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Socio-economic inclusion of persons with disabilities & mine victims



# Overview

What is VA?

Victim versus survivor

Legal frameworks

HI's work in VA

# What is Victim Assistance?

Victim assistance is a set of activities and strategies aimed to ensure inclusion of mine/ERW victims, their families, and mine-affected communities. It benefits victims of landmines and explosive remnants of war and other persons with disabilities



# Why is socio-economic inclusion important?

Addressing the poverty – disability cycle



## **Non – discrimination and integration into broader frameworks**

- ▶ **Non discrimination of VA specific efforts is a strong human rights principle in the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions**
- ▶ **Calls for integrating victim assistance into broader frameworks since 1999**

# Inclusion

## Non – discrimination and integration into broader frameworks

- VA specific initiatives act as a **catalyst** to advance **inclusion** of **survivors**, **other persons with disabilities** and **indirect victims** in mine/ERW affected countries
- Broad initiatives reach **victims** amongst broader group of beneficiaries

# Elements of victim assistance

*Service related elements are all part of larger sectors & policy areas*

## National data collection systems

Understanding the challenges faced

## Health

Medical care

Rehabilitation

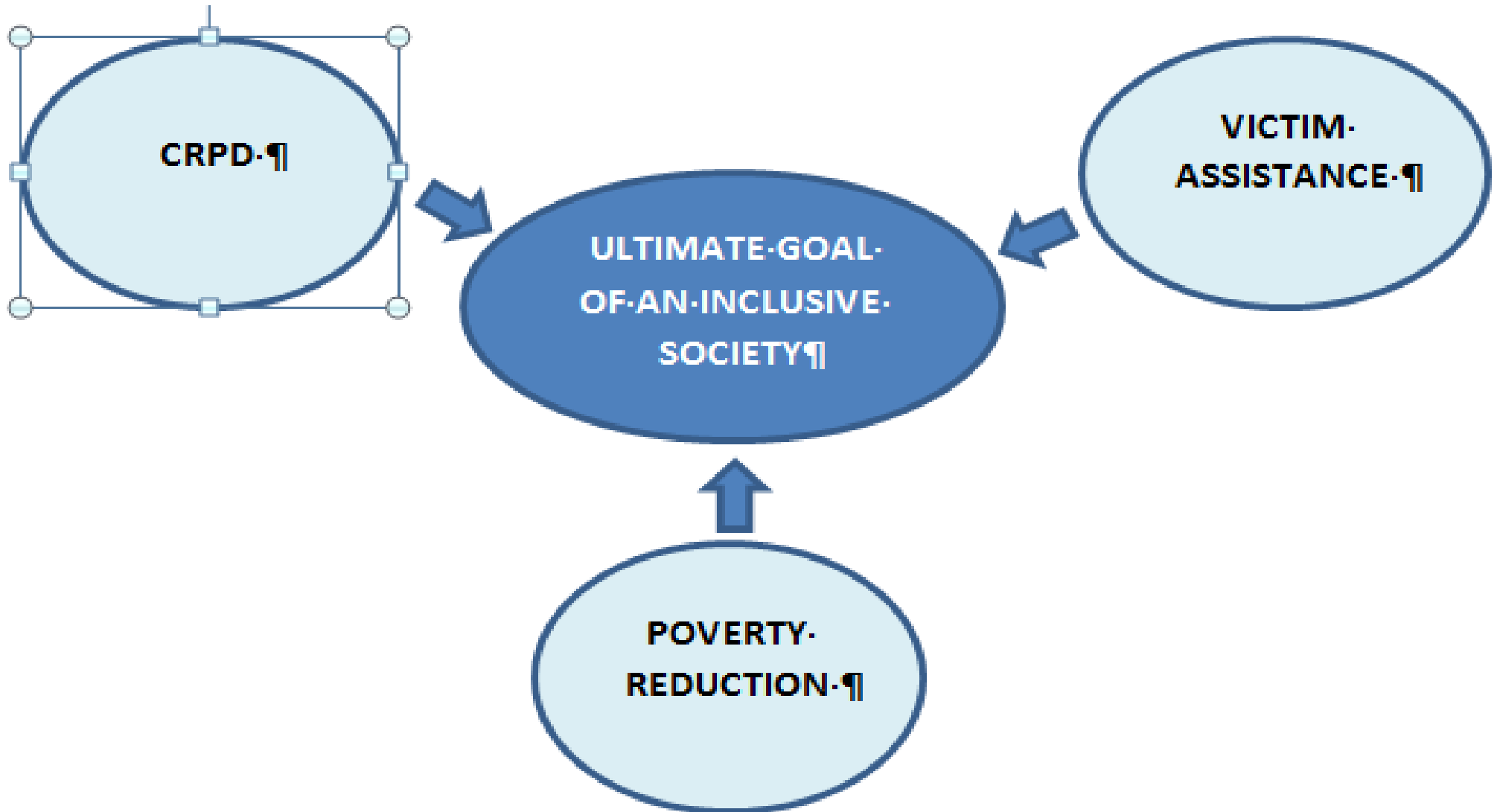
## Social inclusion, inclusive education, work & employment, social protection, rural development, poverty reduction efforts

