

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



TAFE Queensland is committed to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities through targeted efforts to advocate their interests and improve equitable access to and quality of technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

It is estimated that approximately one in seven people around the globe live with disabilities (almost one billion people). In developing countries, people with disabilities are amongst the most vulnerable as they are more likely to experience poverty. They face additional barriers such as societal stigma and are less likely to access educational opportunities thus remaining uneducated and unskilled and unable to participate in the labour market.

TVET has been identified as a key strategy to improve the employment prospects for people with disabilities as it helps to ensure they have the skills and knowledge necessary to obtain employment. Additionally, TVET provides people with disabilities with self-confidence and contributes to their sense of attachment with community. Social inclusion empowers them to realise their full potential, enhance their employability and ultimately improve their livelihoods.

TAFE Queensland works with international governments to build their capacity to develop strategies to overcome barriers preventing people with disabilities' participation in TVET and improve the quality of TVET provided.

We provide capacity building training and assistance in:

- ▶ Facilitating the advancement of equitable access to TVET for people with disabilities
- ▶ Embedding inclusive approaches in curriculum development and teaching methodologies
- ▶ Developing and implementing inclusive education policies and practices
- ▶ Understanding different forms of disability and how to accommodate learning needs
- ▶ Recognising the interaction between gender and disability
- ▶ Understand an industry-led TVET model, benchmarked on Australian best practice
- ▶ Community-based training initiatives
- ▶ Quality assurance, risk and compliance.

CASE STUDY



HIGH QUALITY

Through the Australian Government funded program Australia Awards Fellowships TAFE Queensland is working with the Indonesian Ministry of Manpower who is committed to ensuring equitable access to high quality TVET for people with disabilities. TAFE Queensland has provided expertise in inclusive education, providing workshops focused on topics such as teaching methodologies, individual and community engagement strategies, curriculum design, and inclusive policy and practice in TVET.

"When I return to my country, I would like to identify people with a disability in my area and develop a training program which is suitable to their physical condition using the skills and knowledge I have learned during the fellowship to develop it."

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