



# **Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

## **Victim Assistance**

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*Excellencies,  
Distinguished colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am honored to present the achievements made by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Victim Assistance.

The Government of Afghanistan recently established the National Authority for Persons with Disability and Families of Martyrs, an entity dedicated to - and acting as a line ministry for leadership, coordination, information management, and oversight of the services provided to persons with disability, war related victims and the families of martyrs. It will also act as a regulatory body and policy maker in this sector.

This department is leading a technical committee that are developing a 10-year strategy on Victim Assistance and Disability affairs, for 2019 - 2027. This strategy will mainstream the activities related to Victim Assistance and Disability. It is aimed to finalize this strategy by end of December 2018 and it will be launched as of Jan 2019.

Afghanistan remains committed to implementing further improvements of victim assistance and disability related affairs. The process for the registration of persons with disability and the families of Martyrs through a bio-metric system started in Kabul, and will be rolled out to all provinces in the near future. Through this initiative, around 300,000 records will be digitalized and it will be a big step forward toward establishment of the central database for victims and persons with disabilities.

At the end, on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I would like to thank all the donors who have provided finance in support of Victim Assistance activities in Afghanistan.

Thank you very much.