**National Legal Framework**

- The Uganda Constitution recognises the rights of PWDs and provides for enactment of laws and policies - article 35.
- PWDs represented at village, parish, subcounty district & Parliament
- The National Council for Disability (2003) monitors and evaluates implementation of disability programmes
- The Persons with Disabilities Act 2006 provides a comprehensive legal protection for PWDs

**National Legal Framework-cont**

- Employment Act 2006
- Local Governments Act
- The Equal Opportunities Act 2007
- The Education Act 2008 provides for inclusive education

**National Legal Framework-cont**

- The Parliamentary Election Act 2005 provides for 5 MPs
- The Children' Act for early assessment of disabilities among children
National Policy Framework

• The 2006 National Policy on Disability provides framework for responding to the needs of PWDS
• National Plan of Action on Disability 2010-2014 is pending final approval
• The National Health Policy 2010-2020 streamlines, strengthens and extends rehabilitation services to all districts in line with the decentralisation policy

National Planning Framework

• The 2007 Microfinance Outreach Plan aims at spreading micro finance services to underserved areas where the poor live. PWDS do access
• CBR strategic plan to fully integrate PWDS into their communities and to equalise opportunities
• The National Development Plan 2010-2015 guides public action to eradicate poverty and promote economic growth. Disability mainstreaming is a core part.

National Planning Framework - cont

• The Health Sector Strategic and Implementation Plan (HSSIP) 2010-2015 to broaden coverage and improve quality of services including for PWDS and Survivors
• The Education Sector Strategic Plan 2004-2015 aims at improving access to education for children with disabilities

Uganda developed the comprehensive plan on victim assistance 2010-2014

• VISION = Full inclusion and participation of survivors and other PWD in all spheres of society
• MISSION = To facilitate the equalisation of opportunities and rights for survivors and other PWD in mine affected communities
Overall objective

- To increase access to affordable and sustainable quality services to address the rights and needs of survivors and other PWD in mine affected communities

Specific objectives

- To establish a reliable qualitative and quantitative database on disability by 2011
- Review, formulate, disseminate & implement laws & policies that guarantee the rights of survivors and other PWD by 2014
- Develop & or strengthen emergency response in mine affected areas
- Increase access to quality health services in mine affected areas
- Increase access to Physical & rehabilitation services to survivors & other PWDs by 2014

Specific objectives -cont

- To increase literacy levels from 48% to 60% among survivors & other PWDs
- Achieve 60% access to appropriate psychological & psychological support services to identified survivors & other PWDs
- Improve livelihoods of > 1200 survivors, other PWD & their families
- Raise awareness among survivors & other PWDs, CSO on their rights under international conventions & protocols
- Strengthen coordination
- Institute effective M&E

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Human rights-based approach
- Non-discrimination
- Inclusion
- Gender responsiveness
- Dignity
- Equity & Equality
- Social choice
- Adaptability
- Transparency & Accountability
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Multi-sectoral approach
- Mainstreaming
- Decentralised service delivery
- CBR
- PPP
- Resource mobilisation
- Awareness raising
- Capacity building
- Research and documentation
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Family and community based care

Planned Interventions

- Laws & Policies
- Data collection & management
- Emergency response
- Health care
- Physical & Functional rehabilitation
- Education Psychological & Psychosocial support
- Economic growth
- Awareness raising
- Coordination
- M & E

Achievements so far:

1. Data collection and management

- Reviewed existing tools
- Conducted needs assessment of survivors & other PWDs
- Conducted mapping of services & providers
- Office of the Prime Minister Mine Action Center getting reports using IMSMA format

Achievements cont

2. Laws & Policies

- Initial report for CRPD committee in final stages
- Shadow report from NGOs also prepared
- The Disability Act 2006 being amended to make it more easily operationalised
Achievements cont
3. Emergency response

- Casualty units being upgraded in a phased manner
- Emergency response capabilities assessed in mine affected areas
- National Ambulance system being discussed
- MOH implementing village health teams to link with communities, provide 1st Aid, and for early identification & referral

Achievements cont
4. Health

- Some equipment procured by MOH for Casualty units
- Health care services assessed in mine affected areas (Gulu Kumi, Buluba, Kasese)
- Some guidelines on trauma care, wheelchair developed
- Some Health workers orientated in injury management

Achievements cont
5. Rehabilitation

- Assessment of rehab. Services needs of survivors in mine affected areas
- 2 orthopaedic workshops (Mbale & Fortportal) reinforced to produce more assistive devices, courtesy of ICRC
- Assistive devices distributed
- Training of Rehab. workers on new wheelchair technologies ongoing
- Self Help Groups identified and trained courtesy of Handicap International

Achievements cont
6. Education

- Training of SNE teachers emphasized and their recruitment by affirmative action
- 2 secondary schools built for the severely disabled
- Functional adult literacy campaigns ongoing
- Children with disability given special consideration in National Exams
7. Economic empowerment

- Microfinance institutions & SACCOS encouraged to use affirmative action to provide loans to survivors & other PWDs
- National Agricultural Advisory services (NADD) teaching all on new farming techniques, survivors inclusive. Also gives farm inputs
- Social transfers of ug shs. 22000 per month to vulnerable persons to start in August 2011 in a phased manner
- Companies employing >PWD get tax exemption

8. Awareness

- International conventions awareness campaigns ongoing
- International day of the disabled given high profile. Presided over by high ranking officials eg President, Speaker of Parliament
- Disability IEC materials in circulation

9. Coordination

- Since 2007, coordination under leadership of MGLSD
- A multisectoral steering committee sits regularly but limited by budget cuts since January

10. Monitoring & Evaluation

- Other stakeholder give quarterly & annual reports
- Joint inter ministerial supervision visits conducted
- National Council for Disability has broad mandate but is not monitoring Comprehensive Plan
CHALLENGES

- Sustainability of interventions
- Funding including cooperation & communication on proposals by civil society
- Funding to supplement national budget
- Competing priorities esp. communicable diseases e.g. HIV/AIDS, Malaria
- Priority of injuries though increasing, needs further emphasis.
- Inadequate Human Resources of all cadres & for some completely lacking
- Productivity of existing Human Resources still constrained by several factors

Thanks a lot