

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

**in the framework of the Mine Ban Treaty -
SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

National Process and Methodological Overview

Cambodia

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Mine Ban Convention : Obligations and Mandate of Cambodia as a Member State

The key principles adopted include:

- **To put all efforts and responsibilities in providing assistance to mine victims;**
- **To promote the integration of mine victim needs into policy, planning and services of government ministries;**
- **To build up local capacity and promote ownership;**
- **To develop and implement a comprehensive National Plan, monitor and evaluate its progress;**

Mine Ban Convention : Obligations and Mandate of Cambodia as a Member State (Cont.)

- **To promote awareness raising towards non-discrimination of victims and other PWDs;**
 - **To share best practices and information among and between stakeholders;**
 - **To minimise overlapping services and geographical areas.**
- * This has been developed and acted upon through national co-ordinating mechanism on disability and rehabilitation (Disability Action Council).**

The National Workshop

- *Around 43 participants (professional and technical actors (Govt., NGOs, Ios & Mine Victims)*

Objectives:

- ♦ **To review and assess the current policy, programs and services on victim assistance;**
- ♦ **To identify gaps in current services & make recommendations for their improvement;**
- ♦ **To strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration through the exchange of information & experiences on VA;**

The National Workshop (Cont.)

- ◆ **To review and finalise an integrated Strategic Plan on VA in Cambodia & its implementation as part of the regional efforts.**
- ◆ **To identify appropriate representatives from Cambodia to participate in the Regional Conference on VA.**

The National Workshop

The Workshop worked systematically through 4 main components as following:

- ◆ **pre-hospital and hospital care,**
- ◆ **physical and psychological rehabilitation,**
- ◆ **social and economic reintegration,**
- ◆ **institutional support in the field of policies, data collection and national laws.**

The Main Outcomes of the Workshop

- **Exchange of information of who doing what at different levels (Govt., NGOs, donors, etc.), current policy, programs, gaps, etc. on VA in Cambodia.**
- **Recommendations were produced to fulfil the gaps & improve services for mine victims.**
- **Ideal system on VA was discussed and adopted to help maximize the effectiveness of VA with available resources.**
- **An integrated Strategic Plan on VA in Cambodia was reviewed and finalized.**
 - ◆ **Cambodian delegates were identified to participate in the Regional Conference on VA.**

Key Identified Gaps

- **Lack of Govt. policy, regulations & legislation on socio-economic re-integration of mine victims.**
- **Lack of public awareness on MV and their disability.**
- **Most services & programs for MV by NGOs/Ios.**
- **Most services & programs for MV on physical rehab & little activities/programs on psychological.**
- **Lack of an integrated Strategic Plan for VA.**
- **Lack of communications/networks among and between stakeholders.**

