THE ALBANIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAMME

“Victim Assistance and Social-Economic Reintegration”

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Mine/ UXO Victims in Albania

• 238 mine/UXO survivors
• 34 deceased
• 25,500 civilians living in 39 directly affected villages
Socio-economic Impact

- Civilians residing in 39 directly affected villages denied access to their lands for agricultural purposes
- Potential infrastructure development is hindered
- Restricted movement of people and goods
- Some water sources in NE Albania are still blocked by mines
- Civilians are migrating from mine affected areas to other villages/towns in search of employment and services

Vision: All mine victims to be physically rehabilitated and socially economically reintegrated into their communities.

Mission: To build a sustainable Albanian victim assistance capability by December 2006.

Goals:
- To ensure the physical rehabilitation of 238 mine and UXO survivors
- Establish a sound basis by December 2006 for the socio-economic reintegration of mine and UXO victims in Northeast Albania
- Capacity building of a sustainable Albanian Victim Assistance structure by December 2006 for the physical rehabilitation of mine and UXO victims

Victim Assistance Strategy

With ICBL assistance a broad integrated victim assistance strategy was adopted in Albania.
Goal: to build an Albanian Survivor Assistance Capacity by 2006

Plans for 2005-6:
- Reconstruct the NPC
- Train prosthetic technicians to international standards
- Vocational training programme for mine survivors
- Establishment of revolving loan fund
- Advocacy raising for rights of people with disabilities

By the end of 2006, Albania should have the capacity to:
- Provide all prostheses within country
- Provide improved delivery of social and medical services
- Rehabilitate mine victims through the establishment of an active community based rehabilitation network in NE Albania
- Ensure the socio-economic reintegration of mine/UXO survivors through an effective vocational training and revolving loan scheme

Victim Assistance in Albania

- Legislation and Public Awareness
- Medical Assistance
- Prostheses and Physical Rehabilitation
- Psychological and Social Support
- Socio-Economic Reintegration
- Data Collection
- Mine Survivor
Victim Assistance Actors

Victim Assistance Activities

- Capacity Building of NPC and provision of raw materials - ICRC-SFD
- Assistance abroad to amputees with difficult cases – ITF/US DoS
- Surgical Equipment for Kukes Regional Hospital – ITF/US DoS
- Social Services Project – ITF/US DoS
- Socio-economic reintegration through animal husbandry – ITF/US DoS
- Support to Landmine/UXO Survivors Project – UNDP (Night of a Thousand Dinners)
- Reintegration of Landmine/UXO Survivors Project – UNDP (BCPR DfID)
ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

- A revolving fund was set up in 2003 with US funding through the ITF, for the development of household economies among families of victims in NE Albania.
- A survey was done to:
  - Identify viable household economies – agricultural activities of beekeeping and animal husbandry were identified
  - Determine the situation, needs and capabilities of each family - criteria were: degree of suffering/disability, economic situation and experience with relevant agricultural activities
- Each family, according to priorities, are allocated either 2 cows, 10 goats/sheep or 5 beehives, procured out of the revolving fund.
- Families are also trained and assisted.
- Loans (calves, lambs, beehives) have to be repaid in 2/3 years.
- In the 2004, 40 families have benefited in this way.

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Funding required for 2005