

## Working Together To Build A Comprehensive Plan in Victim Assistance

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## Lessons Learned



- **There is No Cookbook**
  - Asked why so different between countries worked
  - Don't force country into a mold
- **Requires Commitment**
- **Enabling Process**
- **Empowerment Issue**
- **Human rights Issue**
- **Cross Cuts Several Ministries**

## Shift Caused by Nairobi Action Plan



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- **No longer should we do victim assistance**
- **Now how shall we do victim assistance**

## Comprehensive Plans

- Ultimately the Government as the States Party is focal point in victim assistance.
- Victim Assistance Cross Cuts
- Find the fit



## Practical Steps

- Discuss with different identified players
- Map out responsibilities
- Find the opportunities and consensus
- Review of programmes, laws and policies
- Dialogue
- Keep the mine action pillars equal

## Mapping



- Discussion one on one of roles and responsibilities where want to go with each player
- Start to make some links check if interested and bring next link together

## DIALOGUE



Landmine survivors provided opportunity to speak to Ministers and high level government officials

- Develop the framework as a team
- Participatory approach
- Builds ownership
- Builds trust
- Respect
- Choice
- Finding ways forward together

## POLICY AND LEGISLATION REVIEWED



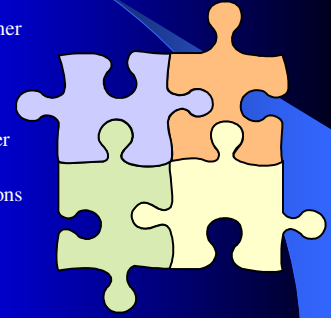
- Reviewed major policies in Government
- Reviewed Law
- Reviewed International Tools
- Initiated a Policy and Legislation for Mine Action with a focus on landmine survivors

## Building Capacities Strategies Used

- Tapped existing national capacity in health, social services and disabled persons movement as well as mine action
- Developing a Vision Together
- Strengthening each sector
- Integration and Mainstreaming
- Sustainability
- Working as a team so others know what picking up and the cross cuts

## Putting a Comprehensive Plan Together

- Putting the pieces together as a team
- Find the fit that all can work within
- Ensure they link together as gaps cause problems
- Develop planning sessions
- Seek commitment with higher level officials in each section piece



## Empowerment

- **Government being empowered to act, respond make decisions and own mine action**
  - Deliberate intent
  - National execution or something in-between
  - Careful analysis and consensus
  - Exit strategies developed
- **Requires devotion and commitment from all**



## Issues and Priorities Sometimes Different

- Landmine Survivors tend to prioritize sustainable livelihoods and social integration
- Donors tend to have their own priorities such as rehabilitation
- Government has own responsibilities within Constitution and other legal tools and responsible as a States Party



A banana rope manufacturing cooperative of landmine survivors who are the primary manufacturers for a high end furniture company. Therefore, the market is secured for income.

## Nothing About Us Without Us



Landmine Survivor Margaret Atachi gives peer to peer support to another landmine survivor Rebecca and counsels her on decisions for her future education.

- Landmine Survivors must fully participate in the development of the programme and its projects
  - Partnership with government
  - Consultation process
  - Assists in identifying what really required

## Sustainability

- Financial Sustainability
  - Opening government budgets
  - Linking with other frameworks that have existing budgets
  - Building relationships with donors
  - Link with government priorities if possible
- Institutional Sustainability
  - Using government structures at national and local level
  - Building a strong Mine Action Center that works with respective ministries
  - Ensuring all components of mine action are working and integrated



1.4 Million IDPs in Camps



Mine Action

for a Safe and Protected Return

## National Mine Action Programme

- How can return be made safe?
- How can return be adapted to protect the returning population and promote social cohesion?



## Support and Focused Attention Required

“Emergency situations always undermine or completely erode social patterns that support persons with disability.”



## Non Discrimination

- Right to Return
- Affirmative Action required if segregation starting
- Gender
- Children
- No preference to groups



## Inclusion into Development Framework



- The Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and the SMART objectives are extremely relevant.
- Two pronged approach good
  - Assist on strategies for supporting victim assistances and
  - integration with other programmes perhaps is the next step.
- Integration: the longer you wait the harder it gets, the longer it takes adding cost and effort

## Defining Vulnerable Digging Deeper



Data Required for Donors and Understanding Issues

Is this child as easily served as the group in the other slide or is affirmative action required?



Inclusion and social protection are important for vulnerable populations defined by level of need

## Opportunities

- Victim Assistance can raise the profile for other persons with disability
- Enable and build capacity with governments to take responsibilities
- Inclusion
- Continue two prong approach
- Comprehensive Planning with full participation