

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the issue of inclusion of persons with disabilities in development cooperation projects. The first part of this thesis justifies the importance of the chosen topic. Based on the sources available and their analyses, the thesis discusses concepts and approaches to the issue of inclusion of disabled people, which is also one of the declared cross-cutting principles of development cooperation. The objective of the empirical part was to find out whether and to what extent Czech non-profit organizations take into account disabled people in their projects. The empirical part uses qualitative methods of evaluation of eleven semi-structured interviews with employees of selected non-profit organizations. Also, the methods of conceptual analysis and short interviews with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Czech Development Agency were used. The data gained imply that an inclusive approach is not applied universally, but depends on the project type or the organization. Smaller organizations either do not pay attention to the needs of persons with disabilities at all, or on the other hand, they work fully inclusively and take them into account even in projects where the primary goal is different. Larger organizations have a wide range of applications. They do not exclude anyone from participating in projects, but they do not provide a special support for persons with disabilities if they are not directly targeted in the project

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