



Republic of Mozambique

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

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Mr. / Madam President,

Thank you for allowing me to take the floor on behalf of the Government of Mozambique.

According to National Institute of Statistics's 2007 census, there are 473.971 people with disabilities in Mozambique, which corresponds to 2% of the population. From this number 2.3 % are victims of land mines.

Mr. / Madam President

In 2011, the following actions were implemented aimed at improving the quality of life for Persons with Disabilities:

- 46 were men and 21 were women with physical and hearing impairment were trained for the labor market in management for small business, crafts and trades;
- In 2011 the orthopedic services carried out 1020 new case of people with disability. Of these, 65 were victims of landmines including 46 women and 19 men;
- 4.021 assistance devices were produced, 1.656 repaired and 906 distributed;
- Training of teachers were conducted for the inclusive schools in the use of well-adjusted computers;
- We are running 2 middle technicians courses in orthopedic, 1 middle technicians of social work and 1 graduation course of social Work, in order to reinforce the assistance for people with disabilities;
- Information, education and communication material to prevent and mitigate HIV-AIDS for people with disabilities were prepared and provided.
- In the scope of Basic Social Security Programs, 12.676 people with disability were assisted, of which 5.526 were women and 7.150 were men.

Regarding coordination and monitoring of disability issues, in December 2009 the government of Mozambique approved the National Council for People with Disability Body. This council was very active in the process and established provincial councils in each of the 11 provinces of Mozambique.

Mr / Madam president,

Mozambique faced the following challenges to implement the activities I previously mentioned:

- Insufficient financial and qualified human resources;
- Weak co-ordination of activities between the sectors and less information about the activities that each one carries out.

The International Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities was ratified by the Mozambican Parliament in 2010.

The evaluation of the National Plan of Action for the Area of Disability conceived for the 2006-2010 period presented good results in the areas that were planned.

The same evaluation recommended the second National Plan of Action for the period of 2012 to 2019. The Plan is in the final phase of elaboration and was produced with the involvement of civil society, private sector, associations of people and the Net of the Associations of the Victims of Mines, private sector, religious Confessions and International partners.

The plan will guide actions in the next priority areas of intervention:

1. Education;
2. Health and Rehabilitation;
3. Prevention and Combat to the HIV-AIDS;
4. Basic Social Security;
5. Publishing of policies and other legal instruments.

In each area, special attention will be checked for the victims of mines, children and women with disability.

The National Plan of Action for the Area of the Disability will be submitted in June for approval.

The implementation of the activities envisioned in this document will require external funding.

Mr./ Madam President,

Before concluding, I would like to thank the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining that made my participation in this event possible and to emphasize the commitment of Mozambique to continue implementing measures to promote the social and economic reintegration of people with disabilities according to the Cartagena Action Plan.

Thank you for your attention!

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