

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE
OTTAWA CONVENTION

MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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COORDINATION

- BHMIC responsible for coordination
- Governmental org. and NGO
- Need to strengthen inter-ministerial and inter-agency cooperation and coordination
- Involve some ministries which have not been involved

EXPERIENCE

- Positive experience
(LSN , HENDICAPINTERNATIONAL,HOPE 87,CIR)
- Negative experience
Some organisation do not cooperate with ministries

NATIONAL MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

»Defining priorities for Mine Victims Assistance«
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

February 26-28, 2007

WORKING GROUP

Group 1 – Medical assistance

(including Emergency + Continuing medical care + physical rehabilitation + prosthetics)

Group 2 – psycho social support & economic reintegration & sport rehabilitation

Group 3 – Legislation, policy & coordination

STAKEHOLDERS

- **Governmental organization**

Ministry of Health, social welfare, education, foreign affair

- **NGO**

- **Users**

- **Employment sector**

- **Gender**

- **Sport**

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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Convention's Standing Committee on Victim
Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

OBJECTIVES

Specific

Measurable

Achivable

Relevant

Time -bound

INDICATORS

Clear and measurable

HEALTH

- Well organized network of health institutions for mine victim assistance
- Cost-effective and self-sustainable system

HEALTH

Continuous education in the fields of rehabilitation, prosthetics, reconstructive surgery, mental health

Standardization of services for mine victims assistance

Development of guides (manuals) in the field of mine victims assistance

Unified rights throughout the country

AWERNES

Rights and obligations of the mine victims

Mapping of the health institutions

Developing an info-centre

PROSTHETICS

- establishment of an association of prosthetics and licensing of prosthetic technicians (nurses)
- integration of a prosthetic education in the official education system and diploma recognition
- developing a guidelines for prosthetics

PSYCHO-SOCIAL REHABILITATION

Provide efficient service provision and use of existing capacities, existing infrastructure of 53 CBR for MH

Provide education and raising public awareness activities for users and general population on mental health issues – its importance and available services

Promotion of mental health through health life styles (recreation, creative and educative activities, art, etc.)

SPORTS REHABILITATION

- Active promotion of the sport in psycho-physical rehabilitation and reintegration of mine victims (amputees) in the local communities
- Regulating the status of sport for PWDs at the system level
 - ↳ Enforcing the Sports Law in FBiH
 - ↳ Allocating budget for PWDs
 - ↳ Media campaigns for the promotion of sport for PWDs

ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

More efficient resource usage of the Employment Fond for PWDs in RS and inclusion of PWDs in the process of economic reintegration

Enforcing the Law on professional rehabilitation and employment of PWDs in FBiH

Raising awareness among employees and their inclusion in public advocacy campaigns on employment of PWDs

POLITICS AND STRATEGY

Defining politics for mine victims
protection within the politics for people
with disabilities

Review of the strategy for mine victims
assistance

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- ensure transfer of knowledge and lessons learned (transfer of NGOs best practices to governmental sector in order to provide high quality of care to mine victims)
- improve coordination
- improve multi-sectorial cooperation

RISKS

- Limited capacities of some organizations
- Inappropriate allocation of the financial resources
- Existence of organizations that operate out of the official system
- Reporting: low quality and time delays
- Inadequate communication between NGO and Governmental sector