



# Plenary session: Assisting the victims Tajikistan up-dates

Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties

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## OAP Action #33: VA Technical Working Group meetings



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Tajikistan VA activities are guided by the “National Strategy of the RT on Humanitarian MA for 2017-2020”

- “Tajikistan National Program on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities 2017-2020”
- In 2020, Tajikistan started development of the new National Strategy for Mine Action 2021-2030 which also will be in line with Action #33 of the OAP.
- At the International Disability Forum (2019) Tajikistan has adopted the Dushanbe Declaration on Disability Issues which calls for the following strategic priorities to be considered in favour of persons with disabilities:
  - a) improving rehabilitation;
  - b) improving healthcare;
  - c) improving education; and
  - d) improving social protection, economic opportunities and livelihood opportunities.

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## OAP Action #34



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## OAP Action #35



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## Progress in ensuring OAP Action #36-#38:

All landmine and ERW survivors in Tajikistan have access to the effective and efficient free first aid in the medical institutions located in mine-affected communities, as well as other medical emergency services, and by ongoing medical care.

A national referral mechanism to facilitate access to services for mine victims is ensured by creating and disseminating a comprehensive list of organizations and institutions/directory of services (2014)

Tajikistan take steps to ensure that all mine victims, including in rural and remote areas, have access to comprehensive rehabilitation services and psychological and psychosocial support services, including through the provision of outreach rehabilitation service (“mobile service”), where necessary, while paying particular attention to the most vulnerable. This includes the provision of assistive devices, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and peer-to-peer support program.



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## OAP Action #40

«National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2019-2030»

MHSPP is providing free treatment (medicines, services) for COVID-19 patients

- MHSPP has provided a one-time payment of 400 TJS to all persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- MHSPP provides sanitary-hygienic means to the nursing homes, for elderly, orphanages, boarding schools for children with disabilities, children's homes, etc. for the prevention of a pandemic.
- Social Assistance at Home Units (SAHU) conduct awareness raising on prevention of COVID-19 pandemic in 41 districts of RT.
- WHO conducted training to group of the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) of the MoHSPP aimed to discuss PHEOC physical infrastructure and human resource.
- Informational/awareness raising E-bulletins devoted to COVID-19 prevention with focus on Persons with Disabilities in Braille were printed and distributed in the different regions of Tajikistan.
- TRCS conducted training on the prevention of COVID-19 for 40 MRE volunteers and 600 volunteers countrywide. Trained volunteers are playing significant role in COVID-19 prevention in rural population, including mine survivors and other persons with disabilities.
- Psychology support teams (40 trained volunteers) are providing first psychological aid in rural areas, including in mine-affected districts.
- COVID-19 prevention and psycho-social aspects with focus on Persons with Disabilities were part of the agenda of the five VA Technical Working Group meetings conducted in 2020.

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## OAP Action #41: participation and inclusion of mine survivors is central to Tajikistan's mine action programme



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## The main challenges faced by Tajikistan in the fulfilment of its Victim Assistance commitments

- ▶ Lack of funds to implement Victim Assistance projects in different spheres;
- ▶ Lack of technical support for the provision of emergency medical care to meet the ongoing needs of mine survivors and other people who is need in emergency medical care;
- ▶ Lack of Specialists in the sphere of psychological rehabilitation; no funding for maintaining and strengthening of the “Peer to Peer” support programs and organizing Summer Rehabilitation workshops for landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities;
- ▶ Lack of funding for Physical Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology and shortages of specialists in the field of Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy to assist survivors living in rural and remote areas;
- ▶ As current COVID-19 crisis is negatively influencing to economic condition of landmine survivors and families of victims in Tajikistan there is need for additional funding to improve Landmine Survivors’ Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas.

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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