

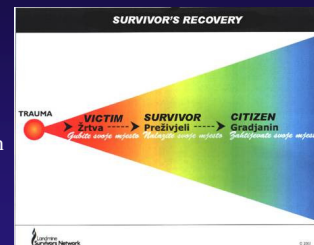
Psycho-Social Support for Landmine Survivors

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LSN Programme

- Survivor-centric
- Holistic approach to recovery
- Multidisciplinary Health--EO--Rights
- 3-level impact
- Based on peer support outreach



LSN Peer Support Model

Supports the psycho-social recovery of landmine survivors through:

- Psychological Support
- Economic Empowerment
- Social Empowerment



Peer Support Model

- Provides social and emotional support for landmine survivors by other landmine survivors
 - One on one visits
 - Social support groups
- Builds mutually empowering relationships
- Strengthens self advocacy
- Breaks down isolation and helps build community
- Develops advocacy skills for social and systemic change
- Ensures participation of landmine survivors in decisions that affect their lives



Peer support from Rights Based perspective

- Ensures participation of all actors
- Promotes inclusion
- Increases national and local capacity
- Encourages accountability and transparency



Rights Based Approach

- Holds duty bearers accountable for their obligations (systems and institutions)
- Empowers people to demand their rightful entitlements and fully participate in society (individuals and community) and
- Promotes equality and challenges discrimination



Principles of Rights Based Approach

- Participation
- Empowerment
- Inclusion
- Transparency and accountability
- Nondiscrimination



Participation

Rights based approach requires active, free and meaningful participation from individuals, organizations and communities.

Through peer support, landmine survivors gain skills and knowledge to fully participate in their communities.



Empowerment

Rights based approach focuses on individuals as owners of rights and emphasizes the individual as center of the process.

Goal: To give people the power, capacities, capabilities and access needed to change their own lives and improve their own communities.



Inclusion

Rights based approach works towards ensuring laws, policies and practices are in place that guarantee every member of society has a voice and can participate fully in community.



Transparency and Accountability

Rights based approach has clearly defined roles:

- individual right holders with a responsibility to participate and claim rights;
- duty bearers with an obligation to fulfill rights.



Non-Discrimination

Ensure their rights are not denied based on gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, class, religion, age, physical ability, caste, opinion or sexual orientation.



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