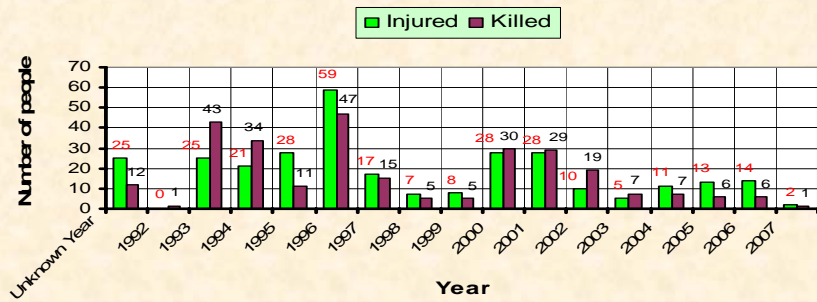




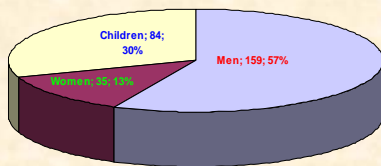
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE IN TAJIKISTAN

23-27 April 2007
 Geneva, Meeting of the
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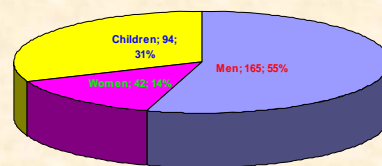
Statistical data on mine victims



Total number of killed - 278



Total number of injured - 301



Landmine survivors, 2006



20 casualties = 14 injured (6 children) & 6 killed (3 children)

Problems in Tajikistan

- **Poverty / Economic hardship;**
- **Unemployment;**
- **Lack of opportunities for reintegration;**
- **State disability pensions are very small;**
- **Absence of psychological support;**
- **Medical services located in urban centres are too expensive;**
- **Lack of funding commitment.**

TMAC VA Program

- **Create the National Strategy in collaboration with ministries;**
- **Plan & conduct VA Coordination Meetings;**
- **Maintain & update mine casualty database;**
- **Coordinate all VA activities in the country;**
- **Integrate activities of all partners (Ministries, Governmental organizations and NGOs);**
- **Advisory support for VA projects;**
- **Mobilize donor support (try to!).**

Government Measures

*** Adoption of Tajikistan's Victim Assistance objectives and plan of action 2005-2009 by the Commission on Implementation of International Humanitarian Law (CIIHL), (27 of July, 2006)**

*** Establishing an inter-ministerial coordination group**



TMAC Measures

- **Benefit event for victims of landmines**
- **Purchase & distribute:**
 - * *Sewing machines*
 - * *Shoe repairing equipment*
 - * *Bee-keeping equipment*
 - * *Musical Instrument.*



TMAC Measures Cont'

Needs Assessment (NA):

- Developed a questionnaire
- Conducted NA Survey (118 survivors)
- Analyzed Survey results
- Drafted micro proposals for individual survivors



Emergency and continuing medical care



•29 survivors received treatment in different hospitals - 2006;

•13 district hospitals received trauma and anesthetics kits from WHO;

•Questionnaire about assistance to survivors was sent to all NGOs working in health sector;

•Correspondence with Slovenia Institute of Rehabilitation regarding courses for retraining of doctors is underway.

Physical Rehabilitation

44 survivors were received at the National Ortho Centre in Dushanbe:

- * Free transportation to and from Dushanbe;
- * Accommodation;
- * 3 hot meals / day during their stay.



Professional Training



- 2 survivors studying at Special School for Disabled Children;
- School offers classes in accountancy, IT, tailoring, shoe and TV repairing;
- 3 Female survivors are included in the project “Social reintegration of vulnerable women in the Sugd region”.

Socio-economic Rehabilitation

- Ongoing negotiation with the 1st micro finance bank to include survivors into micro-credit programs
- Bee-keeping Project for 21 survivors’ families is underway;
- 8 Individual Income generation projects for survivors have been supported;



- 72 landmine survivors entered the income generation scheme.



Workshop on the implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty

30 March 2007

Recommendations to the government:

Recommendations to the international community:

- Provide support for mine action and VA as required by Article 6.3;
- Provide funds quickly and, in multi-year allocations to allow for long-term planning;
- Increase support for mine action VA;
- Mine action should be integrated and included in major development plans;
- Establish an Emergency Fund for medical treatment of survivors;
- Conduct medical training for district doctors and nurses.

2007 Portfolio of Mine Action Projects

1. **RCST: Rehabilitation and reintegration of mine victims through social centres (51,251)**
2. **RCST: Community income-generating initiatives for mine victims (26,770)**
3. **MoH: Ongoing Medical Care for landmine survivors (18,990)**
4. **NOC and MLSP: Travel and subsistence assistance for mine victims at national Ortho centre (35,385)**
5. **NOC and MLSP: Improvements to provincial prosthetics workshops (18,930)**
6. **NOC and MLSP: Shoe and clothing manufacture workshops at the Dushanbe orthopedic centre (27,010).**

Plan of Action

- **Complete NA survey (including assessment of economic status of survivors) by the end of 2007;**
- **Disseminate the directory of economic reintegration services in Tajikistan to all mine affected communities by the end of 2007;**
- **Train 50 healthcare workers to improve pre-hospital emergency response capacity in all mine-affected districts by the end 2007;**
- **30 survivors will participate in the Summer Camp;**
- **72 victims and their families continue participate in Income Generation Project and 72 new beneficiaries will begin new cycle;**
- **Provide all need survivors with prosthesis by 2009;**
- **Provide psychosocial support to at least 50% of registered mine/UXO survivors by the end 2008.**

**Thank you for your
attention!**

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