

First of all, using the opportunity, I would like to thank the organizers for organizing of the intersessional meetings and giving me a floor to make a speech. Tajikistan is one of the States Parties to the AP Mine Ban Convention and has obligation to provide Victim Assistance in the country. Situation with Mine/UXO threat in Tajikistan mainly were not changed. The level of mine contamination area in Tajikistan is relatively high, mainly in Tajik-Afghan Border. Landmines and explosive remnants of war including cluster munition remnants are still affecting the lives of the people of Tajikistan.

Since 1992 the total number of casualties resulting from accidents with mines and explosive remnants of war is 858: 484 injuries, 374 deaths; In 2015 7 people were affected by AP and ERW from whom 5 died and 2 injured. · Approx 30% of mine survivors were children at the time of their accidents;

TNMAC is providing different support and assistance to landmine survivors and families of those killed by landmines:

- facilitate physical rehabilitation through capacity building of National Ortho Center staff

- psychological support through organizing summer rehabilitation camps and provision of first psychological aid

- Economic reintegration support – through provision of micro-grants and micro-credits

- Facilitate vocational education of young survivors

- Provision of Legal aid

- Introduced accessibility solutions in Tajikistan with USDOS support

In 2016 we developed a new National MA Strategy for 2016-20 in close cooperation and consultations with the Government of RT including VA component. This strategic document is under the Government consideration for further approval.

In the mid of 2014 the WG to develop the National MA Law was established at the Governmental level. After numbers of negotiations with Governmental Structural the Mine Action Law is now approved by the President of Tajikistan and submitted to the Parliament for ratification.

Separate article in the MA Law is devoted to Victim Assistance – article 12. In support to the Governmental WG on CRPD to learn the possibilities of signing CRPD Analysis of Legislative, Economic and Functional Implications of Tajikistan joining CRPD was conducted in 2015 with UNDP support.

Dear colleagues, as you know one of the main priorities VA in Mine Action is to complete data collection which allows us to report in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan and continue relevant support for Mine/ERW victims. The rights of PWDs needs to be considered at all level and they should not be discriminated in any place. We made significant progress in VA and will try our best to fulfill all requirements.

Dear colleagues, as you know one of the main priorities VA in Mine Action is to continue relevant support for Mine/ERW victims and to fulfill their rights.

On behalf of the Republic of Tajikistan, I would like to thank all our donors for their great contribution to the Tajikistan Mine Action Programme. Also we present our highest gratitude and appreciation to the international agencies that have been involved in implementation of mine action program in Tajikistan.

Thank you for your attention!