

Bhutan's Inclusive Makeathon — ADB/JFPR Co-Design of Assistive Devices with Disabled 'Need Knowers'

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Bhutan

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A three-day Thimphu Makeathon paired ~100 disabled 'need knowers' with engineers to co-design assistive devices like the SEAT desk for ADHD students, funded by ADB's Japan Fund and now being weighed for national scale-up.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	0/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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