

1. To establish well equipped special services center for staff and students with disability.

2. To run such established center successfully along with university's day to day operation.
7. Basically, needed human resources-
  1. Head of the center
  2. Center coordinator/disability adviser/psycho social counselor
  3. Computer instructor
  4. Technicians (3)<sup>1</sup>
  5. Office staff
8. Basically, needed physical resources-
  1. Building with disable accessibility
  2. Computers with needed software
  3. Other tools and equipments
  4. Furniture
  5. Other office items
9. Basically, needed financial resources-

The following 2 budgets should be calculated every year.

  1. Budget for infra structure facilities costs
  2. Budget for running costs
  3. Total cost -

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<sup>1</sup> 1. Computer technician 2. Wheel chair technician 3. Braille writer technician  
These 3 technicians could be recruited under day wage base.