

# Mine Victim Assistance

Status Report

Croatia

# Background

- Croatia experienced four years of war from 1991 to 1995
- High level of unexploded ordnance and landmine contamination throughout the former war affected areas
- Currently around 1,700 square kilometres are treated as a mine suspected at which it is believed that 10% is actually mined

# 1,842 mine victims in Croatia, 414 fatalities

Mine Victims								
Year	Number Of Incidents	<>	NI	LI	UN	K	HI	Total
	58	6		11	3	25	51	96
1991	215	0		44	8	43	166	261
1992	191	0		53	12	37	142	244
1993	178	0		25	4	43	138	210
1994	104	0		34	1	31	81	147
1995	218	0	2	40	25	74	195	336
1996	121	0	1	22	1	39	107	170
1997	91	0		25	1	41	75	142
1998	61	0		24		37	36	97
1999	36			12		22	29	63
2000	14			4		8	8	20
2001	23	0		8		8	14	30
2002	21		3	7		6	10	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1842</b>

# 5,26% of mine victims - women

## Victims per gender

Gender	Number Of Incidents	<>	NI	LI	UN	K	HI	Total
	315	6		33	2	87	245	373
M	956		5	265	41	301	760	1372
F	60		1	11	12	26	47	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1842</b>

- 1,68% of mine victims –children under 18 years of age today
- 5,64% of mine victims –children under 18 years of age at the time of incident

Children under 18 years of age today						
Gender	Number Of Incidents	LI	UN	K	HI	Total
M	17	9	2	3	11	25
F	4	2			4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>

Children under 18 years of age at the time of incident						
Gender	Number Of Incidents	LI	UN	K	HI	Total
M	56	22	2	15	50	89
F	11	2	2	1	10	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>104</b>

# 6,24% of mine victims - deminers

## *Deminers mine victims*

<b>Deminer</b>	<b>Number Of Incidents</b>	<b>LI</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>HI</b>	<b>Total</b>
TRUE	65	12	1	43	59	<b>115</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>115</b>

# Current situation that reflects the status of mine victim assistance in Croatia

- Emergency and continuing medical care
- Physical rehabilitation/Prosthetics
- Psychological and social support
- Economic reintegration
- Capacity building and sustainability
- Laws and public policies

# Actions

- UN Mine Action Centre, initiated a project of mine victim data collection at the end of 1997 implemented by a Croatian NGO, the Centre for Disaster Management
- In May 1999 CROMAC initiated a Mine Victims Section (MVS) that performed a needs assessment among 287 civilian mine victims based on the data gathered by CROMAC
- In 2000 CROMAC, MVS and the Ministry of Health identified the need to provide psycho-social assistance to all mine victims
- In 2001 a Project for psycho-social support and rehabilitation of mine victims was began in existing hospital in Rovinj
- In 2001 MVS performed a needs assessment among children and young people up to 25 years of age
- Late 2001 a project was initiated to create permanent centre for rehabilitation of mine victims for whole region with the special emphasis on Children
- In 2002 CMVA in cooperation with the Centre for disaster management continues with the needs assessment amongst remaining 1,400 mine victims
- In 2002 rehabilitation and psycho-social support continues in the existing facility in Rovinj



# Expected results

- A detailed report on the mine victims surveyed - tool for decision making on issues related to mine victim rehabilitation
- Updated mine victim data base - tool for future amendments and adaptation of mine awareness programs
- Improved quality of life for mine victims both short and long term

# Impacts

- Increased level and quality of care for Croatian mine victims
- Advances in mine victims' quality of life
- Increased expectations of future economic opportunities
- Long-term management and cooperation between the Croatian health care system and the CMVA
- Informed decision-making concerning Croatian mine victims
- Representational advocacy on behalf of Croatian mine victims
- Strengthened positions of all stakeholders, in particular of CMVA
- More efficient management of State Budget and donor funds

# Victim assistance successes

- Project of psycho-social support and rehabilitation in Rovinj 2001-2002
- Donor – Canadian Government
- Budget ~98,000 US\$ total
- Employment of mine victims in CROMAC's data base department 2001-2003
- Donor – Norwegian Government
- Budget ~ 30,000 US\$ per year

# Music workshop in Rovinj 2001-2002



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# Mine victims employed in CROMAC Data Base Department



# Challenges

- Mine victims needs assessment – incomplete data base
- Implementation problems – insufficient manpower, short project implementation period
- Insufficient funding to meet all of our needs



# Future action strategy

- Continue strong fund raising activities
- Stronger involvement of medical expert teams in order to do regular follow ups on mine victims and their families
- Raising public awareness on the necessity of the reintegration of mine victims
- Generating future employment

Thank you for your attention



# Regional center for children mine victims



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