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Enumeration of results

The following lists the results and products of the research activities, organized according to certain themes. The points are partly overlapping but will be mentioned more than once if applicable. This is to underline the overall consistency of the research activities.

Research Activities:

- Publication of the "Baseline survey on GWDs' (Graduates with Disabilities) access to the labour market"
 This document comprises a report on the employability of graduate students with disabilities in Ethiopia as assessed at 5 universities from across the country: Addis Ababa, Hawassa, Adama, Bahir Dar and Mekelle. It was carried out by the research partners from AAU at the beginning of the project in order to illustrate and, for the first time, give a detailed account of students with disabilities. Students, graduates, employers and representatives of disabled people's organizations were interviewed in focus group discussions or surveyed via questionnaires.¹
- Publication of the "Assessment of the Situation of Students with Disabilities in the Ethiopian Universities" The research for this report was conducted by the Ethiopian research partners and focused on data collected in 11 universities: Adama Science and Technology University, Addis Ababa University, Aksum University, Bahir Dar University, Dilla University, Jigjiga University, Haromaya University, Hawassa University, Mekelle University, Gondar University and Samara University. More than 400 students, student deans and vice presidents were involved in the study in order to assess the actual situation of students with disabilities and the state of service provision.²



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• Focused research on females with disabilities at AAU involving a workshop with 25 students and additional interviews with two students (publication in progress)

Dissemination:

Employability Final July 9 2013 Research Report.pdf

 $students_with_disabilities_ethiopian_universities_16_11_2014.pdf$

¹URL: http://respond_her.univie.ac.at/fileadmin/user_upload/p_respond_her/

²URL: http://respond-her.univie.ac.at/fileadmin/user-upload/p-respond-her/



- Development of manuals for universities and employers on students and graduates with disabilities. A draft version had been discussed with stakeholders. The reports were printed and distributed.
- Research reports
- Attendance at five international conferences and provision of a national conference and regional workshops to disseminate the findings of the project around Ethiopia and the participating universities
- Project website to update interested audience on latest developments: http://respond-her.univie.ac.at/home/
- Work on a publication related to females with disabilities

Capacity Building:

- Nine mutual teaching and learning exchanges and various guest lectures and workshops
- Capacity building for external stakeholders and females with disabilities
- International and national exchange among professionals from higher education by involving different locations all over the country



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Gender-related issues:

- Consideration of gender-related issues and consideration of the topic at any stage of the research
- Empowerment workshop for females with disabilities

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