

**Republic of the Sudan**

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**Oral Statement on Victim Assistance**

**Sudan**

Dear co-chairs, ladies and gentlemen

The Victim Assistance program in Sudan has resume its activities again after longtime of silence, now we are starting again with a great power, and there are some activities which is taking place in the ground, working groups with United Nations agencies, Normal Partners, NGOs, INGOs, Government and related bodies of disabilities union.

Due to the generous donations from the government of Japan, (AAR) Japan and FPDO (NGO) together are running a project of **Mine Risk Education and Victims Assistance in Sudan**, which is taking place in Kassala, Blue Nile and South Kordofan States, the beneficiaries of this project will be 25 landmine/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims and it will end in 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2017, this project is seeking two objectives:

- Empower victims of landmine/ERW.
- Build foundation for the sustainable implementation of MRE and VA by strengthening the capacity of national actors including community members, governmental bodies, and national NGOs.

Activities and Outputs of the projects:

1. Development of strategic framework and multi-year work plan.
2. Capacity Enhancement of National Authority for Prostheses and Orthotics (NAPO).
3. Providing of Assistive Devices.
4. Economic Reintegration.

Also there are some activities done by ODO concerning people with disabilities in Darfur in term of building some facilities, in EIFasher/ North Darfur: construction of the 5 warehouses completed for ELFashir Disabled Union to use the revenue in supporting the ERW / UXO victims ODO handed over the construction in November 2016, The first part of the project was laundry clothes machines 2 generators, music and event equipment. Also in ElDaein- East Darfur, the construction of three vocational training halls finalized and handed over of the building to the Disabled unions. The equipment of carpentry, metal and welding beside tailoring and sewing machine will be handed over in this moth.

On the other hand in Zalingei/ Central Darfur the construction of the training hall finished and handed over to use as training center for capacity building trainings and they received 10 sewing machines. Ministry of Social Affairs trained 12 disabled persons in tailoring and promised to continue in the upcoming period. In ElGeneina/ West Darfur the construction of both

carpentry workshops and the deaf classroom completed; the physically disabled union received carpentry equipment in November 2016 but not fixed yet.

ODO involving in advocating the rights of People with Disabilities (PWDs) through trainings of trainers (TOT) workshop and awareness sessions focuses on United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities UN-CRPD.

ODO printed 1000 booklets of the CRPD and have conducted trainings in collaboration with Human Rights in some sectors such as south and west Darfur for State Legislation Council and for the Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) in Central, East and South Darfur.

During this month there was some activities has been done concerning to the PWDs and Mine Victims by the Ministry of Defense and invited all the partners in this manner, this workshop focused on how to reintegrate the Mine Victims and PWDs to work again inside the Ministry without retirement, this workshop was supervised by the chief of the staff and it will be an annual workshop, one of the most important outcomes of this workshop was the coordinating body to organize all the work concerning the PWDs in the army or the civil society. Due to this let me give you a clue of Hope city; Hope city it's one of the biggest facilities concern PWDs in Sudan because it consist of center of vocational training (8 workshops), physical rehabilitation center and hospital with surgical and orthopedics theatre and also it has a factory of prosthesis of a lower limb. Hope city was ignored in the last few years due to lack of funding and maintenance and now there is big interest in rehabilitation this city and they belongs in to the medical corporation and there is many NGOs will use this facility and it's open for all people not just the military ones, this facility also has accommodations for the beneficiaries who came from far away. Nelaine University intends to build faculty of physical rehabilitation in Hope city due to the facilities that we mentioned above. Hope city will be a big addition to the community of disability in term of facilitating all the needs of disability.

VA department will contribute in the celebration of the international day of disability, and it will have a big contribution in this propaganda, because we

are a real member in this council and who initiate and founded the high council of disabilities.

VA department in the National Mine Action Center (NMAC) suffered during the last years and needs big support to resume its work again with its partners, we are taking this opportunity to ask the state party meeting and the donors to support VA programmes all through the work.

Thanks again to our donors,