

#### Promoting the Victim Assistance in the framework of CRPD

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# Afghanistan and CRPD

- Afghanistan has been involved in drafting and developing process of the CRPD
- Continuing advocacy and awareness by all stakeholders (government and civil society) continued till ratification of the CRPD
- Afghanistan national assembly approved it in June 2011
- Afghanistan ratified it on 18 September 2012
- CRPD printed in 8 national languages:
  - Dari and Pashto
  - Uzbeki, Balochi, Pashayee and Turkemani
  - Braille and Sign Language



#### **CRPD in Official Gazette:**



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#### **Extraordinary Issue**

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13December2006
- Diplomatic Conference for Adoption of a Convention on Cluster Munitions

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## Afghanistan and CRPD continue...

- The Handbook for parliamentarians on CRPD and its optional protocol published
- GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (Effective Use of International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms to Protect the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) of IDA published
- Advocacy Committee on the Rights of persons with Disabilities (ACPD), Civil Society, Stakeholders and relevant ministries are continually advocating for implementation of CRPD



### Afghans celebrating their CRPD membership







# CRPD and VA/disability document

- The enforced Law on the rights and Benefits of Disabled Persons developed based on CRPD principles
- The law included the mine/ERW survivors as the beneficiaries by providing services including the financial support
- Currently the disability law is under amendment to be fully in line with CRPD principles



### Afghanistan National Disability Action Plan (ANDAP)

- ANDAP ended by 31st December 2011 it is developed to address the rights and needs of PWD including mine/ERW survivors within the framework of Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and APMBTC
- ANDAP has 8 components:
  - 1. Understanding the extent of the challenge (data collection);
  - 2. Emergency and continuing medical care;
  - 3. Physical rehabilitation;
  - 4. Psychological support and social reintegration;
  - 5. Economic reintegration;
  - 6. Community based rehabilitation;
  - 7. Inclusive education; and,
  - 8. Laws and public policies
- ANDAP 2013 (2017) is being developed in line with the CRPD principles



## Current status of ANDAP

- Afghanistan initiated the development of National Policy for Persons with Disabilities prior to revision of ANDAP,
- The National Disability Policy is under development, led by the deputy minister of MoLSAMD
- ANDAP is being reviewed jointly by VA and Disability stakeholders



## **Available Services**

- Physical Rehabilitation services have been integrated into the MoPH Basic Package of Health Services and the Essential Package of Hospital Services, which health programmes implementing in all provinces
- New guidelines for those services include:
  - awareness raising on disability rights,
  - identification of persons with disabilities,
  - early childhood development milestones



### **Available Services**

 Standard data collection forms, staff terms of references and minimum requirements for equipment, staff and facilities

 National Disability Institute has been built to provide support to persons with disabilities, under the management of MoSALMD



# Challenges

- Funding in government and less donor
- Insufficient capacity in government
- Sustainability
- M&E of programs
- Weak UN presence in disability program
- Female professionals and less professional in rural areas
- Data collection



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