

WFDs policy in Developing Countries

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The theme is about WFD's policy in developing countries, and Colin Allen came here and kept a lecture on the theme. What does the policy of developing countries include? This policy is very important for present and further work in countries worldwide. It might encourage to establishing of associations and engage co-operation with WFD. A great number of Deaf people live in developing nations with unfavorable conditions such as economy, work, information hindrance and education. WFD's policy is aiming to make these conditions better in developing countries.

This policy has 8 areas of significant concern:

1. Representation at World Federation of the Deaf General Assembly and Board. WFD believes that it is necessary to encourage establishing and co-operation of Deaf Associations in developing countries to participate.

2. WFD support to developing countries is aiming to promote lobbying and advocacy in the political level and the government. It is also necessary to inform Deaf people about how to gather funds, employment and more on for encouraging development.

3. Cooperation between developed and developing countries. It is WFD's policy to promote respect on both sides of culture, social realities and economical conditions. The most important in this cooperation is to make people able to work together.

4. Cooperation in associations of which WFD is not consulted must be controlled so that WFD can see whether their agenda is consistent with the philosophy of WFD's programme. WFD does not interrupt their programme; they are viewers only and are aiming to get information about this cooperation. It is important that the programme of developing should match the policy of WFD. If their programme were not consistent to the policy, it would be harder to establish a cooperation project.

5. WFD are working for education and Sign Language in developing countries and want to support the associations so that they can create a system of education and Sign Language work and to evolve it further. The support includes materials, fundraising, and how the progress is supposed to happen and so on. WFD will also share inform for promoting further independent work with WFD as spectators.

6. Empowerment and establishing of Deaf associations in developing countries. WFD want to see the Deaf associations to be grounded and stronger, and their support includes facilitating of experts to assist the Deaf Associations in the process.

7. Regional cooperation of Associations in developing countries is also supported by WFD, and the federation want to promote independent cooperation between the local Deaf associations in a country. They are supposed to be able to work and manage, and to know how to cooperate with other associations. If such cooperation exists, it will be easier to make a connection between the regional secretariats and the national secretariat, which would share the cooperation information with WFD.

8. The support of Interpreting services is based on materials and information about how to reach a professional interpreter service.

As you see, the WFD policy is aiming to make the conditions in developing countries better.