Working Together
To Build A Comprehensive Plan
in Victim Assistance

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Lessons Learned

- There is No Cookbook
  - Asked why so different between countries worked
  - Don't force country into a mold
- Requires Commitment
- Enabling Process
- Empowerment Issue
- Human rights Issue
- Cross Cuts Several Ministries

Shift Caused by Nairobi Action Plan

- No longer should we do victim assistance
- Now how shall we do victim assistance

Comprehensive Plans

- Ultimately the Government as the States Party is focal point in victim assistance.
- Victim Assistance Cross Cuts
- Find the fit
**Practical Steps**
- Discuss with different identified players
- Map out responsibilities
- Find the opportunities and consensus
- Review of programmes, laws and policies
- Dialogue
- Keep the mine action pillars equal

**Mapping**
- Discussion one on one of roles and responsibilities where want to go with each player
- Start to make some links check if interested and bring next link together

**DIALOGUE**
- Develop the framework as a team
- Participatory approach
- Builds ownership
- Builds trust
- Respect
- Choice
- Finding ways forward together

**POLICY AND LEGISLATION REVIEWED**
- Reviewed major policies in Government
- Reviewed Law
- Reviewed International Tools
- Initiated a Policy and Legislation for Mine Action with a focus on landmine survivors
Building Capacities

Strategies Used

- Tapped existing national capacity in health, social services and disabled persons movement as well as mine action
- Developing a Vision Together
- Strengthening each sector
- Integration and Mainstreaming
- Sustainability
- Working as a team so others know what picking up and the cross cuts

Empowerment

- Government being empowered to act, respond, make decisions and own mine action
  - Deliberate intent
  - National execution or something in-between
  - Careful analysis and consensus
  - Exit strategies developed
- Requires devotion and commitment from all

Putting a Comprehensive Plan Together

- Putting the pieces together as a team
- Find the fit that all can work within
- Ensure they link together as gaps cause problems
- Develop planning sessions
- Seek commitment with higher level officials in each section piece

Issues and Priorities Sometimes Different

- Landmine Survivors tend to prioritize sustainable livelihoods and social integration
- Donors tend to have their own priorities such as rehabilitation
- Government has own responsibilities within Constitution and other legal tools and responsible as a States Party

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Nothing About Us Without Us

- Landmine Survivors must fully participate in the development of the programme and its projects
  - Partnership with government
  - Consultation process
  - Assists in identifying what really required

Sustainability

- Financial Sustainability
  - Opening government budgets
  - Linking with other frameworks that have existing budgets
  - Building relationships with donors
  - Link with government priorities if possible

- Institutional Sustainability
  - Using government structures at national and local level
  - Building a strong Mine Action Center that works with respective ministries
  - Ensuring all components of mine action are working and integrated

1.4 Million IDPs in Camps

Mine Action for a Safe and Protected Return

National Mine Action Programme

- How can return be made safe?
- How can return be adapted to protect the returning population and promote social cohesion?
Support and Focused Attention Required

“Emergency situations always undermine or completely erode social patterns that support persons with disability.”

Non Discrimination

- Right to Return
- Affirmative Action required if segregation starting
- Gender
- Children
- No preference to groups

Inclusion into Development Framework

- The Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and the SMART objectives are extremely relevant.
- Two pronged approach good
  - Assist on strategies for supporting victim assistance and
  - integration with other programmes perhaps is the next step.
- Integration: the longer you wait the harder it gets, the longer it takes adding cost and effort

Defining Vulnerable Digging Deeper

Data Required for Donors and Understanding Issues
Is this child as easily served as the group in the other slide or is affirmative action required?

Inclusion and social protection are important for vulnerable populations defined by level of need.

Opportunities

- Victim Assistance can raise the profile for other persons with disability
- Enable and build capacity with governments to take responsibilities
- Inclusion
- Continue two prong approach
- Comprehensive Planning with full participation