



Victim Assistance AP 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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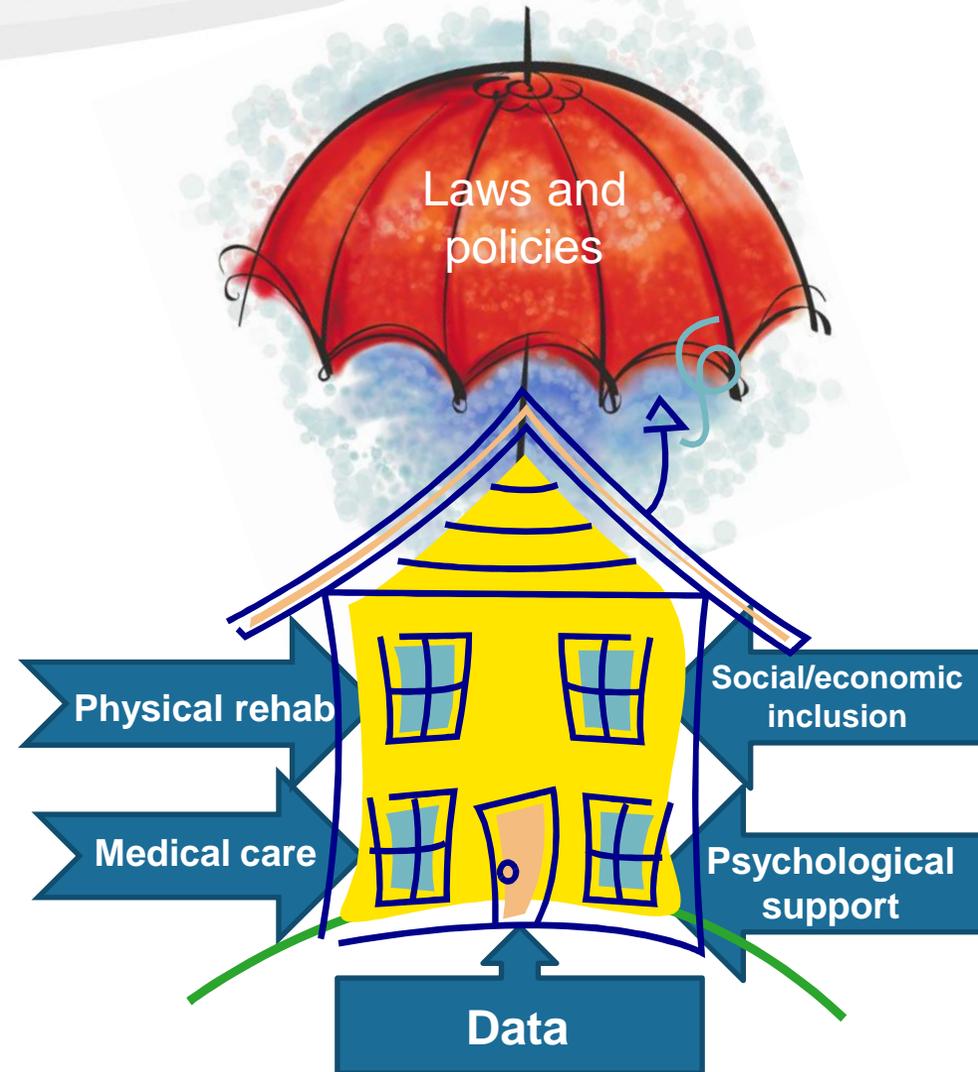
Victim Assistance obligation

- The Convention's preamble records the wish 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."
- This wish is translated into the obligation of "each State Party in a position to do so" to "provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims."



Victim Assistance

- Data collection and information management
- Emergency and continuing medical care
- Physical rehabilitation, including physiotherapy, prosthetics and assistive devices
- Social and Economic inclusion
- Psychological support
- Laws, policies and plans



Key guiding principles

- Human rights
- Non-discrimination
- Inclusion and participation
- Gender and age equality
- Accessibility
- Holistic and integrated approach
- National ownership
- Sustainability



Victim Assistance in the context of disability

- Those individuals directly impacted by landmines are a sub-group of larger communities of persons with disabilities.
- The problems faced by landmine survivors are similar to the challenges faced by other persons with disabilities.
- Victim assistance does not require the development of new fields or disciplines but rather calls for ensuring that existing policies and programmes to meet the needs of landmine victims.



Victim Assistance and CRPD

- The CRPD provides a global standard and an overarching mechanism for all States in meeting their responsibilities to mine victims and persons with disabilities.
- Linking victim assistance efforts into CRPD frameworks help to sustain the support to victims and to improve human rights-based approach.



Victim Assistance, disability and development

a twin-track approach

Supporting specific policies and programmes to enhance the empowerment of people with disabilities, including survivors

Developing inclusive policies and programmes to address inequalities between disabled/survivors and non-disabled in all socio-economic domains

equality of opportunities



Victim Assistance Commitments

Maputo Action Plan

Preamble	Participation in societies on an equal basis to others
Action #12	Data collection, assessment of needs, availability and gaps in services
Action #13	Time-bound and measurable plan of action
Action #13	Report on the implementation of action plan to States Parties
Action #14	Integration of victim assistance into broader policies and programmes
Action #14	Allocating of budget for the implementation of plan incl. integration



Victim Assistance Commitments Maputo Action Plan

- Action #15 Building local capacity
- Action #15 Enhancing coordination among national stakeholder
- Action #15 Increasing availability and accessibility to services
- Action #16 Inclusion and participation
- Action #17 Awareness raising
- Action #18 Reporting on achievements and challenges prior to 2019 Review Conference
- Action #20 Cooperation and assistance
- Action #23 South-south cooperation and exchange of national experiences



Long-term assistance

- Uganda completed clearance and destruction of anti-personnel mines in 2012
- Landmine survivors, like all other persons with disabilities need lifelong support
- Family members of landmine survivors and those who have been killed and affected communities also need support long-term support

Inclusive development
Community based support
Inclusive education
CRPD
SDGs
Assistive Technology
Inclusive plans and actions



Implementation support vs. service delivery

Implementation support mechanism

Plans
Coordination
Advocacy
Data collection
Capacity building
Referrals
Resource-mobilisation
Laws and policies
Reporting

Direct service delivery

First aid
Health care
Rehabilitation

Economic inclusion
Social inclusion
Education

Psychosocial support
Accessibility



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<https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/publications-about-the-convention/victim-assistance/>



Victim assistance milestones

- Five EU Council Decision sponsored national stakeholder victim assistance dialogues 2018-2020
- National victim assistance gathering during the 17th Meeting of States Parties, 26-30 November 2018, Geneva
- An EU Council Decision sponsored global conference on victim assistance in 2019
- Intersessional Meetings of the Convention, 2019
- Fourth Review Conference of the Convention, 2019



Thank you!

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