




# ANTI -PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Parties

**A presentation of the Ministry of Labor,  
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- Despite conflict and insecurity, Afghanistan has achieved considerable progress in addressing the needs of persons with disabilities with special focus on survivors of land mines and ERW.
  - Deputy Ministry of Martyrs and Disability is the principal agency to represent the interests of victims of mines and persons with disabilities.
  - Consistent efforts made to implement Cartagena Action Plan and other national directives, policies and programmes on victim assistance.

- A platform to provide services for victims of mine/ERW survivors created in Afghanistan by the government in partnership with other ministries, NGOs, UN agencies, Donor bodies and the civil society .
- With ratification of CRPD, the government is in the process of developing an action plan to implement the rights of people with disabilities with special focus on survivors of land mines.

- The guidelines for the constitution of National Disability Rights Commission prepared to monitor, ensure protection and promotion of the rights of people with disabilities
- Disability Rights Commission entrusted with the responsibility to specially monitor the progress of implementation of Anti-Personnel Mine ban Treaty.
- UN agencies, NGOs, key ministries, World Bank and other donors are targeted to address the needs of survivors of landmines and ERWs.
- Victim assistance will be a cross-cutting issue in all efforts to promote the rights of people with disabilities

- One of the flagship programme currently of the ministry is to mainstreaming disability within the development agenda of the country.
- The ministry has completed comparative analysis of the national disability law with CRPD and amendments to the national law will take place soon to make it more compatible with CRPD.

- Ministry will soon commission a study to identify strategies for promoting the rights of survivors of land mines and ERWs under the provisions of the CRPD.
- Mine Risk Education has been extended to more number of communities through partners such as HI, ICRC, Danish Demining Group, Organization for Mine Clearance and Afghan Rehabilitation ,Association for Aid and Relief ( Japan), Mobile Mini Circus for Children and Afghan Red Crescent Society.

- Merely 32% of children with disabilities attend school in Afghanistan.
- The Ministry is involved in preparing Inclusive Child-Friendly Education Policy along with Ministry of Education to bring education to the door step of children with disabilities.
- Accessible and flexible curricula, textbooks and learning materials can serve as the key to creating schools for all.

- Ministry is working with UN Women to provide skill development training for women survivors of land mines.
- UNDP in collaboration with the ministry has designed a project to provide training in managing business for street vendors with disability.
- The Situation Analysis Report of the UNICEF for the first time will record in detail issues related to children who are victims of mine.
- Ministry actively engaging with the World Bank to make bank supported projects focus on inclusion of persons with disabilities.

- The World Food Programme has been urged to include in all their projects the needs of persons with disabilities as the **most vulnerable group in Afghanistan.**
- The ministry is currently working with the International Security Assistance Force ( ISAF) to develop a handbook for the families of people with disabilities and martyrs.

- Ministry has signed an MoU with USAID in implementing Afghan Civilian Assistance Program to provide socio-economic support for victims and their families who have suffered collateral damage in conflict.
- The ministry in coordination with the Swedish Committee of Afghanistan has developed vocational training guidelines to ensure all vocational trainings are disability-inclusive.

- The draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities has a component on promoting the rights of Survivors of land mines and ERWs.
- The National Disability Institute has 5 departments to provide rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities.
- The newly established Department for Advocacy and Research is entrusted with the responsibility to work closely with stakeholders to expand community based mine risk education

Thank you !