

Co-Chairs,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates,

In the past six months, Jordan has been able to attain great success despite the lack of resources and limited funds. After fulfilling article 5 of safely removing all known Mine Fields from Jordan, the focus of responsibility now shifts to victim assistance as is by far the weakest sector in mine action programming. We are committed to changing this in Jordan. The dedication to fulfilling the responsibility of providing assistance to victims in need encompasses participatory methods to ensure victims' needs are self-identified and representative of all.

Jordan continues to work hard to meet the most pressing needs of survivors including, comprehensive health care, rehabilitation and social reintegration services. These needs are being pursued in a number of ways.

FIRSTLY: By improving emergency medical care and physical rehabilitation services.

NCDR established a new prosthetic/orthotic center within the Ministry of Health located in northern Jordan. It was officially opened on the 17th April 2012. The center became fully operational and served more than 135 landmine/ERW survivors and other disabled people, that is naturally in keeping with Jordan's National Disability Strategy.

In November 2012, the NCDR had the pleasure of touring the United States Department of State representatives around the Irbid Rehabilitation Centre. As the primary donor agency to the center, the State Department was able to see how their generous contribution has changed the lives of many. Great praise was given to the NCDR and the centre staff for taking the centre from a non-operational empty building to a thriving facility offering comprehensive rehabilitation and prosthetic/orthotic care and support services. With the remarkable outcomes thus far, there is great prospect to renew funding with the State Department as the interest and commitment to this partnership has been demonstrated.

As of the beginning of October 2012, NCDR has been able to secure 30,000 JOD from the Canadian embassy to be delivered by the end of this year. This funding will be divided equally between the physical rehabilitation services, and the social and economic reintegration project. This funding will act to enhance the capacity of the prosthetic/orthotic center in Irbid through providing much needed materials, as well as increase the number of income generating projects in the form of micro-credit loans for survivors.

SECONDLY: By expanding economic and social reintegration opportunities.

In collaboration with the Jordan Agricultural Credit Corporation, 20 survivors received loans in the form of micro-credits during the first half of 2012, which enabled them to create their own income generating projects. This development approach provides survivors the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives. By January 2013, another 25 survivors will receive loans, so a greater number of survivors will be encouraged to undertake similar projects.

In October 2012, a seven-day vocational training course was provided in Ajloun to nine daughters and wives of landmine survivors. The training involved vocational skills development in the production and sale of traditional pastries and sweets.

THIRDLY: By building capacities for VA partner institutions in Jordan.

Jordan's victims' assistance and disability sector is receiving continued support from Montmorency College in Canada within the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP). This initiative aims to increase the capacity of the VA partner institutions. This year, Jordan welcomed four young professionals to work with the VA partner organizations, including the Higher Council for Affairs of Persons with Disabilities, Al Hussein Society for Habilitation and Rehabilitation, the Ministry of Health and NCDR. They will offer their expertise in the areas of community

development, policy management and human rights advocacy, communications and marketing, orthotic and prosthetic techniques.

The NCDR along with The Hashemite Commission for Disabled Soldiers, Jordanian Association for Spinal Cord Injury Care, and Roads of Success have the great honor to host and present the famous motivational speaker Nick Vujicic, Over 8,000 people including students with disabilities, soldiers with disabilities, landmine survivors and young adults will attend the event “A Call for Peace” on the 12th December 2012. Mr. Vujicic will also hold a press conference on the significant date 12/12/12, where he will call on world leaders for peace during this difficult time in the region; he is also scheduled to visit children and young adults in the Syrian Refugee Camp at Al Za’tari, delivering his message of peace and resilience. Mr. Vujicic will also address patients at the King Hussein Cancer Center. The proceeds from the event will be divided amongst the host organizations to benefit current victim assistance projects.

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Ladies and gentlemen,

Despite the progress we have been able to achieve, we believe more can and should be done. We hope that with the continued support of States Parties and the international community, we will be able to achieve even greater outcomes that reflect our commitment towards supporting our survivors.

Finally, on behalf of Jordan and Jordan’s survivors, I would like to thank all donors, partners, and in particular the Implementation Support Unit for the continued support, dedication and devotion to victim assistance.

Thank you.