

**NINTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Assisting the Victims

Statement by

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Mr President
Excellencies
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief update on victim assistance activities in Yemen. The Victim Assistance Department of the Yemen Mine Action Centre continues to implement Phases I to III of its victim assistance plan.

Phase I includes the survey and registration of survivors. From January to August 2008, 586 survivors were surveyed, including 481 men, 50 women, and 55 children. A total of 2,033 mine and ERW survivors have now been surveyed.

Phase II includes Medical and Physical Examinations. From January to June 2008, 239 survivors underwent medical and physical examinations to assess their needs, including 148 men, 28 women, and 63 children. A total of 1,441 survivors have known undergone medical and physical examinations.

Phase III includes direct medical support and medical needs. From January to July 2008, 230 survivors were assisted with various supports:

- Surgery + Ortho + Eye surgery: 14
- Hearing aids: 16
- Eye glasses + Eye Prostheses: 74
- Wheel-chairs: 19
- Artificial Limbs: 10
- Physical therapy: 5
- Crutches and other assistive devices: 60

A total of 1,596 survivors have received direct medical support.

Phase IV focuses on Economic Reintegration. Phase IV is implemented in coordination with the Yemen Association of Landmine and ERW Survivors. This continues to be the most challenging aspect of program due to a lack of resources to fully implement the program.

The VAD coordinates activities with the Ministry of Public Health and emergency and continuing medical care, physical rehabilitation and psychological support is provided free-of-charge.

Thank you for your attention.