VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN ALBANIA

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Mine/UXO Victim Assistance Components

Mine Survivor

- Access
- Legislation and Public Awareness
- Medical Assistance
- Prostheses and Physical Rehabilitation
- Psychological and Social Support
- Socio-Economic Reintegration
- Data Collection
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

Victim Assistance Actors

Albanian Mine Action Committee (AMAC)

Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE)

International Trust Fund (ITF)

UNICEF

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC)

HICAP International

Kukes Regional and District Hospitals

Directories of Primary Healthcare, Kukes, Has and Tropoja

Local NGO: Victims of Mines & Weapons Association (VMA)

Slovenian Institute of Orthopedic Prosthetic Centre (NOPC)

Mine/UXO Victims
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

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

Physical Rehabilitation
- 100 amputees treated abroad in Slovenia (2000-2006)
- Building capacity of NOPC in Tiranë-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

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
Goal: to build an Albanian Survivor Assistance Capacity

Plans for 2007-10:

- 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