

VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN ALBANIA

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Victim Assistance Strategy

Vision: All mine/UXO victims to be physically rehabilitated and socially economically reintegrated into their communities.

Landmine/UXO casualties in NE Albania: 238 mine/UXO survivors in Kukes region and 34 dead



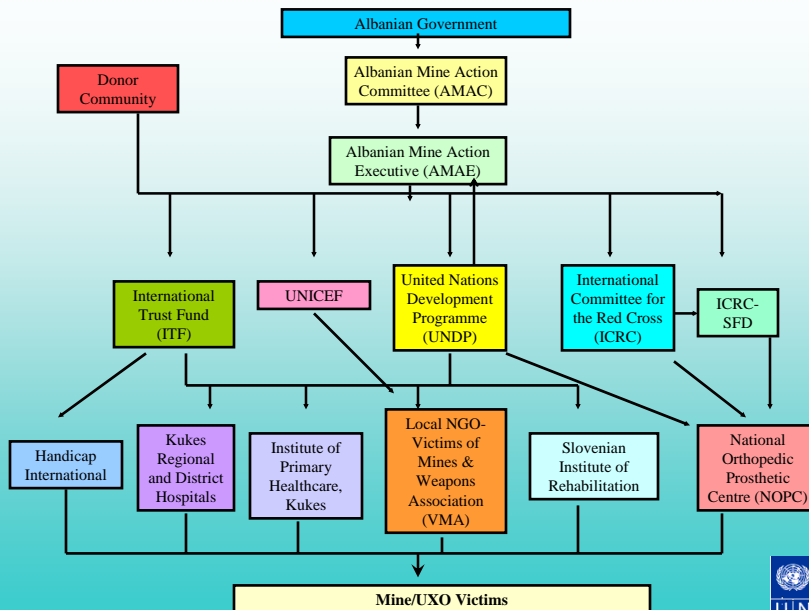
Sight Impaired mine victim and family at home



Two landmine survivors at Tropoja Hospital



Victim Assistance Actors





Medical Care, Social Support & Physical Rehabilitation

Emergency and Ongoing Medical Care

- Improve **surgical capabilities** of Kukes hospitals- provision of needed equipment and refresher trainings
- Improve **emergency care** provided at village level - training and establishment of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) network with 30 nurses in mined region, provision of equipment/supplies
- Treatment of sight impaired mine/UXO survivors



CBR network

Social Support

- Mine survivor as well-reintegrated role model for others is employed with local NGO-VMA
- Nurses employed in CBR network

Physical Rehabilitation

- 99 amputees treated abroad in Slovenia
- Building capacity of NOPC in Tirana-construction of new centre, provision of supplies, training of prosthetic technicians
- Establishment of Prostheses Repair Workshop in Kukes in March 2005-120 amputees treated here in 2005
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Project; 2006-8



Triage for mine amputees with NOPC and Slovenian Institute



Socio-economic Reintegration

Home Based Economies through Animal Husbandry

- 44 beneficiaries to date; another 32 potential beneficiaries for 2006
- Home-based economies in animal husbandry, bee-hive keeping, etc.
- Revolving loan fund

Problems: making loan repayments; small income for beneficiaries

Benefits: responsibility taken by beneficiary to repay loan; revolving fund can be used to assist others; benefits of animals for family.

Vocational Training

- 2006-7 and will assist 30 beneficiaries in practical entrepreneurship trainings

Educational Reintegration

- 8 child mine/UXO survivors assisted in continuing their studies.

Benefits: children regain motivation for their education, excel in their studies, and have increased social contact with their peers.

Kukes Regional Development Initiative

- CBO's prioritize small-scale infrastructure development projects through RRA theory and contribute to the construction process
- 2005-7; to date support to 6 of the 39 mine affected villages
- Rehabilitation to the drinking water supply, schools, health centres, irrigation system, etc

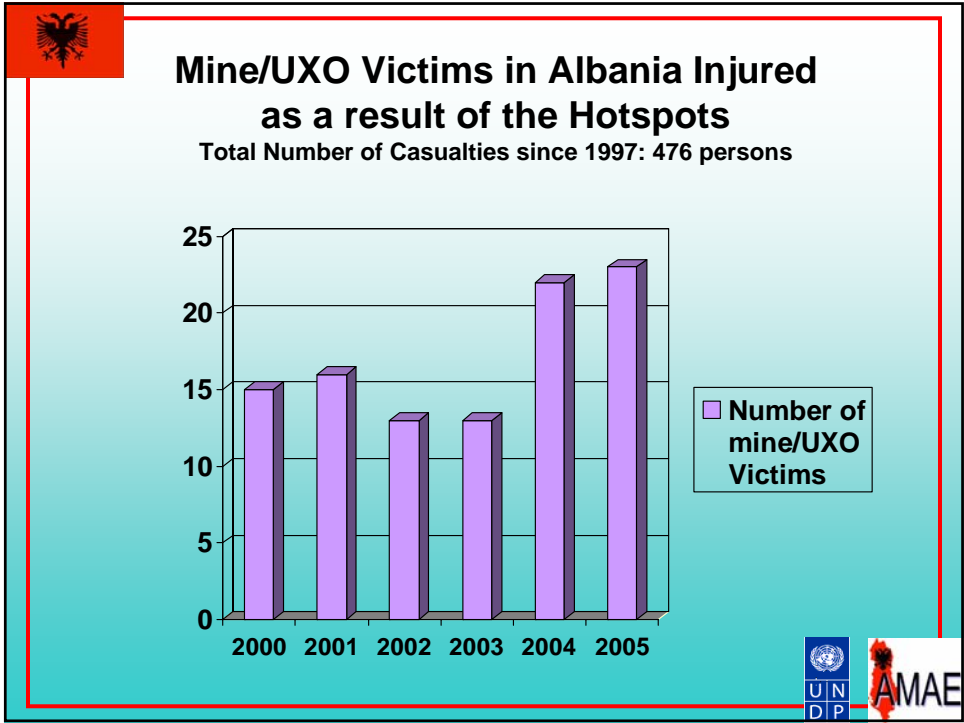


Animal Husbandry project



Educational reintegration for child mine survivors





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- ## Goal: to build an Albanian Survivor Assistance Capacity
- Plans for 2006-8:**
- ✓ Construct a new NOPC premises in Tirana
 - ✓ Provision of medical equipment and supplies for the NOPC and hospitals/health centres in Kukes region
 - ✓ Train 5 prosthetic/orthotic technicians to international standards
 - ✓ Training of medical specialists from Kukes region in provision of emergency and ongoing medical assistance
 - ✓ Development of a sustainable physiotherapy training programme through the Nursing Faculty in Tirana
 - ✓ Improved rehabilitation facilities and capacity in Kukes region
 - ✓ Vocational training programme for 30 mine survivors and another 32 mine survivors assisted in establishing home-based economies
 - ✓ Establishment of revolving loan fund
 - ✓ Small scale infrastructure development projects continued in cleared villages of Has and Tropoja districts
 - ✓ Contribute to the fulfillment of the National Strategy for People with Disability (2005-2015)
- By the end of 2006, Albania should have the capacity to:**
- ✓ Provide most prostheses within country
 - ✓ Provide improved delivery and quality of social and medical services
 - ✓ Rehabilitate mine victims through the establishment of an active community based rehabilitation network in NE Albania
 - ✓ Train students in physiotherapy in line with international standards through the Nursing Faculty of Tirana
 - ✓ Ensure the socio-economic reintegration of mine/UXO survivors through an effective vocational training and revolving loan scheme
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