

**Standing Committee on
Victim Assistance and Socio-economic Reintegration**

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

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Thank you co-chair

In the beginning I am glad to give this announcement. Yemen signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is going to ratify it.

The Victim Assistance Department (VAD) of the Yemen Mine Action Centre continues to implement Phases I to III of its victim assistance plan.

Phase I : Survey and register survivors

In 2006:

Number of districts visited: 7

Number of communities: 68

Number of victims according to Level 1 impact survey: 0

From January to April 2007:

Number of districts visited: 5

Number of communities: 66

Number of victims according to Level 1 impact survey: 175

Phase II : Medical and Physical Examinations

In 2006:

Number of male child: 6

Number of male adult: 87

Number of female child: 2

Number of female adult: 9

From January to April 2007:

Number of male child: 2

Number of male adult: 58

Number of female child: 2

Number of female adult: 8

Phase III : Direct medical support and medical needs:

In 2006

Surgery + Ortho + Eye surgery: 30
Hearing aids: 17
Eye glasses + Eye Prostheses: 72
Wheel-chairs: 26
Artificial Limbs: 46
Physical therapy: 33
Laboratory tests: 15

From January to April 2007

Surgery + Ortho + Eye surgery: 5
Hearing aids: 2
Eye glasses + Eye Prostheses: 9
Wheel-chairs: 4
Artificial Limbs: 10
Physical therapy: 3
Laboratory tests: 3

Phase IV: Economic Reintegration:

Under the victim assistance strategic plan, the objective was to economically reintegrate 500 survivors by 2009. Phase IV is implemented in coordination with the Yemen Association of Landmine and ERW Survivors. The cost to reintegrate 100 survivors per year is US\$200,000. Unfortunately there is a lack of resources to fully implement the program. The budget would provide training and assist with opportunities for special courses and activities as follows:

- (1) Literacy and university education
- (2) Computer courses
- (3) Vocational training courses
- (4) Technical training courses
- (5) Hiring land for farming
- (6) Small business courses (Tele/boot, Propane gas, stitching, embroidery)
- (7) Small enterprise or micro-credit establishment

The VAD coordinates activities with the Ministry of Public Health and the following services are provided free-of-charge:

Casualties : Emergency care and transportation, hospital admission, blood transfusion, surgery, medicines, and medical appliances.

Survivors : Laboratory investigations, hospital admission, surgery, medicines and medical appliances, prostheses, and physiotherapy.

Psychological support is also available free-of-charge.