THE ALBANIA VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

“TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE ALBANIAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE CAPACITY”
CAUSES OF MINE VICTIMS IN ALBANIA

- **1997 LOOTING AND DESTRUCTION OF MILITARY STORAGE SITES COUNTRYWIDE:**
  - RESULTED IN 15 “HOT SPOTS” WITH UNSTABLE MINES AND AMMU - AAF WITH NATO ASSISTANCE DEALING WITH THIS

- **KOSOVO CRISIS – MINE & UXO PROBLEM IN NE ALBANIA**
  - AT, AP BLAST AND AP FRAGMENTATION MINEFIELDS LAID ON KOSOVO/ALBANIA BORDER BY fYR FORCES DURING KOSOVO CRISIS
  - CLUSTER STRIKES BY fYR FORCES AND NATO
  - HUMANITARIAN MA PROGRAMME ADRRESSING THIS
THE CHALLENGE

- HOTSPOTS: STATISTICS NOT ACCURATE, 200+ VICTIMS
- NE ALBANIA, WELL ESTABLISHED REPORTING SYSTEM AND DATABASE:

SINCE 1999:
- 201 ACCIDENTS
- 216 INJURED
- 27 KILLED
- 1/3 ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE 15-30 AGE GROUP
- 1/2 FARMING, GRAZING CATTLE OR GOING TO SCHOOL

MOST RECENT JANUARY 2003 - KB1 BOMBLET
PROGRESS

- TIRANA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE UPGRADED AND OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT WITH EU AND HI SUPPORT
- 10 PROSTHESES TECHNICIANS TRAINED WITH ITALIAN AND ITF ASSISTANCE
- 147 VICTIMS TREATED IN ALBANIA AND PROSTHESES FITTED AT TIRANA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE WITH ICRC ASSISTANCE
- 66 VICTIMS RECEIVED ADVANCED TREATMENT AND FITMENT OF PROSTHESES AT SLOVENIAN REHABILITATION INSTITUTE WITH ITF (2YRS) ASSISTANCE
- 12 VICTIMS ASSISTED BY ICRC TO SET UP SMALL ENTERPRISES
- SEVERAL LAWS NOW AFFORD DISABLED PERSONS SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND THE MONTHLY PENSION FROM THE STATE WAS INCREASED
CONSTRAINTS

- TERRAIN AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NORTH COMPLICATES MEDEVAC
- PROPER TRAUMA TREATMENT LIMITED TO ARC AND DEMINING ORGS
- INADEQUATE SURGICAL FACILITIES IN NE ALBANIA
- BASIC ORTHOPAEDIC FACILITIES ONLY IN TIRANA
- NO TREATMENT OF SIGHT IMPAIRED
- VERY LITTLE REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF VICTIMS DUE TO LIMITED FUNDS
PLANNING

- Further treatment of more serious cases in Slovenia
- Treatment of Priority 2 cases in Albania
- Treatment of sight impaired victims
- Counseling, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims
- Surgical capability in NE Albania and advanced orthopaedic facility in Tirana
- Interim arrangement with Kfor for emergency surgical treatment in Kosovo
- Sustainable Albanian capacity by 2005-2006
3 YR PLANNING & PRIORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE

- TREATMENT OF 25 PRI 1 VICTIMS P/A ABROAD FOR 3 YEARS
- TREATMENT OF 10 SIGHT IMPAIRED VICTIMS
- PROVISION OF RAW MATERIALS TO TIRANA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE AND TREATMENT OF 100 VICTIMS
- TRAINING OF 3 DOCTORS IN NE ALBANIA IN ADVANCED SURGERY
- IMPROVING SURGICAL FACILITIES IN NE ALBANIA
- TRAINING OF A FURTHER 7 TECHNICIANS
- MICRO-FINANCE TO ASSIST WITH REINTEGRATION OF VICTIMS
- SUSTAINABLE ALBANIAN CAPACITY BY 2005

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