

Problem Tree Analysis

Objectives

A problem tree is a useful way of analysing the causes and effects of a specific problem, e. g. the relationship between education and disability. The problem tree is also a good planning tool.

Materials

A flipchart or blackboard that is visible to all participants; small pieces of card or post-its for each issue that may easily be attached to and detached from the flipchart.

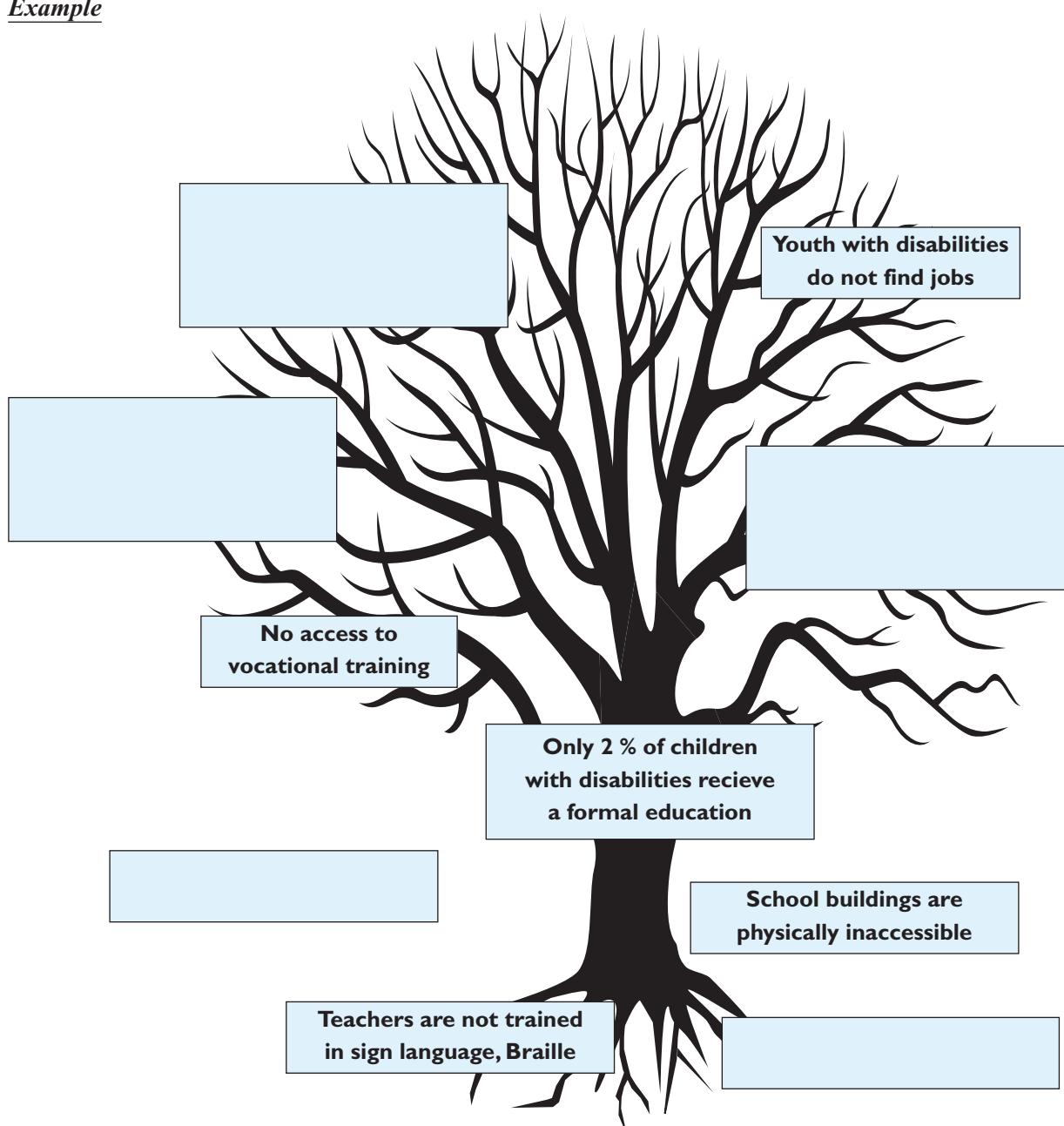
Time

1–2 hours

Procedure

You should discuss these issues in a small focus group with important resource persons: The central problem is identified and placed in the middle of the trunk; the causes then form the roots, and the effects become the branches and leaves.

Example



A more detailed description is available at:

http://www.fao.org/Participation/ft_more.jsp?ID=4424