







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 systerms

Understanding the challenges faced

Health

Medical care

Rehabilitation

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

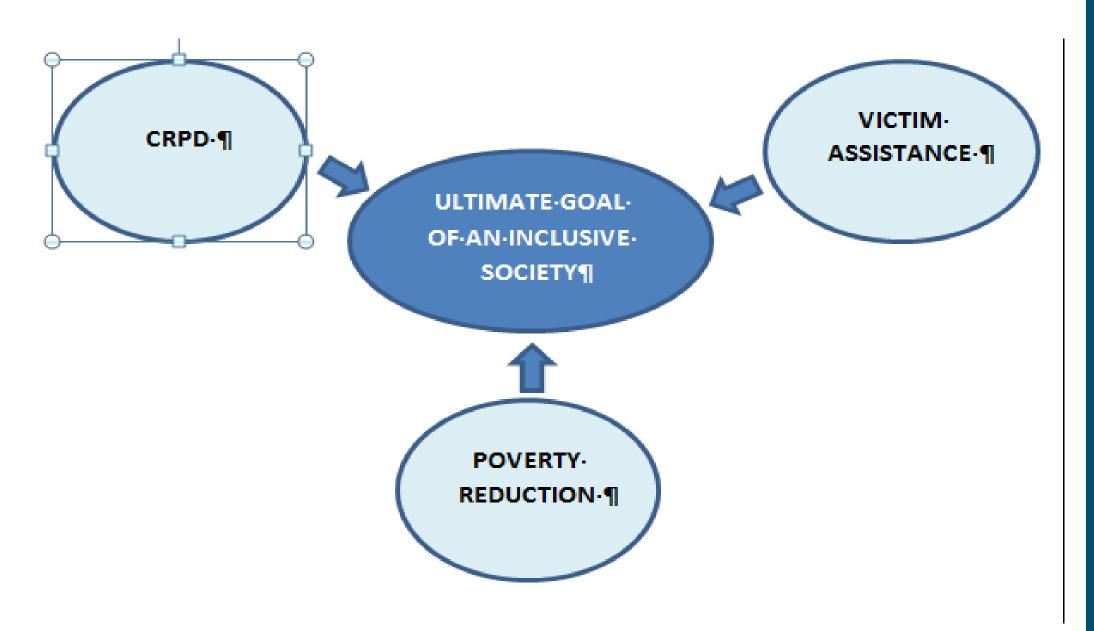
Socio-economic inclusion

Disability laws & disability - inclusive sectorial strategies

National laws and policies



VA as a door way to advance inclusion



Title of document

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

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

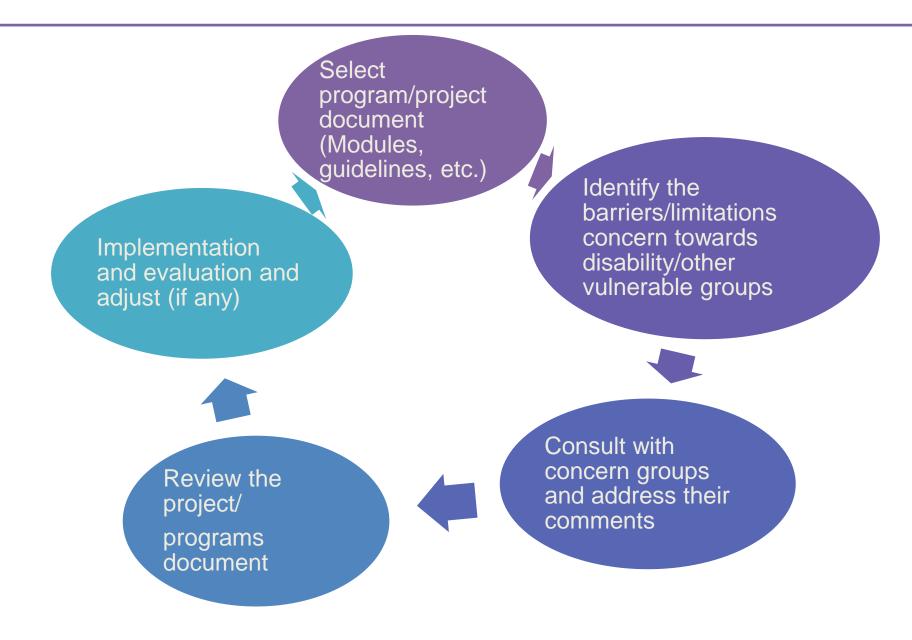
Inclusion Process

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

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

Social (Attitudes and stereotypes, family roles, socio-economic conditions, communication barriers, etc.) **Institutional (**Quality and accessibility of education, rehabilitation and health services, transport or communication systems and services, extent of inclusion in disaster preparedness plans, etc.) Political (The law of the land and its implementation, state policy including Economic (Cost of adherence to the therapeutic services, international instruments. assistive and adaptive entitlements, political devices, employment representation, etc.) opportunity, skills, etc.) Physical (Barriers in the built environment, spaces and transportation as a result of designing and planning which denies equal opportunities to people with disabilities.)

Way forward on 'Disability Inclusion within ongoing Programs'



Thanks

