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***Victim Assistance in the context of the implementation of the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with
Disabilities.***

Relevance of the CRPD to Victim Assistance

CRPD provides guidance to a rights based approach to victim assistance by:

- ***Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities***
- ***Prohibiting any kind of discrimination between persons with disabilities and on the basis of disability***
- ***Enhancing efficiency, coordination and sustainability of services***

Relevance of the CRPD to Victim Assistance

Contributing to mainstream Disability in all sectors of development.

.Promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the social, cultural, economic and political life.

Implementing the CRPD

CRPD Article 33 requires :

1. Designating one or more Focal Points.
2. Establishing a Coordination Mechanism within government.
3. Creating an independent framework to promote, protect and monitor its implementation.

Implementing the CRPD

The main measures to implement the CRPD provisions are:

1. Review national laws and prohibit any kind of discrimination on the basis of disability
2. Define a National Disability Policy
3. Prepare a Plan of Action and Budget

Implementing Victim Assistance within the CRPD

1. Planning & Coordinating
2. National Disability Plans
3. Access to Services
4. Promoting the rights of cluster munition survivors
5. Resource Mobilization

Recommendations to States Parties

1. PLANNING AND COORDINATING

States Parties of CCM and CRPD, should establish one ***Focal Point and a Coordination mechanism*** with the authority and resources to plan and manage disability provisions and measures, including assistance for cluster munition victims.

Recommendations to States Parties

2. NATIONAL DISABILITY PLANS

The *Disability Coordination mechanism* should prepare a **National Disability Plan**, defining **priorities, targets, objectives, activities, outcomes** and **indicators** on:

Health

Rehabilitation & Psychosocial support

Education

Work & Employment

Accessibility

Social protection

Recommendations to States Parties

3. ACCESS TO SERVICES

The Disability Plan should create/ enhance services and benefits to all persons with disabilities, without discrimination based on the origin or type of disability

National authorities and representatives from the civil society should ensure that people with disabilities including cluster munitions victims are informed and have access to all available services and benefits

Recommendations to States Parties

3. ACCESS TO SERVICES

CRPD Article 26 :

States shall *organize, strengthen and extend services* to better attend and include people with disabilities, and specifically

"shall promote the development of initial and continuing training for professionals and staff working in rehabilitation services" and

"promote the availability, knowledge and use of assistive devices and technologies, designed for persons with disabilities"

Recommendations to States Parties

4. PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF CLUSTER MUNITION SURVIVORS

Governments should mainstream disability **in all national development's policies and work towards eliminating barriers to the inclusion and participation of people with disabilities including cluster munition victims.**

National authorities and relevant disability stakeholders should **raise awareness and inform persons with disabilities, families and communities about their rights, available services and benefits.**

Recommendations to States Parties

5. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

At international level, States Parties of CCM and CRPD should apply for specific funding mechanisms in support of the CRPD implementation, for example through the **UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF).**

Recommendations to Mine Action Centres

Role of Mine Action Centres in promoting victim assistance to cluster munition survivors:

1. Advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities and for the ratification and implementation of the CRPD
2. Contributing to data collection and surveillance of cluster munition casualties
3. Channeling funds to national disability programs and structures

Implementing VA within the CRPD

Supporting cluster munition victims, by ratifying and implementing the CRPD, States parties to the CCM will:

Create a non discriminatory, comprehensive and sustainable national disability framework.

Avoid duplication and maximize resources.

Ensure the expertise and quality of disability services and benefits.