

Victim Assistance

- The ministry of Labor and Human Welfare is responsible for persons with disabilities in general including landmine and UXO survivors through its CBR programs.
- During the previous three years the ministry has expanded CBR to the majority mine affected communities and has increased its services to meet the requirements of the integrated approach to mine action.
- Emergency care for accidents is given top priority in Eritrea. The ministry of health has trained health care and community workers in mine affected locations and are responding effectively to landmine and other traumatic injuries.
- There are three orthopedic workshops in Eritrea where the majority of land mine survivors have had access to these workshops.
- During the past three years, the ministry of labor and human welfare has provided prosthesis and orthoses for 2,400 persons with disabilities and of this number, 70% were landmine survivors.

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Eritrea is based on farming and animal husbandry for most of its economy. This is one of the reasons that the affirmative action on access to communal land is so important specially for the disabled.

- At present persons with disability including landmine survivors when they reach 18 years of age can access their share of farmland.
- For able bodied persons in the community, it is 30 years of age and they must be married..
- During the last three years 3,473 persons with disability 70 % of which were landmine survivors got loans of 2000 USD to set up small scale business..
- The national policy of the state of Eritrea ensures persons with disabilities to have access to a variety of services and assistance in all programs providing them legal protection against discrimination.

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- To reduce death and complications by providing training to high and medium mine affected communities in emergency care.
- To continue the on going training of surgeons in saving limbs, flap closure and other aspects of amputation.
- To develop infrastructure, train and provide emergency equipment and supplies in health centers in or near highly mine affected communities.
- To strengthen the ongoing referral system for persons with disabilities.
- To increase the production of upper and lower limb prosthesis, outhouses and splints.
- To provide landmine survivors with mobility aids that are designed to meet their particular needs and environment

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- To make information available on basic care and repair of orthopedic appliances.
- To put into place database and community structures to monitor process.
- To decentralized expand psychosocial support and counseling services in 90% of the sub regions.
- To initiate a lobby to pass National Legislation in line with draft International Convention on persons with disabilities.
- To monitor for those making buildings accessible throughout the country.
- To conduct a timely survey and develop database information of persons with disabilities including landmine survivors