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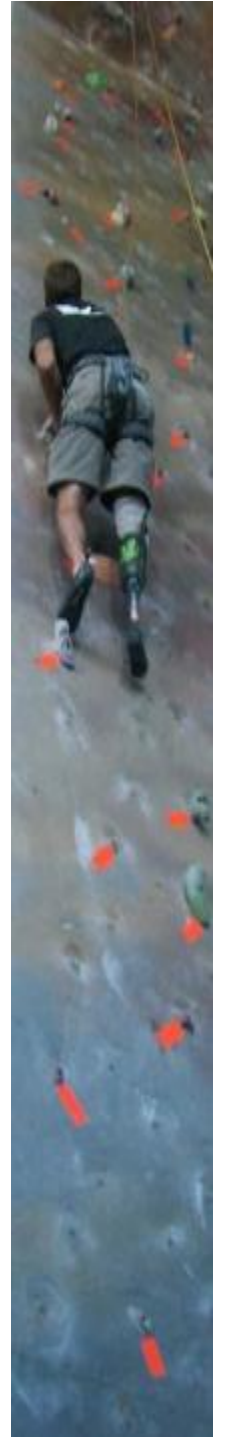
Data collection mechanisms

- Project activity started October 2005
- Data acquired from all parties involved
- Around 12500 records gathered
- Quality doubtful / data revision needed
- Questioners form defined (133 fields)
- Filled in by field workers (mostly NGO)
- Initial report on mine incident has to come to BHMACH within the 24 hrs from the time of explosion
- Organizations are encouraged to fill in their Agency registration form, Project announcement form and Reporting of activity forms.
- Submitted by paper copy or via the WEB SQL database



Improving access to trauma care

- Statewide ER service developed.
- Every medical facility capable of dealing with trauma injuries.
- Quality roads are enabling quick transport by car for stabilized patients if needed.
- Civil protection demining teams are first at place with the task to provide safe path to the injured.
- Helicopter transport project still in a phase of development, but once achieved will significantly improve abilities to help in first 45 minutes.
- All help provided free of cost for patient



Improving access to rehabilitation

- 61 CBR CMC Centre is fully operational and at disposal of persons in need, new centres will be made in Republic Srpska.
- 7 centres for Pain treatment are in creation.
- Rehabilitation and Spa treatment recognised as a medical help and supported by local authorities.
- The high percentage of medical facility is adopted to be fully acceptable for persons with disabilities.
- State regulation requires barrier free approach when new facilities are made. Significant improvement in city infrastructure is visible (Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar). The Activity provides changes in attitude, nowadays elevation ramps are not just “fancy”, they are accepted to be necessary.
- Specific programs are taking place (“TAXI” Van in Banja Luka)
- Public transportation is still behind, but problem has been recognised.



Improving access to appropriate psychological and social support

- Centres for Psychological help are collocated with CBR-s, fully operational and at disposal of persons in need.
- A significant help provided through NGO sector
- Mapping of LMVA Agencies that will be finished in first half of 2009 will significantly improve general awareness on Victim rights and ways to achieve them.
- A number of reemployment programs through their “door to door” approach are significantly helping.
- Peer to peer approach accepted as good approach by B&H new LMVA Strategic plan 2009-2019.



Progress in increasing access to programmes, training, micro-finance schemes

- Republic Srpska approach through institutions established according to the law proven to give results.
- Significant efforts to adopt similar laws for Federation of B&H and District Brcko are ongoing.
- EC donations significantly improved overall picture, approximately 250,000 € in 2008 and 500,000 € in 2009 for approximately 150 LMV's
- Increased interest in reemployment oriented projects by NGO's
- Significant amount in BHMACH budget allocated for reemployment and for LMV family member's scholarship.



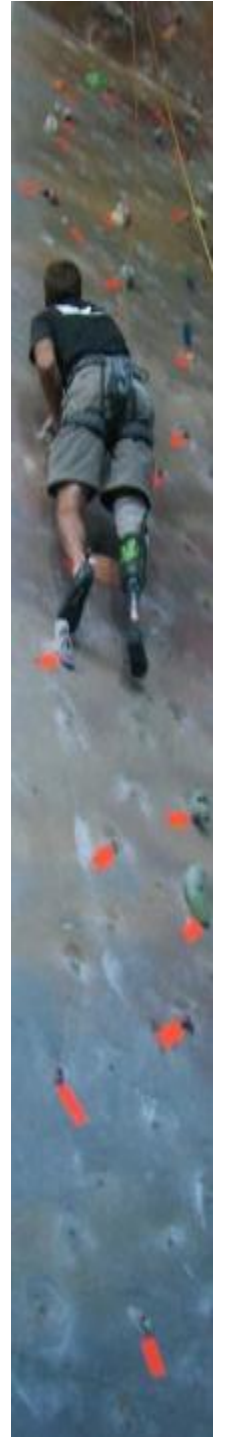
National legislative and policy frameworks addressing the needs ,

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - State (*Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* is not yet signed, Law on Sports is not yet accepted)
 - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Lacking law on Professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities)
 - 10 Cantons (Applying Federation-s laws, but fully responsible for their territory)
 - Republic Srpska (Fully regulated, laws in constant revision in order to achieve maximal effectiveness)
 - Brcko District ((Lacking law on Professional rehabilitation employment of persons with disabilities)
- LMV treated as Civilian victims off the war for post war victims or as Veterans of War for soldiers injured during the War.
- A new definition of Landmine victim have to be defined in B&H, later seen as a definition of CM victim.



Involvement of the Ministries in the development of a plan of action

- 6 Ministries have full membership at the LMVA Coordination group for B&H
- MOU/s signed on information exchange
- Swift exchange and full involvement in all legislation activities for other involved parties through LMCA Coordination Group and bilaterally
- BHMAL recognized as main coordinating body for LMVA .
- Base for coordination by participation set.
- Strategic plan for 2009-2019 finished, Ministries fully responded.
- NGO and BHMAL expertise recognized and well in use by Ministries



Thank you for your attention

Questions ?

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