

**PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS
COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
(Mozambique, Belgium, Chile and Italy)**

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Observations of the Committee on the information submitted by Jordan

1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Jordan of its Article 7 report for the calendar year 2018 containing updated information on its victim assistance activities. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

2. The Committee observed that Jordan reported the occurrence of no mine/ERW casualty in 2017 and 2018 and commends Jordan's efforts in this regard.

Assessment of needs, the availability and gaps in services (Action #12)

3. The Committee observed that Jordan reported about the launch of a new project to identify the needs and meet the most pressing needs of mine victims and has redesigned a database in February 2019. The report also mentioned that NCDR works on updating a needs assessment survey that was previously conducted, the report stated.
4. The Committee encourages the NCDR to increase efforts to complete updating assessing the needs of mine survivors by the time of the Fourth Review Conference.

Time-bound and measurable objectives (Action #13)

5. The Committee observed that Jordan is acting upon its commitments under action #13 by reporting the following advancements in 2018: In 2018, High Council on Disabilities (HCD) developed four different plans to address inclusive education, accessibility, independent living and awareness-raising in ensuring the implementation of the 2017 law on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Enhancement in the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks, including the allocation of budgets for their implementations (Action #14)

6. The Committee observed that Jordan is acting upon its commitments under action #14 by reporting advancement in the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks relating to the needs and rights of persons with disabilities, including through:
 - a) Forming a steering committee in 2019, including the Higher Council for the Affairs of People with Disabilities (HCD), the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), the Hashemite Commission for Disabled Soldiers (HCDS) and life Line for Rehabilitation and Consultation (LLCR) to ensure that all activities are inclusive and appropriate for all beneficiaries;
 - b) Allocating \$170,000 for the implementation of victim assistance in 2019, to raise awareness on the rights and the available services for survivors and people with disabilities, collect data, assess the needs, and to bring improvements in education, socio-economic inclusion and psychological supports;

- c) Transferring the Independent Living Plan to the Ministry of Social Development;
- d) Accrediting licenses for sign language and legal interpreters to begin by the Ministry of Health;
- e) Adopting a new approach based on participatory management, accountability and transparency as well as shifting from care approach to the rights-based approach according to the new law and improving a holistic approach in addressing the rights and needs of persons with disabilities/mine survivors.

Increase availability of and accessibility to rehabilitation services, economic inclusion opportunities and social protection measures for all mine victims, regardless of their gender and age (Action #15)

7. The Committee observed that Jordan was meeting the objectives of action #15 by reporting the following progress in 2018-2019:
 - a) Everyone in need with medical insurance has access to rehabilitation services and for those who don't have medical insurance NCDR facilitate their access to free medical care when needed;
 - b) The number of beneficiaries receiving monthly financial support through the Office of the Crown Prince was doubled in 2019;
 - c) In 2019, NCDR plans to establish a pilot project of an integrated agricultural project in places with a high number of victims to generate incomes and all financial return will be used in full to victim assistance activities;
 - d) The NCDR victim assistance coordinator continues to facilitate referral of mine and ERW survivors to services;
 - e) Vocational training workshops will be on the agenda of NCDR's victim assistance project;
 - f) Over the next three years, 75 schools will be adapted with the capacity to provide inclusive education.

8. The Committee would welcome additional information on the number of mine/ERW victims that have benefited from assistance including from the small loans (of \$4,200) reported in Jordan's last year report, disaggregated by gender and age.

Strengthen local capacities and enhance coordination (Action #15)

9. The Committee observed that Jordan reported that updates on action #15 will be available soon and would welcome the updates when available.

Inclusion and participation of mine victims (Action #16)

10. The Committee observed that Jordan is acting upon its commitments under action #16 by reporting that in 2019 the NCDR created a working group consisting of four mine/ERW survivors from different regions to ensure the continued involvement of mine and ERW survivors in NCDR's activities.

11. The Committee would welcome further information on the inclusion of mine victims in other domains such as disability and development programmes.

Removing barriers and raising awareness (Actions #15 and #17)

12. The Committee observed that Jordan is acting upon its commitments under actions 15 and 17 by undertaking the following reported activities:

- a) Raising awareness on rights and needs of mine survivors through social media campaign and films concerning accessibility, early intervention, inclusive education, the right to work and independent living in 2018 as well as production of brochures on the new law on the rights of persons with disabilities and the access to available services including referral systems, all of which to be disseminated in 2019;
- b) Training the staff of Tourism Promotion Authority, banks and ministries Sector were trained on the new law;
- c) Launching an updated version of the Jordanian Building Code to be enforced within three years in Amman, Irbid and Aqaba, Petra and in collaboration with relevant authorities;
- d) In March 2018, the National Plan for Correcting Existing Buildings and Public Facilities 2019-2029 was launched with the aim of refurbishing 60% of the public facilities and buildings by 2029 including by applying the criteria of construction requirements for persons with disabilities. By the of this report was submitted, the Jordan University and Jabal in Amman were made accessible.

Measurable improvements, challenges, and priorities for assistance in advance of the next Review Conference (Action #18)

13. The Committee observed from the information provided by Jordan the country's victim assistance programme continues to suffer from shortages in funding and the Committee encourages Jordan to take further steps to mobilise resources, including by reaching out to the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance of the Convention in seeking further opportunities for cooperation and assistance, to address the needs of all mine victims in Jordan and to achieve actions 12 to 18 of the Maputo Action Plan by the Oslo Review Conference.