

Co-Chairs, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me take a minute to inform you about our VICTIM ASSISTANCE program in Yemen.

The completion of the LEVEL-ONE IMPACT SURVEY has given us the basis for our plans. We have made a program for Landmine Survivors divided into 3 phases. We started in the high-impact communities.

Phase one is Level Two Survey by sending our Victim Assistance teams into all villages from high-impact areas to register each survivor and make a complete personal file which includes date, place, kind of injury, take photographs, and document medical problems, and past treatment received –if any.

Phase Two is to gather the survivors and transport to a hospital for complete physical and surgery examination conducted by doctors trained for this purpose. These examinations will determine the care required.

In Phase three - according to Phase two reports, the Yemen Mine Action Program will provide for further treatment and corrective surgery, artificial limbs, wheelchairs, hearing devices, and all needed treatment and assistance.

All three phases are planned and coordinated by our national program staff. We even provide the transportation to take survivors from their villages to the hospital, and we pay for the hotel, food, medicine and everything they need during this time. We have completed phase one and two for the first 64 survivors and we will continue through this year to register and assist survivors in Yemen.

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