



What is the integrated approach to victim assistance?

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Incorporating victim assistance into broader frameworks and mechanisms

- ▶ First reference in outcome docs of the 1st MSP in 1999
- ▶ Mentioned in the 2004 Nairobi Action Plan
- ▶ Reiteration in 2009 Cartagena Action Plan
- ▶ Underscored in the Convention on Cluster Munitions
- ▶ Increasing conceptual understanding in the Maputo and Dubrovnik Action Plan
- ▶ Real action – 2014 through Bridges between Worlds conference in Medellin



Dubrovnik and Maputo Action Plan

Ensure that existing national policies, plans and legal frameworks related to people with similar needs, such as disability and poverty reduction frameworks, address the needs and human rights of cluster munition victims, or adapt such plans accordingly.

Monitor and evaluate.....

All States Parties will seize every opportunity to raise awareness of the imperative to address the needs and guarantee the rights of mine victims.....



Elements of victim assistance *are all part of larger sectors*

Data collection/surveillance

- ▶ Understanding the challenges faced

Health

- ▶ Medical care
- ▶ Functional and physical Rehabilitation (*health related rehab*)
- ▶ Psycho-social support

Social inclusion, inclusive education, work & employment, social protection

- ▶ Socio-economic inclusion

Disability and vulnerability -inclusive sectorial strategies

- ▶ National laws and policies



Integration of WHO into WHAT?



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Is the promise of the treaty through specific victim assistance efforts....?

- ▶ Decreasing earmarked funding for victim assistance
- ▶ Increasing # of countries reaching article 4 and 5 obligations



Is the promise of the treaty realized by means other than specific victim assistance efforts....?

- ▶ Assumption that disability-inclusive efforts will also reach survivors
- ▶ Little to no knowledge on whether indirect victims receive assistance



Victim assistance - a dual approach: The integrated approach

- VA specific efforts lead to interventions that act as a catalyst to advance inclusion of persons with disabilities, including survivors, in mine/ERW affected countries
- Non – VA labeled efforts in mine/ERW affected countries reach direct and indirect victims amongst broader group of beneficiaries

VA earmarked funding should continue UNTIL mainstream efforts have demonstrated that they are inclusive of all persons with disabilities, including survivors, and vulnerable populations, including indirect victims.





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Description of the initiative

- ▶ December 2015: Coordinators agree to develop guidance
- ▶ March 2016: 38 states targeted with tailored questionnaires
- ▶ April 2016:
 - Analysis of response (% response rate)
 - In-depth analysis of a reduced # of countries
 - Follow-up in-depth interviews
- ▶ May 2016: Participatory workshop with donor and affected states
- ▶ June - September 2016: Participatory development of draft guidance document by states for states
- ▶ November 2016: Launch of guidance document



From the view point of survivors...

