



## Meetings of the Standing Committees established by the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (21-25 May 2012)

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- > The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention establishes important obligations of States Parties with respect to victims of landmine accidents. Data collection is one of the six components of Victim Assistance and is necessary to understand the extent of the challenge.
- > States Parties have made efforts in implementing the recommendations of the Nairobi and the Cartagena Action Plans to strengthen victim assistance programmes. Many States Parties have also ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- > As a result, mine-affected countries, particularly those with the highest number of mine and ERW victims, have gained valuable experience, including in the development of accident and victim information management practices and systems. Coordination, monitoring and evaluation plans of action are still often quoted as the major challenges to achieve successful awareness raising and assistance to victims.
- > Based on previous research by the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR) at James Madison University, and with its collaboration, the GICHD is conducting a study on accident and victim information management practices and information systems. Some country cases have been selected, including Cambodia and Colombia, and desk research will cover as many countries as possible. The study also considers key partner organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Handicap International (HI), who have also gained valuable experience in data collection and analysis on accidents and victims.
- > The objective of the study is to generate lessons and good practices for other countries that wish to improve their information management practices and systems for the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of their victim assistance plans of action.
- > Benefits stemming from existing mine and ERW victim information systems can be enhanced by:

- ❖ standardized information management practices that emphasize data analysis to support the various victim assistance actors and to facilitate the exchange of information
  - ❖ scaling-up to support (i) national injury surveillance and (ii) national disability programmes
- > The conclusions of the study – together with recommendations on the next steps – will be published in early 2013.
- > The CISR and the GICHD are very grateful to all countries and all organizations cooperating with this study.

Thank you.