



Victim Assistance The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production
and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction
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Victim Assistance

- Preamble: Determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines...
- Preamble: The desire of the States Parties “to do their utmost in providing assistance for the care and rehabilitation, including the social and economic reintegration of mine victims.”
- Article 6.3: “Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the care in and rehabilitation of, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims (....)”
- Article 6.3: Assistance may be provided through “the United Nations system, international, regional or national organizations or institutions, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and their International Federation, non-governmental organizations, or on a bilateral basis.”



Victim Assistance

“Victim” includes...

- Individuals
- Families
- Communities

“Victim assistance” includes...

- data collection
- medical care
- Rehabilitation
- psychological support
- social inclusion
- economic inclusion
- laws and policies



Victim Assistance

Key understandings/ principles:

- Non-discrimination
- Human rights approach
- Gender and diversity
- Integrated approach
- Full, equal and effective participation and inclusion
- National ownership



Oslo Action Plan

- Road Map to Implementation of the Convention
 - a. Cross cutting measure (Action 1 – 10)
 - b. Universalization (Action 11 and 12)
 - c. Stockpile Destruction and Retention of anti-personnel mines (Action 13 -17)
 - d. Survey and clearance of mined areas (Actions 18 – 27)
 - e. Mine risk education and reduction (Actions 28 – 32)
 - f. Victim Assistance (Actions 33- 41)**
 - g. Cooperation and Assistance (Actions 42 -47)
 - h. Compliance (Actions 48 – 50)
- All actions are reinforced by indicators to enabling measurement of progress.
- Baseline established by the Coordinating Committee on implementation and presented to the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties.



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States Parties

- remain committed to ensuring the full, equal and effective participation of mine victims in society, based on respect for human rights, gender equality, inclusion and non-discrimination.
- recognise that, in order to be effective and sustainable, victim assistance should be integrated into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks relating to the rights of persons with disabilities, and to health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction in support of the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- States Parties with victims in areas under their jurisdiction or control will endeavour to do their utmost to provide appropriate, affordable and accessible services to mine victims, on an equal basis with others.



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Victim Assistance Actions #33 - #41

Implementation support measures:

- assigning of a focal point
- developing SMART action plan
- applying a multi-sector approach
- centralised database
- referral system
- aligning efforts with the CRPD

Delivering services to mine victims:

- first aid
- psychological and peer support
- comprehensive rehabilitation
- social and economic inclusion
- safety and protection in situation of emergency
- participation and inclusion



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Action #33:

- “Ensure that a relevant government entity is assigned to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks. The assigned entity will develop an action plan and monitor and report on implementation based on specific, measurable, realistic and time-bound objectives to support mine victims....”



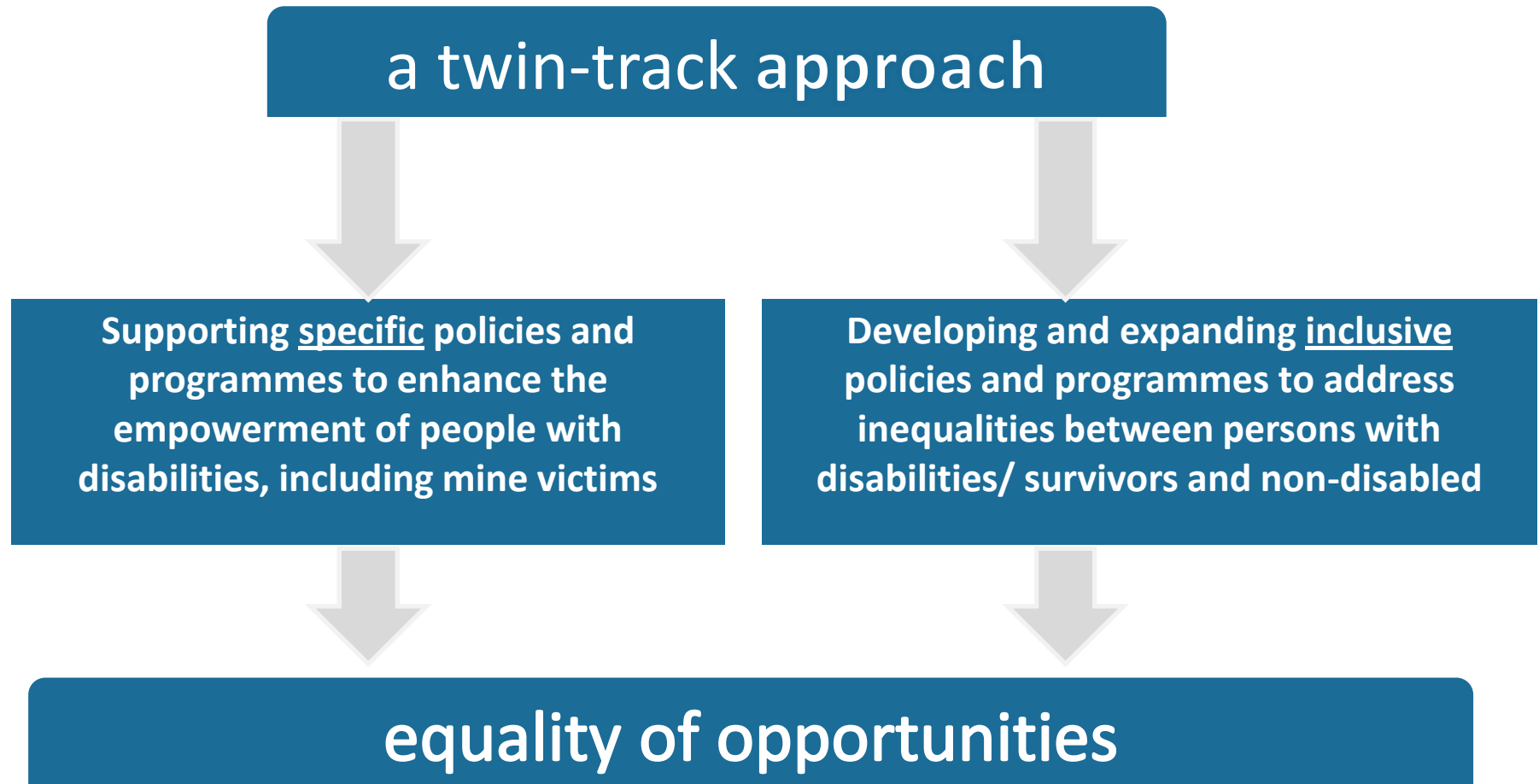
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Action #41:

