

# Victim Assistance



# Committee on Victim Assistance - Purpose

- To build upon the solid foundation the States Parties have constructed on the issue of victim assistance, in order to support States Parties in their national efforts to strengthen and advance victim assistance, in particular in States Parties with mine victims in areas under their jurisdiction or control
- To ensure balance between ongoing discussions on pertinent aspects of victim assistance within the framework of the Convention itself, taking the discussion on meeting the needs and guaranteeing the rights of mine victims to other fora where relevant and related issues are debated



# Committee on Victim Assistance - Mandate

- Provide advice and support to States Parties in the fulfilment of their commitments under the OAP draw observations and assist these States Parties in making their needs known
- Facilitate discussion on ways and means of enhancing victim assistance
- Raise awareness of the importance of addressing the needs and rights of mine victims in broader domains
- Review relevant information provided by the States Parties
- Consider matters related to gender and the diverse need
- Present conclusions and recommendations



# OAP– Victim Assistance

## Action 33 – 41

- Assign government entity / develop an action plan and monitor and report on implementation based on SMART objectives to support mine victims / ensure a multi-sectoral approach
- Establish or strengthen a centralised database / disaggregated by gender, age and disability / make this information available to relevant stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive response
- Provide effective and efficient first aid and ongoing medical care
- national referral mechanism to facilitate access to services /comprehensive directory of services.
- Ensure access to comprehensive rehabilitation services and psychological and psychosocial support services, including through the provision of outreach rehabilitation service
- ensure the social and economic inclusion of mine victims
- Ensure that relevant national humanitarian response and preparedness plans provide for the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risk
- Ensure the full inclusion and effective participation of mine victims



# Victim Assistance - Checklist

**Action #34** Carry out multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed through national policy and legal frameworks relating to disability, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction, in line with the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

	YES	NO	Describe the status, including the extent of progress and challenges in all cases
> Do the relevant ministries such as those responsible for health, social affairs, labour, education, human rights, disability rights, development, disaster management, etc. include victim assistance provisions in their policies and programmes?			
> If no, who will reach out to them to raise awareness on victim assistance obligation and to advocate for the inclusion of victim assistance in their policies and programmes?			
> Does the relevant designated government entity mandated to coordinate victim assistance work, participate in disability inter-ministerial /inter-sectoral coordination meeting related to health, disability and social protection?			



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		2020
33	number of States that have designated a government entity to coordinate victim assistance activities	18
	number of States that have national action plans in place SMART objectives and related indicators	15
34	number of States that report that including mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks	13
35	number of States that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems	4
	number of States that disaggregate victim data by gender, age and disability	5
36	number of States reporting on efforts to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response	7
37	number of States that report having a national referral mechanism	7
	number of States that report having a directory of services in place	7
	number of States reporting on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of rehabilitation services	15
38	number of States reporting efforts to increase availability of psychological and psychosocial support services	5
	number of States that have established peer-to-peer services within their national healthcare system	6
39	number of States reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims	15
40	number of States integrating protection of mine survivors in humanitarian response and preparedness plans	7
41	number of States that report that they include victim representatives or their organizations in victim assistance planning at the national and local level	14



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Action	2020		
33	1	Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Mozambique, Peru, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand and Zimbabwe.	
	2	Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Mozambique, Peru, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe	
34	1	Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Peru, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, and Thailand.	
35	1	Afghanistan, Colombia, Ethiopia, and Thailand.	
	2	Afghanistan, Angola, Colombia, Sudan and Thailand.	
36	1	7	Angola, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Peru, Sudan, and Thailand.
37	1	7	Afghanistan, Angola, Colombia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Thailand.
	2	7	Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Colombia, Ethiopia, Peru and Thailand.
38	1	15	Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Peru, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand and Zimbabwe.
	2	5	Angola, Cambodia, Croatia, Sudan and Colombia.
	3	6	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Colombia, Jordan, Tajikistan and Thailand.
39	1	15	Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Peru, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan and Thailand.
40	1	7	Afghanistan, Angola, Colombia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Thailand
41	1	14	Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Peru, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan and Thailand.