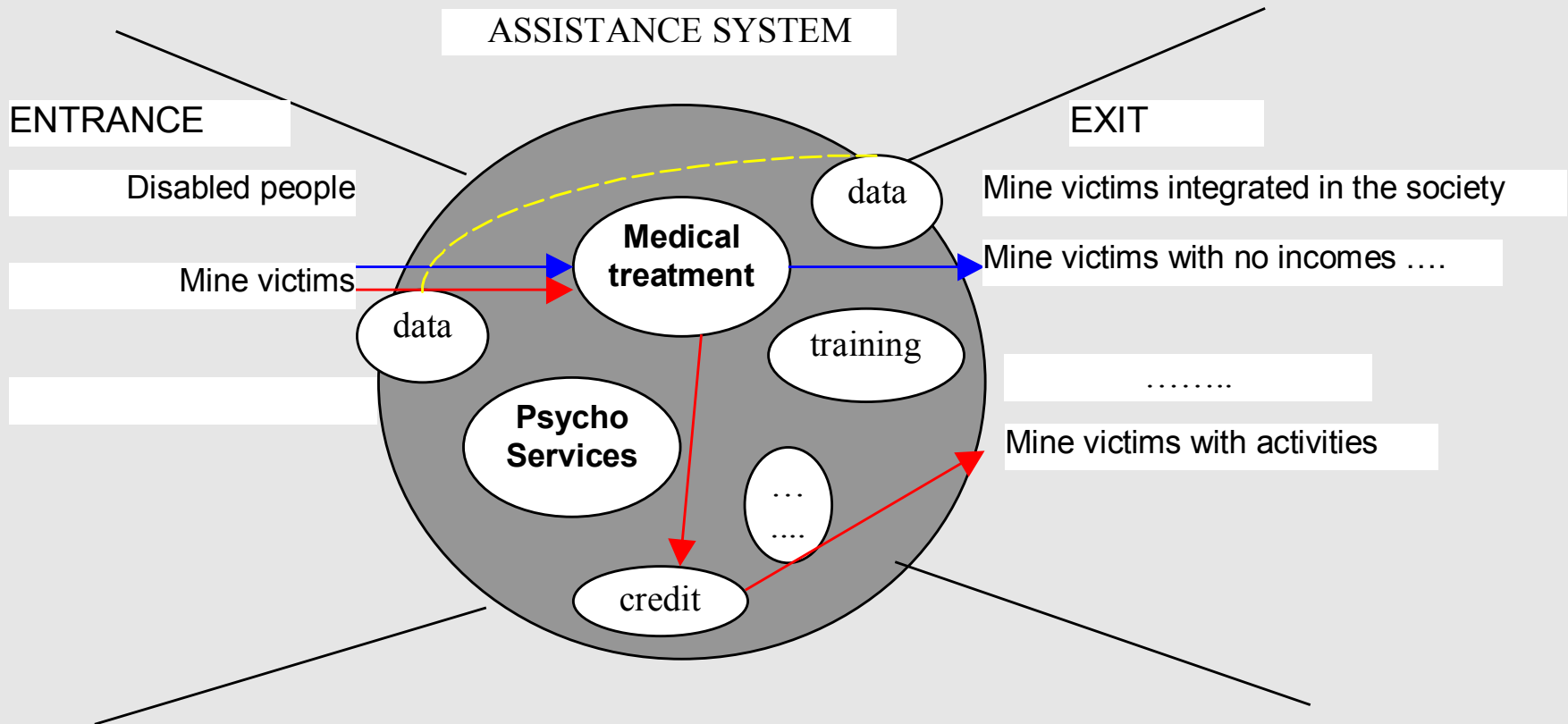
Key Identified Recommendations

- **Assist the Govt. in the development and enforcement of policy, regulations & legislation on socio-economic re-integration of mine victims.**
- **Promote and support the awareness campaign activities of anti-discrimination and advocacy through development of legislation on the rights of MV & PWDs.**
- **Develop and implement integrated Strategic Plan for VA.**
- **Support and promote the inclusion of Landmine Victims in all development of projects / programs and activities.**

Key Identified Recommendations (Cont.)

- **Secure funding and fundraising for implementing quantitative & qualitative rehab services needed of MV.**
- **Promote the development and implementation of effective & appropriate rehabilitation of services and programs needed.**
- **Develop information networking on VA through the DAC as a National Coordinating body and national & International events.**

Ideal System on VA



ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VA IN CAMBODIA

Vision:

- **Individuals and society understand that PWDs including LVs have equal rights and obligations as all citizens of Cambodia.**
- **PWDs and MVs have equal opportunities to participate fully in social and economical activities, free from barriers.**

ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VA IN CAMBODIA (Cont.)

Development Objective:

MVs/PWDs and their family benefit from the provision of better services and assistance that contribute towards increased opportunities to participate in social, physical, cultural and economic development activities.

Immediate Objective:

Relevant Govt. agencies & NGOs, IOs and potential donors contribute their input, throughputs, outputs & participate & assist to the development, improvement & implementation of programs/services to address the needs of MVs/PWDs.

ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VA IN CAMBODIA (Cont.)

Specific Objectives:

- To promote the development & implementation of policy, regulations for the inclusion of LVs/PWDs into all development activities.
- To secure funding/fundraising for implementation of quantitative & qualitative rehab services needed for MVs/PWDs in Cambodia.
- To promote the development and implementation of effective and appropriate rehabilitation of services & programs needed.
- To develop information networking on VA through the DAC as a National Co-ordinating body and national & international events.
- To promote and support the awareness campaign activities of anti-discrimination & advocacy through development of legislation to protect the rights of MVs/PWDs.

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