

## LANDMINE VICTIM ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

### Prepared on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

- The purpose of this document is to suggest a means to assist an affected country in presenting information on its landmine victim assistance capacities and needs, with the ultimate aim being that those in a position to do so can provide support to address these needs.
- This suggests questions that could be answered to provide information in each of the nine principal categories of landmine victim assistance. These nine categories have been the generally accepted means for the Standing Committee to organize matters pertaining to landmine victim assistance.
- The benefits of completing this questionnaire are two-fold: to serve as the basis for completing 'Form J' of the Article 7 reporting format; and, to provide an organized means to present victim assistance needs to the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration in May 2002.
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**1. EMERGENCY CARE** – includes first aid, and transportation, to respond effectively to landmine and other traumatic injuries.

**Describe the emergency care services in your country.**

Suggested additional questions to be addressed

- Are there first aid posts in all mine-affected areas?
- How far does a casualty have to go to reach emergency assistance?
- Is there an evacuation system in the mine-affected area? What transport is available?
- What training do staff/providers receive?
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible for the facility?
- Who pays for the service? What are the costs?
- To what extent are the emergency care needs fulfilled or go unmet? Is it adequate?

**2. CONTINUING MEDICAL CARE** – includes surgery, pain management, and additional medical care to assist in the rehabilitation of survivors.

**Describe the health centers/hospitals in your country, particularly in mine-affected in areas.**

Suggested additional questions to be addressed

- What is the capacity of the health centers/hospitals? How many surgeons/ doctors/nurses/other health personnel/beds in each health center/hospital?
- Where are health centers/hospitals located?
- How far are the health centers/hospitals from mine-affected areas?
- How far does a casualty/survivor have to travel to the nearest hospital with surgical facilities?
- What training do surgeons and other health personnel receive? Are surgeons trained in emergency surgery?
- Does each facility have adequate supplies, equipment, and drugs to assist in the rehabilitation of the victim?
- Is transport available to take the survivor from their home to the center to receive continuing care? If yes, please provide details.
- To what extent are the continuing medical care needs fulfilled or go unmet? Are survivors receiving adequate care?
- Are records maintained on the number of mine victims receiving treatment?
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible for the service?
- Who pays for the service? What are the costs?

**3. PHYSICAL REHABILITATION/PROSTHETICS, ETC** – includes physiotherapy, production and fitting of prostheses, pre and post-prosthetic care, repair and adjustment of prostheses, provision and maintenance of assistive devices and wheelchairs, and rehabilitative assistance for the deaf and blind.

**Describe the rehabilitation and orthopedic workshops in your country, particularly in mine-affected areas.**

Suggested additional questions to be addressed

- How many centers provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy and prosthetics?
- What is the capacity of each rehabilitation center? How many physiotherapists/occupational therapists/prosthetists/other health personnel? How many patients can be treated each year?
- How far does a mine survivor have to travel to the nearest rehabilitation center providing physiotherapy and occupational therapy?
- How far does a mine survivor have to travel to the nearest center providing prosthetics or assistive devices?
- Is transport available to take the survivor from their home to the center? If yes, please provide details.
- Does the center provide pre and post-prosthetic care including physiotherapy?
- How many prostheses are produced each year? Upper limbs? Lower limbs?
- How many wheelchairs are produced each year?
- How many crutches are produced each year?
- Are components produced locally?
- Do patients receive follow-up treatment including repairs and replacement of the prosthesis?
- How often is the prosthesis replaced?
- To what extent are the physical rehabilitation and prosthetic needs fulfilled or go unmet? Is there a waiting list?
- What training do physiotherapists, prosthetic technicians, and other rehabilitation personnel receive? Is training available to upgrade skills?
- Are records maintained on the number of mine victims receiving treatment in the centers?
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible for the service?
- Who pays for the service? What are the costs?