- “Ensure the **full inclusion and effective participation** of mine victims and their representative organizations in all matters that affect them, including in rural and remote areas.”



Sustainable integrated approach



Sustainable integrating approach

VA pillars	Shared responsibility among
Data	Census Centre, service providers incl. humanitarian actors such as mine action...
Planning, coordination monitoring & reporting	VA/disability authorities, MoSA, MoH and mine survivors, persons with disabilities and their orgs...
Emergency response	MoH, humanitarian response and affected communities...
Health and rehabilitation	MoH, national and int'l health actors and persons with disabilities/survivors...
Psychological & psychosocial support	MoH, national and int'l health actors and persons with disabilities/survivors...
Socio-economic inclusion	MoSA, MoE and all ministries, law and policy makers, national and int'l business, employment and VT actors, development and poverty reduction agencies...



Applying a strategic approach

Organize	Situation analysis	Plan	Monitor
Raise Awareness	Analyse the situation	Develop Smart objectives	Coordinate
Assign Responsibility for the process	Convene a national dialogue	Develop a national plan and formulate a budget	Monitor and evaluate
Designate an inter-ministerial / intersectoral group	Review the situation analysis	Integrate the national plan into broader work plans and budgets	Report



VA in the context of the CRPD

The CRPD provides an overarching mechanism for mine survivors and it advocates that

- development programs should be inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities
- persons with disabilities should be integrated into all development activities rather than treating disability as a stand-alone thematic issue
- persons with disabilities must be recognised as equals

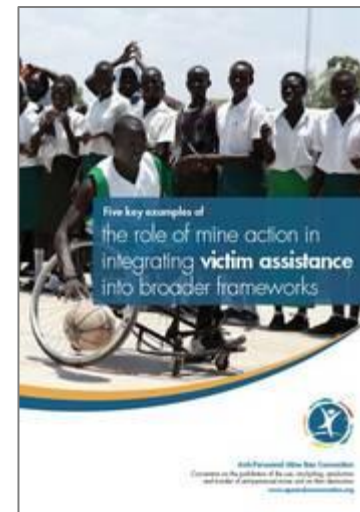
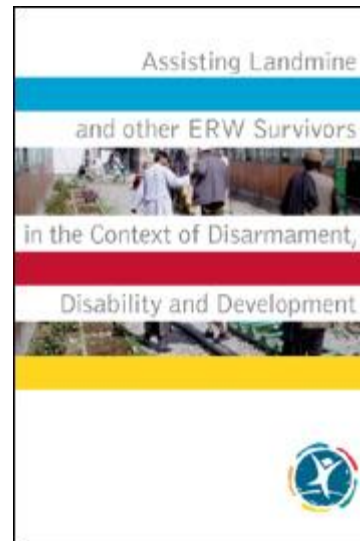
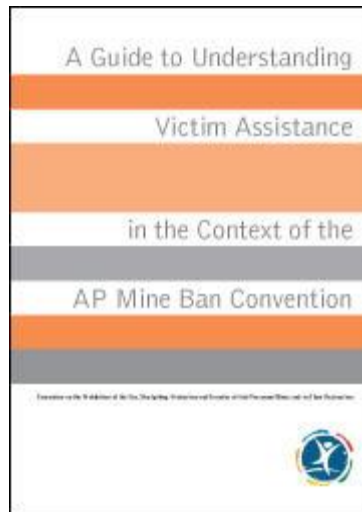
What is Disability?

- The Convention does *not* explicitly define disability
- Preamble of Convention states:
 - 'Disability is an **evolving** concept, and that disability results from the **interaction** between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others'
- Article 1 of the Convention states:
 - 'Persons with disabilities **include** those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others'.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Victim Assistance materials



<https://www.apminebanconvention.org/es/publicaciones-acerca-de-la-convencion/>





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