

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Thailand Progression



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Major development progress of Victim Assistance Programs

1. Formulation and adoption of the Master Plan for Mine Victim Assistance
2. Project on Mine Victim Survey and Situation Analysis

Master plan



- Integrate the medical, social and economic plans to ensure proper physical and mental care, rehabilitation and assistance (including financial and vocational support) to landmine survivors.
- National Sub-Committee on VA :
 - Ministry of Public Health
 - Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
 - Ministry of Interior
 - Ministry of Labour
 - Relevant NGOs

Project on Mine Victim Survey and Situation Analysis



- Comprehensive 10 months (June 2008-April 2009) survey on information on landmine victims
- Collaboration among :
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Ministry of Public Health
 - Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
 - Ministry of Labour
 - The Handicap International (Thailand)
 - NGOs in mine victim assistance

Project on Mine Victim Survey and Situation Analysis

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Brief comments

- Reliable records on landmine survivors
 - ▣ 1,252 landmine survivors
 - ▣ 0.002 percent of Thailand's 63 million total population
 - ▣ 0.065 percent of Thailand's 1.9 million population of persons with disabilities.
- Emergency Medical System integrated all emergency patients via network of EMS team and hotline (1669)

Legislation



- A number of laws pass to accommodate the need of disabilities
 - ▣ Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Act 2007
 - ▣ Mental Health Act 2008
 - ▣ Social Welfare Act 2002

Legislation (2)



- Actively working on the establishment of an ASEAN human rights body.

Challenges

- Domestic VA roadmap as tool for development medical services.
- Coordination amongst agencies.
- Effectively maintain the survivors' database and regularly re-assess their needs.
- Create greater coordination and enhanced integration among government agencies in the localities.

Cooperation

Bangkok Workshop on Achieving a Mine-Free South East Asia VA (1-3 April 2009)

- Program for Victim Assistance Experts cooperation with EU and ISU
- This parallel meeting
 - participants from States Parties and non-States Parties
 - productive exchanges of views

Cooperation (2)

Sharing experiences especially the Protheses Foundation and the Sirindhorn Centre, has been active in providing training on physical rehabilitation to neighbouring countries

Thank you

