




*Meeting of Standing committees
Geneva Feb 04*

Medico-social situation of landmine
affected people in Uganda
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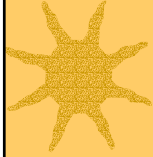


Affected Areas

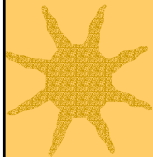
- ★ 3 districts in the North-Worst affected area
- ★ 2 in the East-only 2 incidences reported end of 2003
- ★ 2 Districts in the West- No reports of injury for 3 years



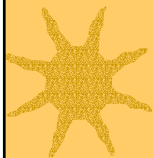
Affected areas (Cont)



★ In the North the target is civilian population



★ Landmines planted in gardens, near boreholes & other water sources, granaries, foot paths

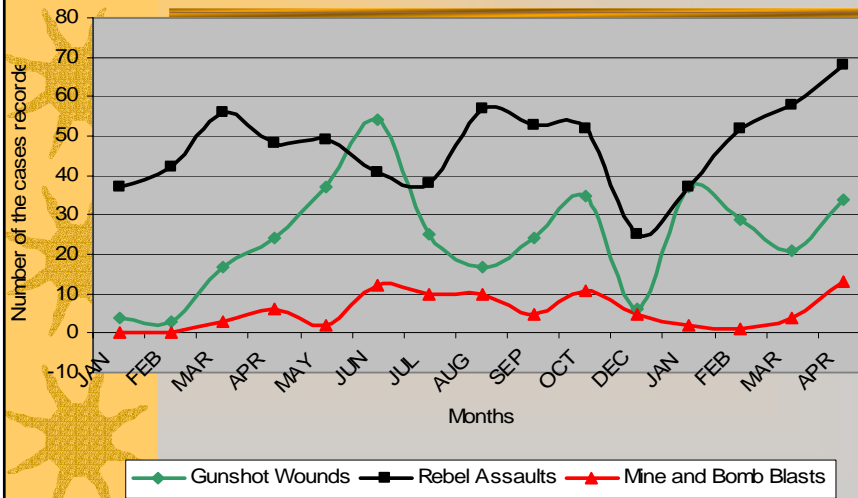


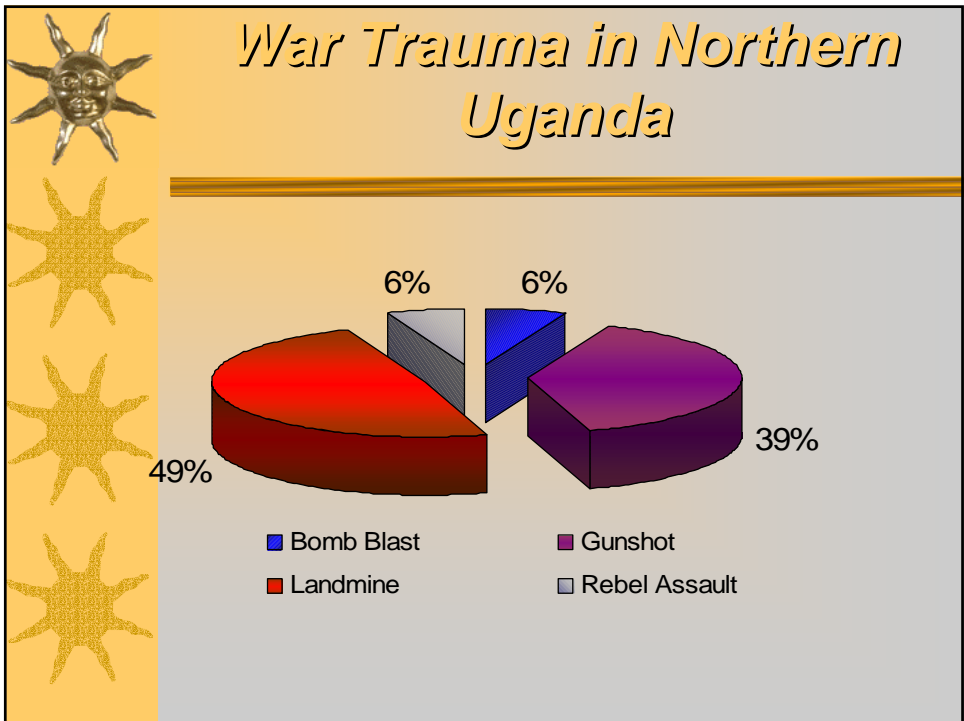
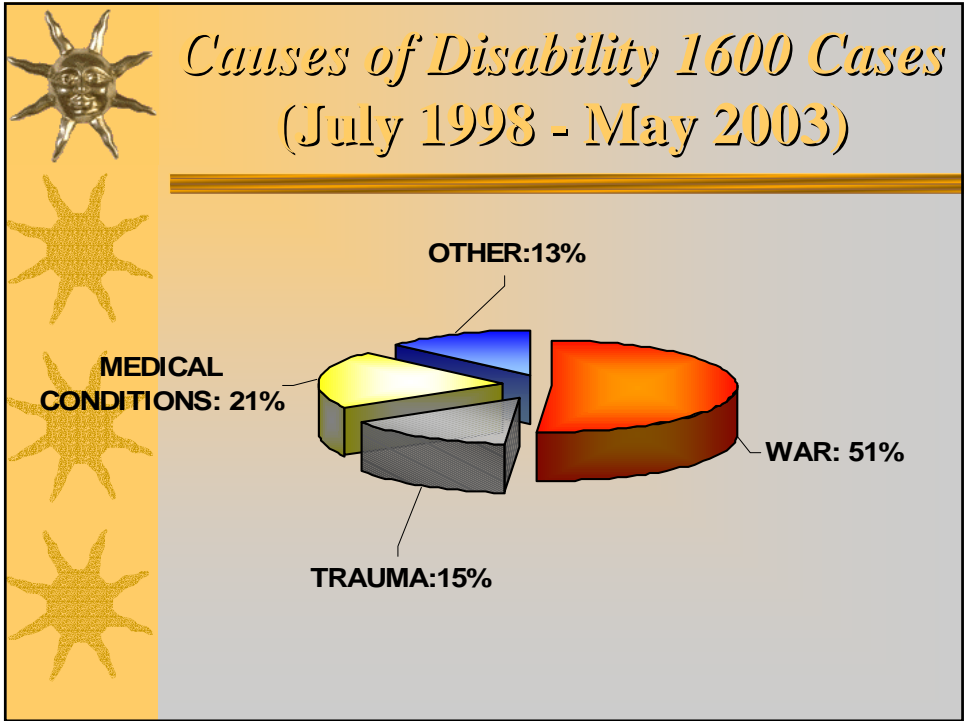
★ Wide spread and not mapped

