Victim Assistance in Angola

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SUMMARY

• Coordinating victim assistance implementation

• Enhancing local capacities of authorities and institutions

• Providing rehabilitation assistance

• Providing economic inclusion and assistance

• Increasing access to affordable and quality services
Coordinating victim assistance implementation
National Coordination Mechanism

Ministries
- MASFAMU
- MINSA
- MED
- MAPTESS
- MACVP

Min Def
- MINUHA
  - Ministry of Construction and Housing
- MINTRANS
  - Min Interior
  - MinYouthSports

Legislative Power & Public Inst
- National parliament (7th Committee)
- Military Hospital

Civil Society & Others
- FAPED
- National NGOs
- Churches
- Lwini Foundation
- Angolan Paralympic Committee
- Angolan Red Cross

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Key activities/tasks

At national level

- Semi-annual Coordination meetings
- Training
- Reports/data
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Knowledge sharing
- Workshops Preparation of MVA Integrated Plans

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Provincial and Municipality level

- Quartely meetings
  - Evaluation and planning of activities

- Training
  - Seminars and workshops

- Preparation / Report submission
  - Liaison officer
  - Partners
  - CNIDAH central
  - Ministerial dept

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Challenges & way forward

Challenges
- Excessive bureaucracy
- Constant change of personnel/board
- Insufficient funds

How to overcome it
- Adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding
- Stability in staff structure
- Training / capacity building of focal points
  - Provincial budget
  - Central Budget
  - External support
Enhancing local capacities of authorities and the institutions
Challenges

Disaggregation of data between PwD and PwDMV

Gender

Age

Type of disability

Efforts made

Reinforce the need for inter-ministerial coordination

Greater Involvement of NGOs and Churches

Updated guidelines for MVA

National Conference on Demining
22 – 23 June 2017
Speaker: Madalena Neto - MVA, CNIDAH
Providing rehabilitation assistance
Prosthetics and orthotic services

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Physiotherapy services

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Improvement the quality of rehabilitation services

What to do and what has been done?

- Construction and rehabilitation of infrastructures
- Service extension in all units
- Training of more technical specialists
- Greater involvement of civil society and churches
Information of landmine survivors access to prosthetics or orthotics services

Plan to address this challenges

Completion of the registration project
Insertion of all information into the database
Sharing information with partners

Not updated

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Providing economic inclusion assistance
### Job opportunities for PwD and landmine survivors

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Response to the economic needs of family members of mine victims

Economic reinsertion

- Micro credit: 605 (308 M, 297 F)
- Professional training: 235 (57 M, 178 F)
- Micro-enterprises: 24 (5 M, 19 F)
- Cooperatives: 26 (8 M, 18 F)

Total: 890 (Adulto M, Adulto F, Total)

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Status of integrating assistance to victims into relevant national economic budgets, policy and programmes

Poverty reduction program

Support program for vulnerable groups
Challenges that Angola face in meeting the economic needs of mine victims

- Insufficient funds
- Uncoordinated response
- Organization of the database
Strategy to meet the challenges

Inclusion in national budget and external funds

Coordination of response

Database update
Efforts to ensure social protection

- Promoting special education
- Support to vulnerable groups
- Vem Comigo Project

Social inclusion and social protection
Inclusion of MVA in Education System

- Unawareness of the total VM universe
- About 30% of those registered want to go to school
Plans to address these challenges:

- Completion of the registration project
- Increase of classrooms/schools for inclusive/special education
- Popularization/promotion of Braille education
- Production of teaching material in Braille in the country
Does the protection programme address the needs of mine victims?

- Yes, but does not cover all users
- A significant number of victims are not assisted
- Difficulty in the breakdown of information by partners
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Increasing access to affordable and quality services
Effort to increase accessibility of public services

- Construction and rehabilitation of infrastructures
- Provision of more specialized services
- Staff recruitment
Understanding the challenge

VM registration project

Nine (9) provinces covered:
Namibe, Cunene, Huila, Benguela, Cabinda, Zaire, Huambo, Malanje and Uíge

9,296 registered victims

Bottleneck: Lack of financial resources
THANK YOU!

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