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People with disability must be empowered to start small business

The National Co-ordinator of Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association Mrs Nelly Caleb says that there should be more skills training for people with disability in business and computers to empower them to start their own business.

“Last week’s training by the Department of Agriculture for people with disability and their family members in Luganville gave people new ideas to improve their way of generating income,” she said.

“I’m pleased with the training’s success to empower people but think there needs to be more training in other skills that would help people with disability improve their economic status and to have self-confidence to become part of the community.

“There are many people with disability who don’t go outside their home because of the negative impact by others.

“DPA advocates that all people have the same rights and people with disability must not be treated differently.

“At last week’s training participants learnt how to operate a Rotovator machine, although there were difficulties due to the hard soil surface.

“On the second day the instructor showed participants how people with disability could improve their farming.

“This kind of training helps DPA achieve one of its goals in its 2013-2017 vision to build skills of people with disability.

“The trainer showed the participants on how to do grafting, different farming systems that could help maintain the fertility of the soil and use the area more than once.

“The trainer also gave some ideas on

- Future budget plans.
- How to make small business using livestock such as poultry and food ratio for chickens.
- How to preserve or keep a special crop using the mini- set method and this method could help you get income more quickly and sell cheaper products.

“I would like to thank the Department of Agriculture for the wonderful training that help brought up new ideas that will help the people with disability and other family members to improve their economic status in life.

“I also want to extend my appreciation to the Ministry of Justice and Community Services for handing over the rotovator machine and also to the Agriculture College for allowing the participants to visit their farm.”

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