



The Implementation Support Unit

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production
and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction

www.apminebanconvention.org

Victim Assistance (VA)

What the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention says:

- 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 (Art. 6.3) 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.”**



What is VA?

Victim	Victims Assistance	Principles / Understandings
Individuals	Data Collection	Non – discriminatory approach
Family	Emergency and medical care	Nation responsibility recognized
Communities	Rehabilitation	Human Rights context understood
	Psychological support	Gender dimension and diversity incorporated
	Social and economic inclusion	Development context understood
	Laws and Policies	Integrated approach applied



Maputo Action Plan

VA actions #12 - #18



Maputo Action Plan

Action #18:

*"...report in advance of the next Review Conference on **measurable improvements** made in the well-being and the guarantee of the rights of mine victims, **challenges that remain** and **priorities for assistance** as relevant."*



VA in the context of the CRPD

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (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



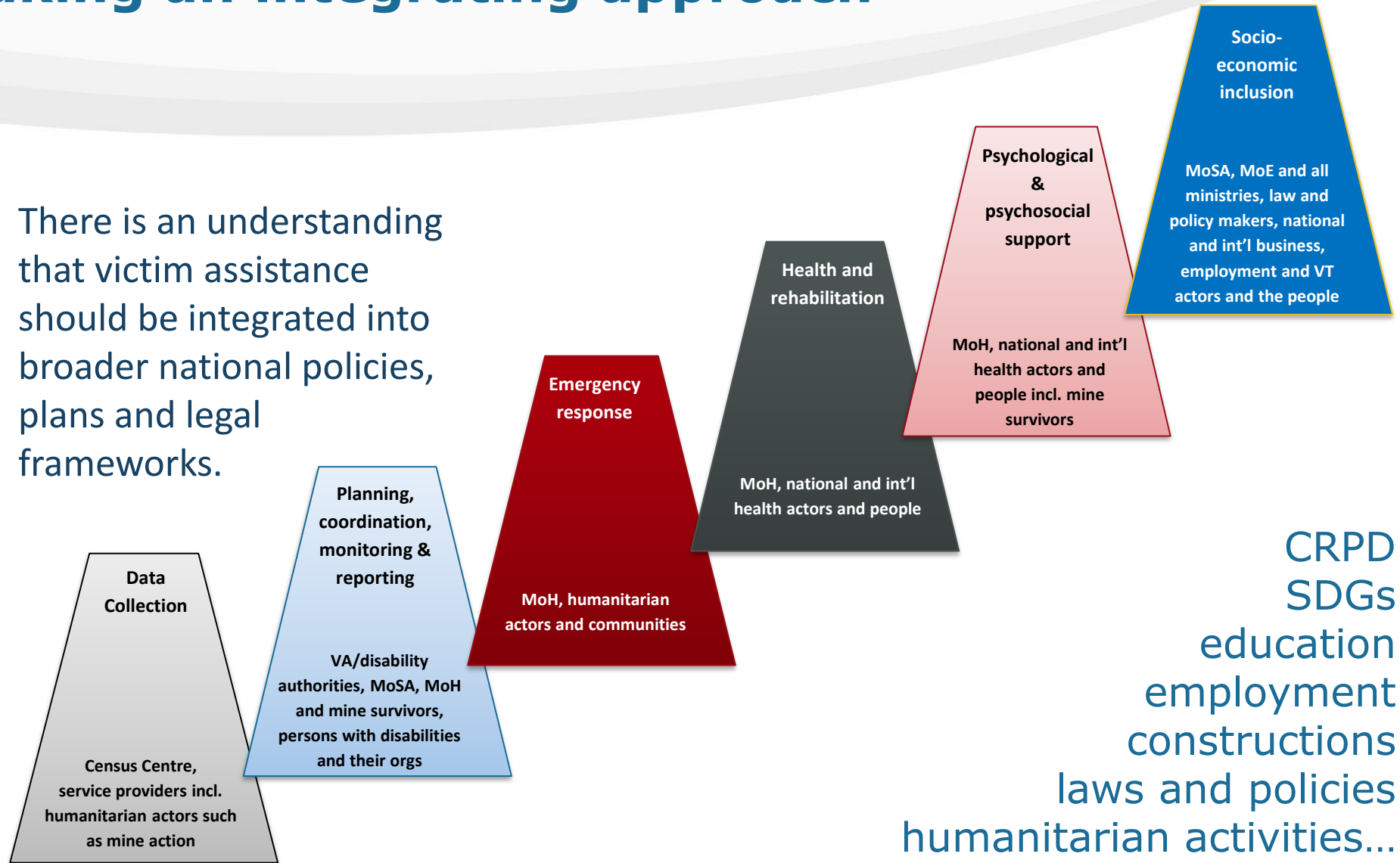
Applying a strategic approach to VA

1. Raise awareness
