



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES WHICH HAVE REPORTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF LANDMINE SURVIVORS

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration
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Background:

As the ultimate responsibility of meeting the needs of landmine survivors within a particular State rests with that State, no external actor can define for it what can or should be achieved by when and how in meeting the needs of these survivors. The *Dead Sea Progress Report* emphasized this point, noting that “progress in victim assistance should be specific, measurable and time-bound, with specific measures logically needing to be determined by individual States Parties based on their very diverse circumstances.” In addition, the *Dead Sea Progress Report* called on relevant States Parties to “provide an unambiguous assessment of how progress with respect to victim assistance as concerns their States could be measured by the time of the Second Review Conference in 2009.”

The June 2008 meeting of the Standing Committee will provide an opportunity for these States Parties to review their progress in improving the status of victim assistance. The Co-Chairs invite the States Parties that have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of landmine survivors to actively participate in the work of the Standing Committee by making brief presentations (i.e., maximum of 8 minutes), in particular by addressing the questions listed below. Given that many States Parties have already provided comprehensive background presentations on the situations in their countries, the Co-Chairs request that only new information be presented to the Standing Committee. However, the Co-Chairs encourage States Parties to provide additional information that cannot be covered within the time allocated for your State’s presentation, in a lengthier document that can be made available to all participants.

Questions:

1. *Can you provide specific examples of data collection mechanisms available that can provide comprehensive information on the numbers, location and needs of mine survivors to support the needs of programme planners and resource mobilisation?*
2. *Can you provide specific examples of progress in improving access to trauma care services with well-trained personnel and well-equipped facilities in close proximity to those who may need to access these services?*
3. *Can you provide specific examples of progress in improving access to rehabilitation services with well-trained personnel and well-equipped facilities to promote the physical well-being and the equalisation of opportunities for persons with disabilities?*
4. *Can you provide specific examples of progress in improving access to appropriate psychological and social support, including through peer support and other programmes, to assist mine victims and their families?*

5. *Can you provide specific examples of progress in increasing access to programmes, training, micro-finance schemes and other activities that promote the economic inclusion of mine survivors and other persons with disabilities?*
6. *Can you provide specific examples of how national legal and policy frameworks are effectively addressing the needs and fundamental human rights of mine victims and other persons with disabilities, including policies on accessibility to the built environment?*
7. *Can you provide specific examples of how relevant ministries have been involved in the development of a plan of action and are effectively cooperating in implementing the plan and monitoring its implementation?*