

BRIEF PRESENTATION BY THE ZAMBIA DELEGATION TO THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL
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Following the ratification of the convention, Zambia Mine Action Centre was established. An American CONSULTING CORPORATION RONCO trained personnel in Mine Risk Education, Impact Survey, Demining and Mine Action Information Management. No training in Victim Assistance and Social-economic re-integration was done.

The Zambian Mine action Centre therefore has no programme in Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration. However, currently victim assistance programmes in the country are done through the following organizations:

- ***The Cheshire Home.*** This is a Church organization running community based programmes for the disabled with outlets in Solwezi District in Northwestern Province, Kasama in Northern Province and in Lusaka Province.
- ***Ministry of Community Development and Social Services.*** This is a government body with inadequate funds to meet its obligations.
- ***The Association of the Blind and Handicap.***

Data on mine victims in terms of number, time of incident, type of device i.e. APM, UXO, AT or Fuse, is not held by a single body. However, our security forces hold some of this data.

However, through the ZMAC we hope to collect and store this data in our Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA).

We also hope to develop a monitoring system for psycho-social support, rehabilitation and re-integration of victims and a coordinating system to facilitate coordination of bodies dealing with victim assistance.

As regards Orthopaedic Centres we have, the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) which offers ICRC type of prosthesis at a reasonable cost and the Zambia-Italian Orthopaedic Hospital offering the Atlas type of prosthesis at a high cost.

In conclusion we would like to request the international donor community to assist the Zambia Mine Action Centre set up the victim assistance programme.