2. Assign responsibility for the process
3. Designate an inter-ministerial/inter-sectoral group
4. Analyse the situation
5. **Convene a national workshop / consult**
6. **Review the situation analysis**
7. **Develop SMART objectives**
8. **Develop a national plan and formulate a budget**
9. Integrate the national plan in broader work plans and budgets
10. Mobilise resources
11. Coordinate
12. Monitor and evaluate
13. Report



Taking an integrating approach

- There is an understanding that victim assistance should be integrated into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks.



Inclusive Development

- It's about the process of ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities' rights and needs of any policies and programmes in all areas and at all levels
- For example, the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) aims to *"...ensuring that the UN system is fit for purpose in relation to disability inclusion. It provides a foundation for sustainable and transformative change on disability inclusion through all pillars of the UN's work."*



Mine Action Centre's roles in VA

- First response and evacuation
- Data collection
- Referrals
- Inclusion
- Resource mobilisation
- Awareness raising
- Reporting



Fostering Partnerships

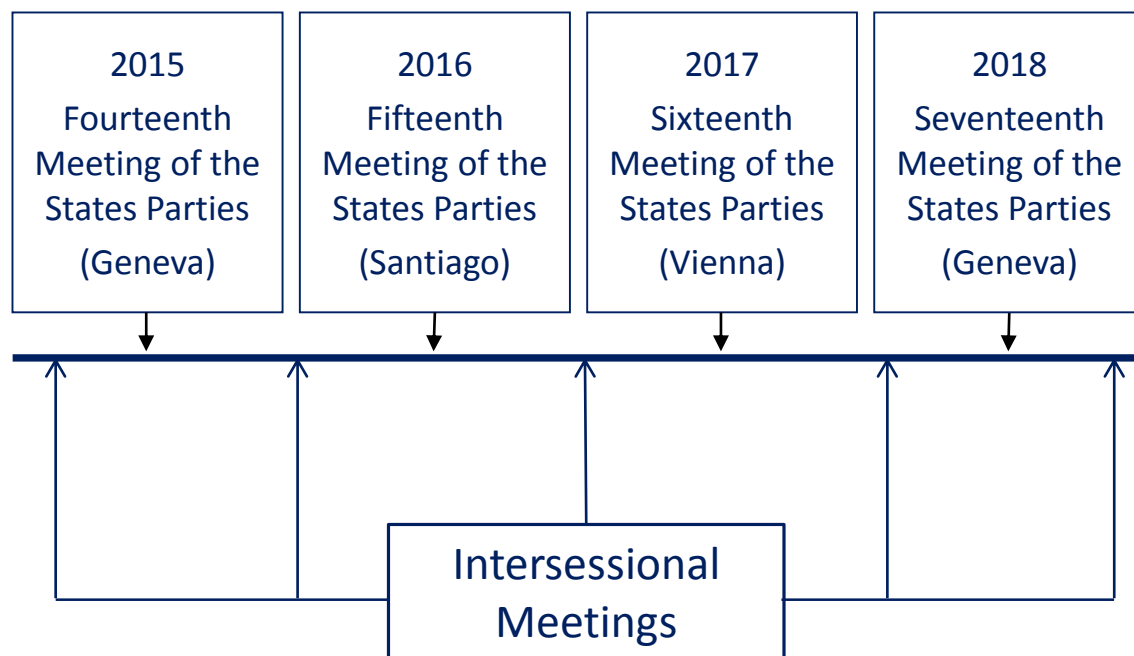
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Meetings of the Convention