Socio-economic inclusion

## Disability laws & disability - inclusive sectorial strategies

National laws and policies

# VA as a door way to advance inclusion





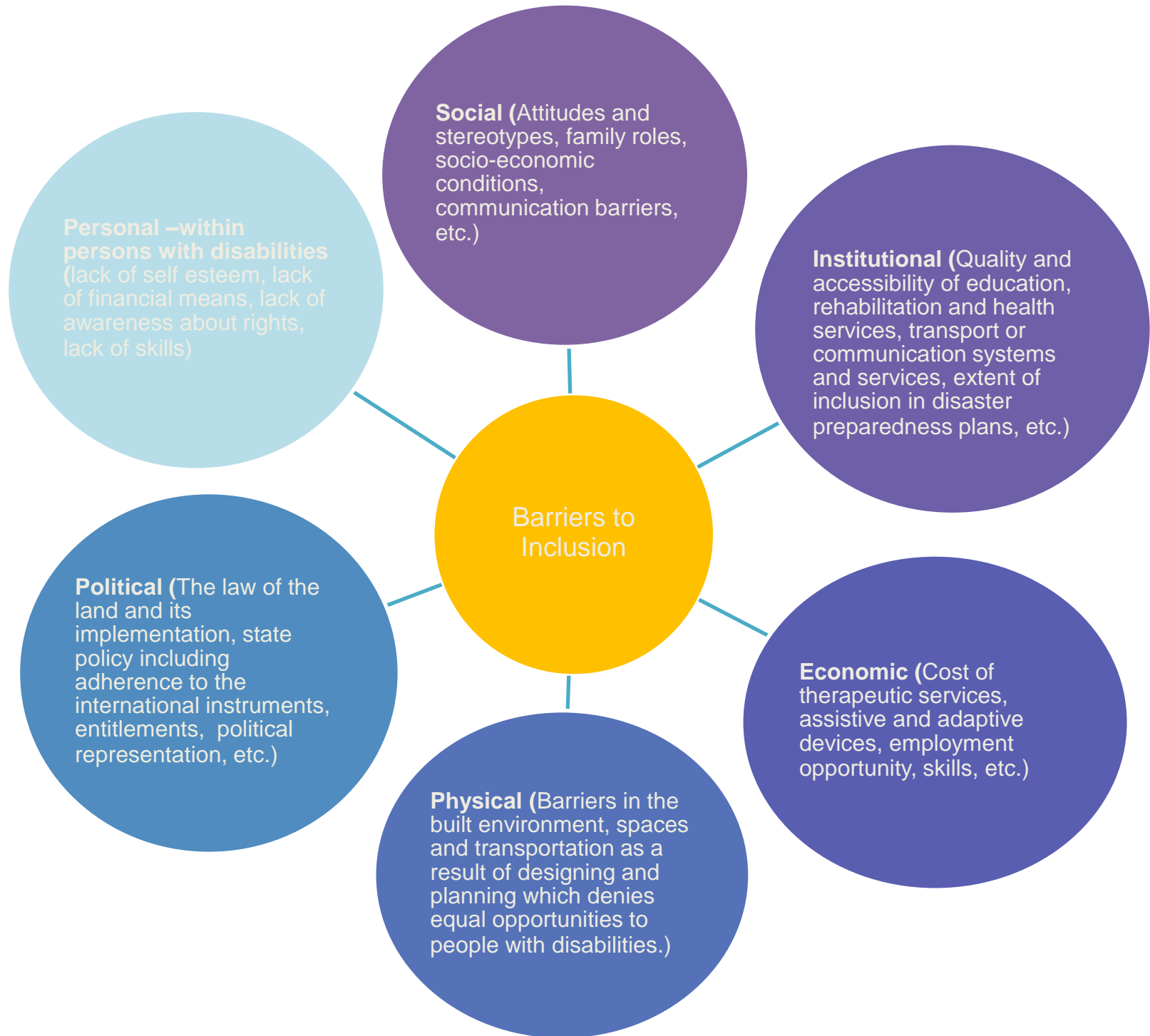
Barrier and facilitator  
Assessment in the Country:  
service/ policy/ project,  
Consultation of persons with  
disabilities; identify entry  
point

