

Humanity & Inclusion, FWD in partnership to help youth with disabilities

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Humanity & Inclusion (formerly known as Handicap International) and FWD Group recently announced a partnership to support youth with disabilities in Indonesia and the Philippines by improving their access to employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The partnership is part of FWD Group's wider Community Care programme which aims to advocate equal opportunities and empower people with disabilities in Asia.

FWD Group's investment will help Humanity & Inclusion train at least 380 youth with disabilities across Indonesia and the Philippines to help them secure sustainable employment or entrepreneurial opportunities.

Humanity & Inclusion will also work with selected employers – including FWD Group – across the two target countries to improve their understanding and capacity in employing people with disabilities.

In the Philippines, data shows that 13% of the national population lives with a disability.

Only about 10% of the employable people with disabilities in the country are engaged in regularly paid work, with the public sector providing the majority of career opportunities.

Meanwhile, in Indonesia 11% of the nation's population has mild to severe disabilities.

The ILO estimates that more than 74% of Indonesia's people with disabilities – close to 13 million individuals – are unemployed.