★ Planted by withdrawing rebels



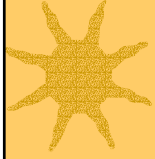
War related traumas recorded by Hospital in Gulu District (Jan 2002 - April 2003)





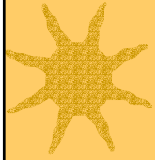


Rehabilitation



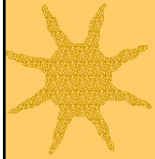
★ July 1998-May 2003

1,183 amputees
identified



323 due to landmines
(27.3%)

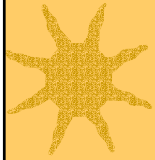
629 fitted with
prosthesis



221 are landmine victims
(35%)

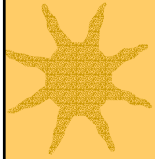


Community Education



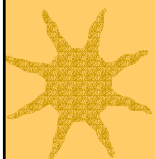
★ Intersectoral/NGOs/Community leadership

★ Sectors-education, health, community devt,
defence



★ Poster, booklets-adults

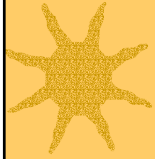
-children sara character



★ Community campaigns in IDPs, in schools



Out put of Community Education



★ Teachers 1,140

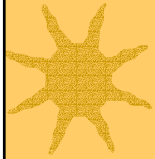
★ Political /community leadership
(IDPs & nonIDPS) 507



★ NGO staff 176

★ Youth grps 7 students 112

★ Religious leaders 77

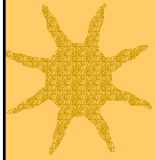


★ Others 43

★ TOTAL 2,055

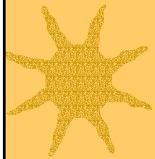


Outcome of education

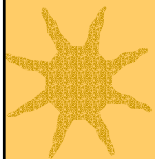


★ Increased landmine reporting and recovery

From 31 in 2001 to 111 in 2002

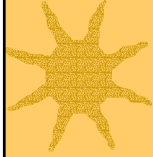


‘According to UPDF, wider community awareness of landmines has been instrumental in alerting the army when there is a potentially dangerous object to be removed’

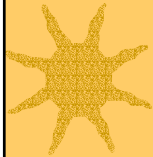
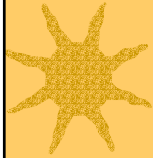




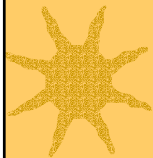
Challenges



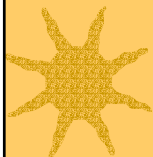
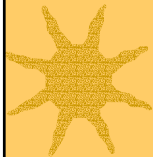
- ★ Continuing conflict
- ★ Comprehensive socio-economic rehabilitation
- ★ Follow up of amputees in the community is weak due to inadequate staff, transport
- ★ Landmine victims in the west of Uganda though few are not reaching services regularly
- ★ Inadequate rehabilitation arrangement for affected soldiers
- ★ Sustainability of services-disability is life long with accumulative burden with each new injury;
-mechanism to purchase



Way forward



- ★ Disability policy and council implementation
- ★ Advocate for prioritising injury and it's mgt including rehabilitation with relevant sectors
- ★ Community Based Rehabilitation in affected areas
- ★ Follow up on implementation of Ottawa treaty, Berne manifesto and Kampala declaration





Thankyou

AVSI
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Invitation