



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MINE ACTION CENTRE

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***Data collection mechanisms***

Project activity started October 2005 and at the beginning basic set of data was acquired from all parties involved providing us with Around 12500 records gathered. During our data analysis we found Quality of data doubtful and therefore data revision project was needed. In order to acquire full set of valid data questioners form defined consisted of (133 fields) and it is in use by 130 field workers (mostly NGO and Red Cross of Bosnia and Herzegovina) In order to assure provision of new data Initial report on mine incident has to come to BHMACE within the 24 hrs from the time of explosion. According to the Demining law accepted 2002 BHMACE is declared as a coordination body for Mine Action and therefore coordinating LMVA as a part of MA.

Through our activities related to coordination in order to have full insight into field activities we have developed a set of announcement forms and all LMVA organizations are encouraged to fill in their Agency registration form, Project announcement form and Reporting of activity forms.

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***Improving access to trauma care***

Bosnia and Herzegovina had a considerable good health support scheme before the war, and it is proud to say that the system is getting back to shape, 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. All help provided free of cost for patient

Specifically related to Landmine victims, civil protection demining teams are first at place with the task to provide safe pat to the injured. At this point in time a helicopter transport project still in a phase of development, but once achieved will significantly improve abilities to help in first 45 minutes.

***Improving access to rehabilitation***

61 CBR CMC Centre is fully operational and at disposal of persons in need, and new centres will be made in Republic Srpska. As a new activity 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. In a biggest cities, significant improvement in city infrastructure is visible (Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar ). The Activity provides changes in attitude, nowadays elevation ramps are not just “fancy”, and 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. As a result of these activities 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, providing approximately 250,000 € in 2008 and 500,000 € in 2009 for approximately 150 LMV's producing Increased interest in reemployment oriented projects by NGO's

According to the Strategic plan for MA in B&H 2009 /2019 a 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 is a state composed out of 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). In a 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. In order to define their position in system 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***

All of LMVA activities are coordinated at the state level through LMVA Coordinating group chaired by BHMACH. 6 relevant Ministries have full membership at the LMVA Coordination group for B&H

Through MOU/s signed on information exchange. This allows Swift exchange and full involvement in all legislation activities for other involved parties through LMVA

Coordination Group and bilaterally

BHMACH recognized as main coordinating body for LMVA .

Strategic plan for 2009-2019 finished, Ministries fully responded. NGO and BHMACH expertise recognized and well in use by Ministries, So we can say that base for coordination by participation is set.