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**Oral Statement on Victim Assistance**

**Sudan**

Dear CO- chairs, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Victim Assistance program in Sudan has registered progress at all different areas of interventions of Victim assistance and disability starting from data management and ending with complete reintegration of survivors and victims' families back to society. The National Strategic Framework for Victim Assistance, the National Victim Assistance Work plan (it need to be revised still). All VA objectives are in line with the Maputo action plan.

Concern data collection and data on direct victim, there is no information of them in the area of eruption of conflict on south Kordfan and Blue Nile and due to IMSMS data base there were 14 or 16 new victims registered since last year. Total number of victims on Sudan about 1.950, 1200 received some help, still there 700 to be helped.

Concern medical care, the state was developed a new net work of evacuation (ambulances, primary health care centers, and tertiary hospital in the capital). As a department we disseminate many leaves let contain pre hospital management.

Landmine Victims Associations were empowered and involved in implementation of victim assistance/disability projects; Mine/ERW victims and other persons with disabilities are fully involved in all the VA activities such as monthly coordination meetings, VA training courses and special events such as International day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, and other awareness campaigns on their rights.

In Sudan the inter-ministerial / inter-sectorial coordination mechanism is in place and is actively led by the National Mine Action Centre .The National Mine Action Centre in Khartoum chairs the VA working group and co- chair the VA/disability coordination working group (VACWG) in Elfasher, North Darfur. The VACWG in northern Darfur is co-chair by Ministry of Social Affairs. VA monthly coordination meetings are the main forum were all actors working in Victim Assistance/disability meet, share information, reports and experiences. We belief that this coordination mechanism was

one of the main factors which led the successful Victim Assistance program in Sudan; it avoids duplication and allow the best use of the available funds. More over NMAC, VA department is an active member in the National Disability Council. To strengthen coordination, advocacy and information-sharing, Office of Disposal Ordnance (ODO) jointly with NMAC sub –office in northern Darfur has formed the VA/disability Coordination Working Group in North Darfur.

The National Mine Action Centre classified mine victims using the IMSMA database, where 1,950 have been registered till May 2014. While 1200 casualties, are registered within the National Mine / ERW victim database.

Initially, the office of disposal ordnance in close collaboration and coordination with NMAC sub –office in Darfur focused on establishing the data collection mechanisms relating to Victims of ERW in Darfur and to build the capacity of the existing Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) towards the integration of the ERW Victims in the community. Last month ODO victim assistance together with the National Mine Action Center were translate the CRPD in Arabic language, it will be disseminate in collaboration with the State Minister of Social welfare in Darfour.

The ministry of welfare and social security provided PWDs with mobility aids as well as the government of Khartoum State. Government of Khartoum State also included in its plan 1500 job opportunity to PWDs starting next year. In addition to that Government of Khartoum State conducted a ceremony where 100 marriages of PWDs took place.

With respect to physical rehabilitation services, NAPO has continued the provision of these services through their Rehabilitation Center. Hope Medical City which is an active member with the VA working group in Khartoum and the second producer continued the provision of physical rehabilitation services.

Capacity building of local organizations represented a very important area of work. This was done through meetings and discussion organized with organizations (mainly local NGOs). ODO have conducted 2 training session for PWDs in central Darfur / Zalengie in characteristic of effective NGOs and importance of shared of work between DPOs for inclusion of ERW victims.

ODO in co-operation with NMAC and disabled councils conducted advocacy activities on the CRPD through training sessions, radio and T.V in Darfur.

Recently the number of projects to empower land mine victims and Persons with Disabilities is declining due to the lack of funds.

Our main plan to revise our strategic framework and working plan and the rest of the victims to have some help and to facilitate the participation in national and international events.

From here I raise high voice for the donors to participate in our activities.

Finally I would like to thank all donors who are contributing to the success of our program.

Thank You