**4. PSYCHOLOGICAL/SOCIAL SUPPORT** – includes community-based peer support groups, professional counseling services, sports, and associations for the disabled.

**Describe the psychological and social support services available in your country, particularly in mine-affected areas.**

Suggested questions to be addressed

- Are professional counseling services available? If yes, please provide details.
- How far are these services from mine-affected areas?
- Is transport available to take the survivor from their home to the service? If yes, please provide details.
- What is the capacity of these services? How many trained psychiatrists/psychologists/number of people assisted?
- What training do counselors receive?
- Are records maintained on the number of mine victims receiving counseling?
- To what extent are psychological support needs fulfilled or go unmet?
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible for the service?
- Who pays for the service? What are the costs?
- Are there any community-based peer support groups for the disabled, including mine victims? If yes, please provide details.
- How far are support groups from mine-affected areas?
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible for the service?
- Who pays for the service? What are the costs?
- Are there any organized sports activities for the disabled? If yes, please provide details.
- Are there associations for disabled persons, including mine victims? If yes, please provide details.
- Do persons with disabilities, including mine victims, receive a pension? If yes, is it adequate for a basic standard of living? How many people receive a disability?

**5. EMPLOYMENT/ECONOMIC INTEGRATION** – includes skills and vocational training, literacy training, income-generating projects, small business loans, and job placement.

**Describe services that assist in the economic reintegration of the disabled, including mine survivors, available in your country, particularly in mine-affected areas.**

Suggested questions to be addressed

- Are there any skills or vocational training programs for persons with disabilities? If yes, please provide details of programs.
- What is the capacity of the programs? How many people receive training each year?
- Are records maintained on the number of mine survivors receiving training?
- Who provides the training? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible?
- What employment opportunities (income generating projects, small business loans, job placement) are available to persons with disabilities, including mine survivors? Please provide details.
- Who provides the service? Is it the government? If yes, which Ministry is responsible?
- To what extent are the economic reintegration needs fulfilled or go unmet? Do all landmine survivors have access to these services?

**6. CAPACITY BUILDING/SUSTAINABILITY** – includes programs that train and employ local workers to be responsible for all aspects of program design, implementation and management.

**Describe activities that support capacity building and the sustainability of assistance programs in your country.**

Suggested questions to be addressed

- Are there any programs to train and employ local workers to design, implement and manage facilities/services for the disabled, including landmine victims? If yes, please provide details.
- Is the training provided in country or abroad? Where?
- In what area is the training provided? For example, fitting and production of prostheses, physiotherapy, surgical techniques, nursing, financial management, etc.
- Who provides the training?
- What is the cost? Who pays?

**7. LEGISLATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS** – includes information on national legislation that promotes effective treatment, care and protection for all disabled citizens, including landmine survivors. National policies relating to the disabled including action plans or national coordination mechanisms. Also includes programs that raise public awareness on disability issues (community education), or work with governments to ensure that the disabled population has legal protection against discrimination, and assurance of an acceptable level of care and access to services.

- What disability laws or decrees are available to persons with disabilities, including landmine victims? Please name and give full reference details (eg. name, number, relevant article).....
- Does your government have an action plan to address mine victim assistance, or to address disability issues? If yes, please provide details.
- Is there a national level co-ordination mechanism focused on disability issues? If yes, please give details.
- Is there a Landmine Victim Assistance Focal Point? If yes, please provide the name and details of this person.

**8. ACCESSIBILITY TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT** – includes government policies and practices to ensure access. Persons with disabilities, like all people, should have full and open access to the physical environment.

- Does your government have any policies relating to access to buildings, public spaces and transport for persons with disabilities? If yes, please provide details.

**9. DATA COLLECTION** – includes survey, interviews, collection of data, maintenance of a database, and analysis of information on landmine victims.

- Is there an ongoing data collection mechanism to track new mine victims? If yes, who maintains the database? How is information collected? What information is available from the database?

**OTHER INFORMATION/COMMENTS**