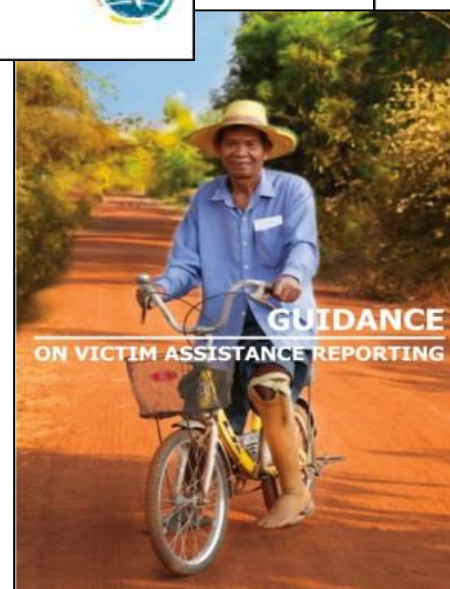
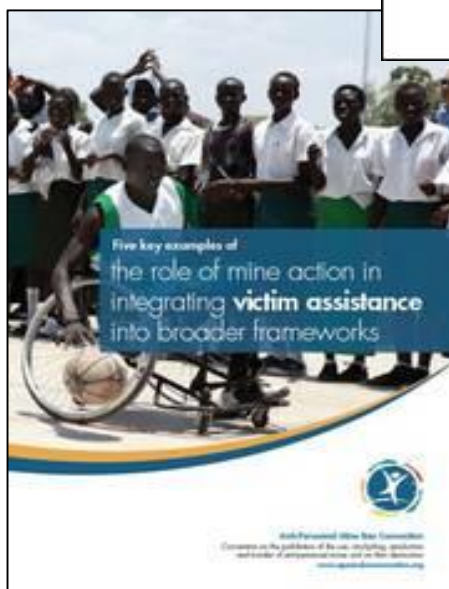
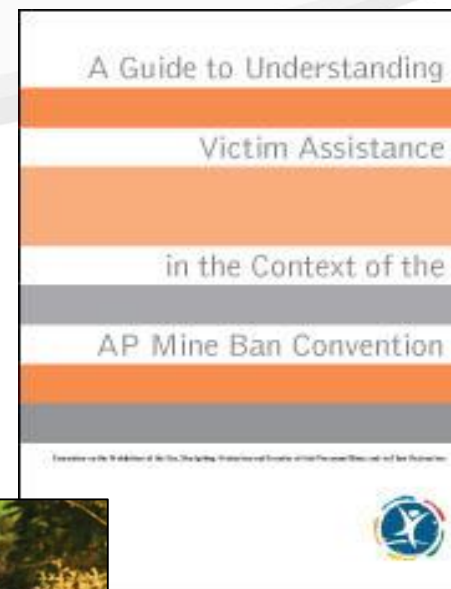
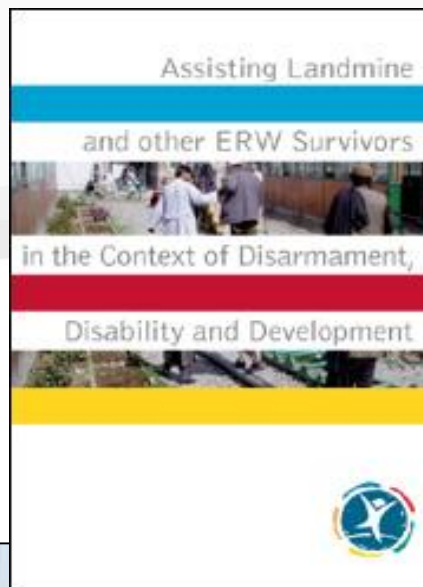


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<https://www.apminebanconvention.org/publications-about-the-convention/victim-assistance/>



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