Decide which barriers you  
want to address  
short/mid/long term and  
accordingly develop a  
strategy, policy or  
disability action plan  
(with indicators)

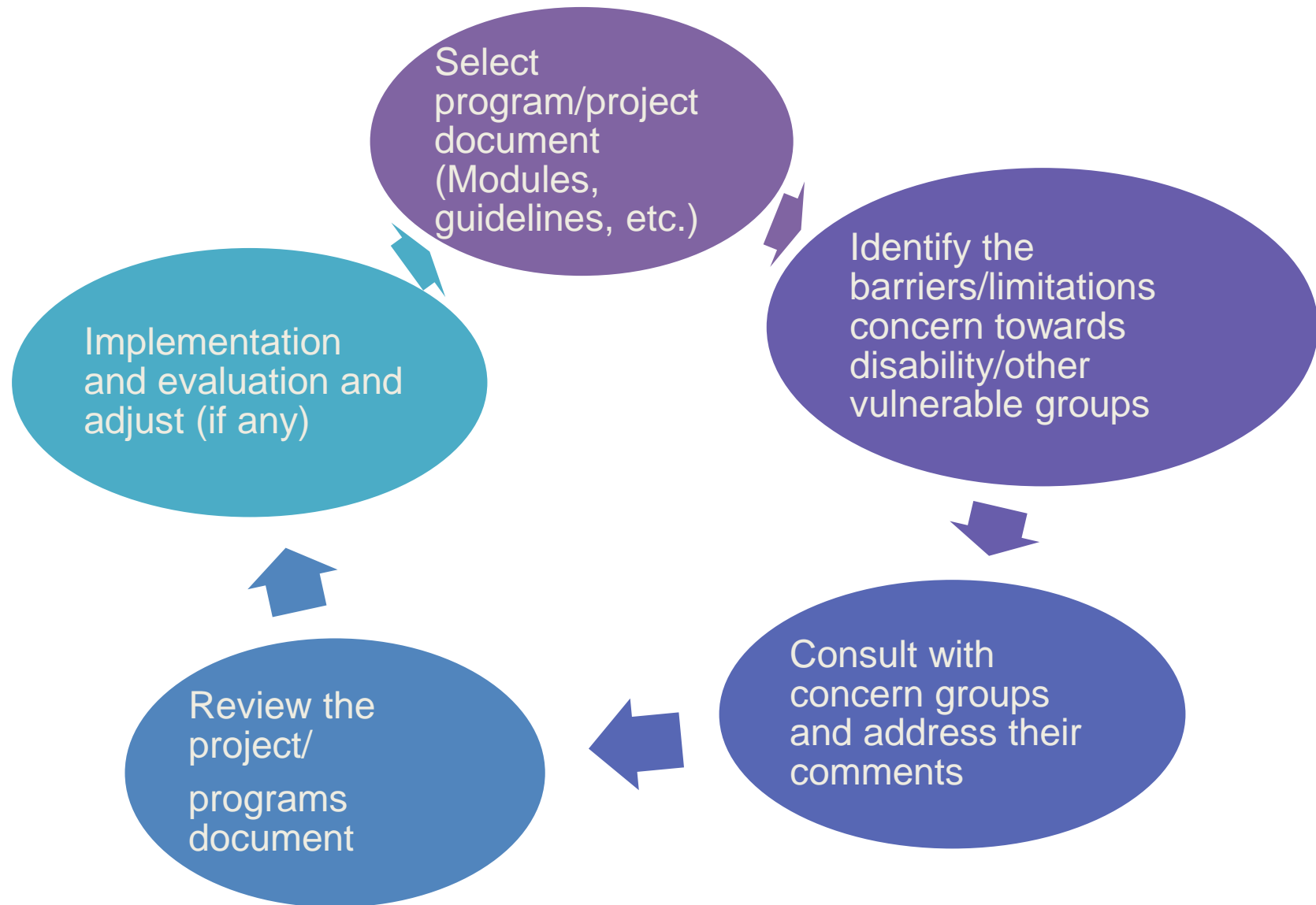
## Inclusion Process

Implement disability  
accessibility  
measures for making  
program/ project/  
policy or products  
accessible - with  
regular reviews of  
indicators

Ensure broad/ sufficient  
organizational commitment  
and allocation of  
necessary resources  
(human, financial or  
knowledge)



# Way forward on 'Disability Inclusion within ongoing Programs'



# Thanks