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**Oral Statement on Victim Assistance**

**Sudan**

Dear CO- chairs, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Victim Assistance program in Sudan has registered progress at all different areas of interventions of Victim assistance and disability, starting from data management and ending with complete reintegration of survivors and victims' families back to society. All VA objectives are in line with the MAP

Landmine Victims Associations were empowered and involved in implementation of victim assistance/disability projects; Mine/ERW victims and other persons with disabilities are fully involved in all the VA activities such as monthly coordination meetings, VA training courses and special events such as International Day for Mine Action, and other awareness campaigns on their rights.

In Sudan the inter-ministerial / inter-sectorial coordination mechanism is in place and is actively led by the National Mine Action Centre .The National Mine Action Centre in Khartoum chairs the VA working group and co- chair the VA/disability coordination working group (VACWG) in Elfasher, North Darfur. The VACWG in northern Darfur is co-chair by Ministry of Social Affairs. VA monthly coordination meetings are the main forum where all actors working in Victim Assistance/disability meet, share information, reports and experiences. We believe that this coordination mechanism was one of the main factors which led the successful Victim Assistance program in Sudan; it avoids duplication and allow the best use of the available funds. More over NMAC, VA department is an active member in the National Disability Council. To strengthen coordination, advocacy and information-sharing, Office of Disposal Ordnance (ODO) jointly with NMAC sub -office in northern Darfur has formed the VA/disability Coordination Working Group in North Darfur.

The office of disposal ordnance in close collaboration and coordination with NMAC sub-office in Darfur established the data collection mechanisms relating to Victims of ERW in Darfur and to build the capacity of the existing Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) towards the integration of the ERW Victims in the community.

20 reports of ERW accidents were collected and 59 victims have been registered in all Sudan till April 2016. NMAC and UNAMID\ODO linked the injured victims with the Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) in respective states, besides supporting the DPOs to integrate them in the available services such as mainstream education, health services and other social and economic needs.

NMAC and ODO cooperated with some of the victims' families, NGOs, community leaders, local police besides social and health workers in responding to the early needs of the victims specially transporting them from the location of the accident to the nearest health facility, then ODO monitored the medication, rehabilitation and inclusion phases.

NMAC Played a major role in rehabilitation of Mine\ERW victims through ensuring provision of:

- Psycho-social support services for the MINE\ERW victims in coordination with State Ministries of Health through the local hospitals and health centers.

- Prosthetics and Orthotics services provided to some victims in collaboration with branch National Authority of Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO).

- Physiotherapy services provided in coordination of Ministries of Health in hospitals and DPOs; in addition; ODO supplied 4 Physiotherapy exercise sets for the centers in Khartoum, Nyala, Kassala and El Geneina.

With respect to physical rehabilitation services, NAPO has continued the provision of these services through their Rehabilitation Center. Hope Medical City which is an active member with the VA working group in Khartoum and the second producer continued the provision of physical rehabilitation services now its Activity is renovated.

Capacity building of local organizations represented a very important area of work. This was done through meetings and discussion organized with organizations (mainly local NGOs). NMAC and ODO played a major

role in building the capacity of the partners through training sessions for the Disabled People Organizations memberships. Main topics covered included: Planning, Report Writing, Monitoring and Evaluation, Leadership, Team work, Basics of Fund Raising, Basics of Proposal writing.

NMAC\ODO initiated Income generation projects in Darfur to support of ERW/UXO victims to improve their economic and livelihood status. The projects provided through the DPOs to serve the ERW victims

Recently the number of projects to empower land mine victims and Persons with Disabilities is declining due to the lack of funds.

Concern the initial action plan for the VA .department, we look for :

1:Update the VA. Action plan.

2:There are total nrs of 2016 victims,700 of them received help, the rest of them need to be help as well if the fund is available.

3:To coordinate will the other governmental bodies with the same concern to make the VA issues in the main stream of the state policies accordingly to Maputo Action Plan.

4:Other works shops and activity related to training and some new conceptions in VA.

In this year there will be some projects plans for 25 victims form Japanese fund and there is MRE project will be implement from the Italy fund in Eastern Sudan, we took this opportunity to thanks the government of Japan and government of Italy.

Finally I would like to thank all donors who are contributing to the success of our program.

Thank You