












VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN ALBANIA

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Victim Assistance Strategy

Vision: All mine/UXO victims to be physically rehabilitated and socially economically reintegrated into their communities.

Landmine/UXO casualties in NE Albania: 238 mine/UXO survivors in Kukes region and 34 dead



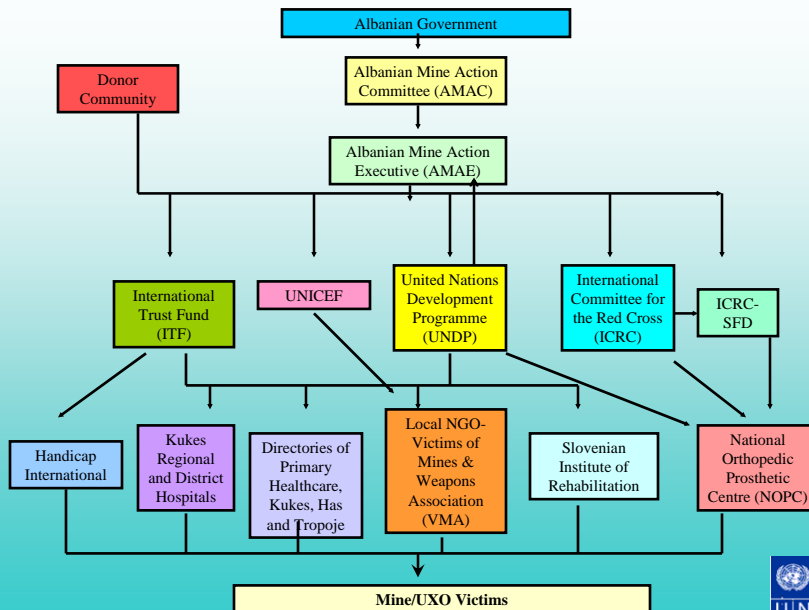
Sight Impaired mine victim and family at home



Two landmine survivors at Tropoja Hospital



Victim Assistance Actors





Medical Care, Social Support & Physical Rehabilitation

Emergency and Ongoing Medical Care

- Improve **surgical capabilities** of Kukes hospitals- provision of needed equipment and refresher trainings
- Improve **emergency care** provided at village level - training and establishment of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) network with 30 nurses in mined region, provision of equipment/supplies
- Treatment of sight impaired mine/UXO survivors
- CBSMS project 2006-2007.



CBR network

Social Support

- Mine survivor as well-reintegrated role model for others is employed with local NGO-VMA
- Nurses employed in CBR network



Triage for mine amputees with NOPC and Slovenian Institute

Physical Rehabilitation

- 100 amputees treated abroad in Slovenia(2000-2006)
- Building capacity of NOPC in Tirana-construction of new centre, provision of supplies, training of prosthetic technicians
- Establishment of Prostheses Repair Workshop in Kukes in March 2005-140 amputees assisted/small repairs.
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Project; 2006-8



Physiotherapy equipments, Kukes Hospital- March 2007





Vocational training & Local Enterprise Project (VTLEP) - July 2006 / March 2007

- A detailed assessment done with all survivors
- 30 beneficiaries Identified-Assisted
- Provided access to vocational training and to business management training for 20 mine/UXO survivors
- Provided mine/UXO survivors with knowledge and expertise to work in vocational professions and increase job opportunities for them and support in finding job following the training
- Provided support to 20 trained households to establish home-based businesses by working with them, while building their management capacity
- Provided Computer & English classes to 10 youth mine survivors
- Increased access to 10 youth mine survivors to educational re-integration
- 10 survivors trained to properly use computer and internet



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Victim Assistance Workshop held in Tirana, 11-12 April 2007

- With participation from MoH & MoLSA, health & rehabilitation providers at National and districts level, donors and Mine Survivors
- Technical Support from ISU- GICHD
- Review the Action Plan developed to meet the aims in Nairobi Action Plan
- Ensure that activities are integrated into long-term public health and social services plans
- Objectives developed more & means how to implement



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Goal: to build an Albanian Survivor Assistance Capacity

Plans for 2007-10:

- ✓ Construct a new NOPC premises in Tirana. Already \$ 250 000 given by Albanian Government.
- ✓ Provision of medical equipment and supplies for the NOPC and hospitals/health centres in Kukes region
- ✓ Train 6 prosthetic/orthotic technicians to international standards (March 2008)
- ✓ Training of medical specialists from Kukes region in provision of emergency and ongoing medical assistance
- ✓ Development of a sustainable physiotherapy training programme through the Nursing Faculty in Tirana (June 2009)
- ✓ Improved rehabilitation facilities and capacity in Kukes region (March 2008)
- ✓ Vocational training programme for another 30 mine survivors and another 32 mine survivors assisted in establishing home-based economies
- ✓ Establishment of revolving loan fund
- ✓ Small scale infrastructure development projects continued in cleared villages of Has and Tropoja districts
- ✓ Contribute to the fulfillment of the National Strategy for People with Disability (2005-2015)



There is still a final effort to be done to complete the job in Albania

Thank you

