

# Plenary session: Assisting the victims Tajikistan up-dates

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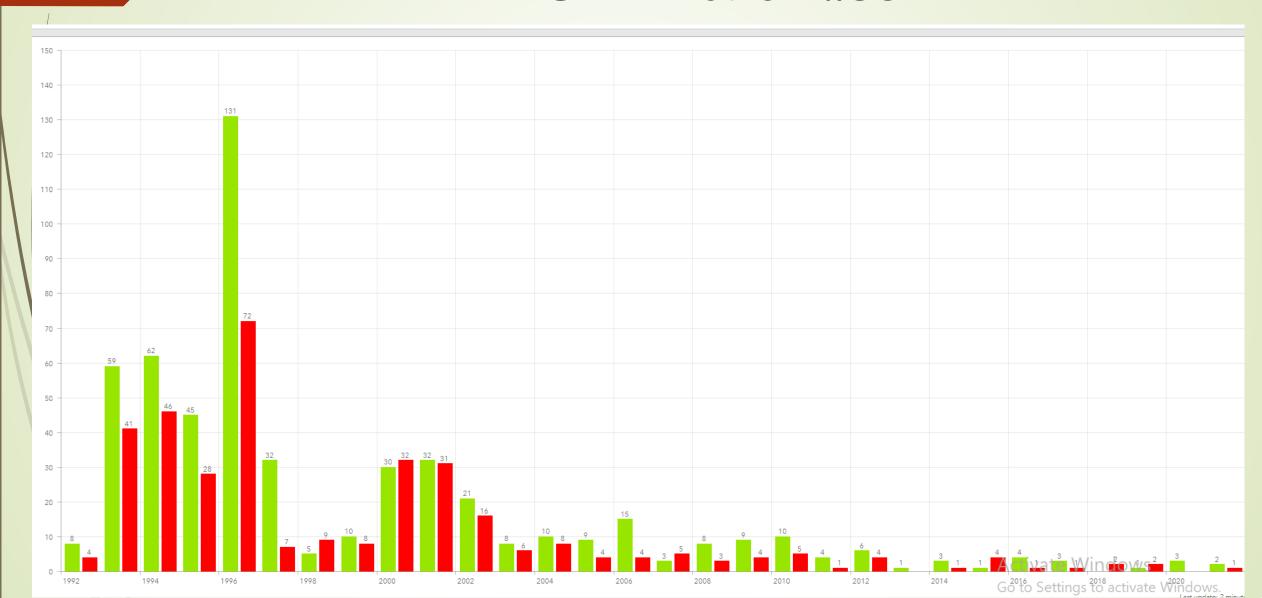
## OAP Action #33: VA Technical Working Group meetings in Dushanbe and Regional centers



#### **OAP Action #33**

- Tajikistan VA activities are guided by the "National Strategy of the RT on Humanitarian MA for 2021-2030" which is in line with Action #33 of the OAP
- "Tajikistan National Program on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities 2017-2020" will be extended to be in line with the strategic priorities of the Dushanbe Declaration on Disability Issues adopted by the International Disability Forum (2019):
- a) improving rehabilitation;
- b) improving healthcare;
- c) improving education; and
- d) improving social protection, economic opportunities and livelihood opportunities.

#### OAP Action #35



#### Progress in ensuring OAP Action #36-#38:

#### All landmine/ERW survivors in Tajikistan have access to the:

- free first aid in the medical institutions located in mineaffected communities, ongoing medical care
- Tajikistan take steps to ensure that all mine victims, including in rural and remote areas, have access to:
- comprehensive rehabilitation services and psychological and psychosocial support services, including through the provision of outreach rehabilitation service ("mobile service").
- provision of assistive devices, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and peer-to-peer support program.
- In 2021 meetings devoted to the Development of new module for Classification of functioning and disability



#### **OAP Action #40**

- National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2019-2030»
- **MHSPP** is providing free treatment (medicines, services) for COVID-19 patients
- MHSPP has provided a one-time payment of 400 TJS to all persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- MHSPP provides sanitary-hygienic means to the nursing homes, for elderly, orphanages, boarding schools for children with disabilities, children's homes, etc. for the prevention of a pandemic.
- Accessible information about prevention of the COVID-19 with focus on the Persons with Disabilities was developed and is being transmitted by TV on the daily basis.
- Psychology support teams (40 trained volunteers) continue providing first psychological aid in rural areas, including in mine-affected districts.
- **COVID-19** prevention and psycho-social aspects with focus on Persons with Disabilities were part of the agenda of the five VA Technical Working Group meetings conducted in 2021.

## **OAP** Action #41: Participation and inclusion of mine survivors is central to Tajikistan's mine action programme





### The main challenges in the fulfilment of Victim Assistance commitments

- Lack of funds to implement Victim Assistance projects in different spheres;
- Lack of technical support for the provision of emergency medical care to meet the ongoing needs of mine survivors and other people who is need in emergency medical care;
- Lack of Specialists in the sphere of psychological rehabilitation; no funding for maintaining and strengthening of the "Peer to Peer" support programs and organizing Summer Rehabilitation workshops for landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities;
- ► Lack of funding for Physical Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology and shortages of specialists in the field of Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy to assist survivors living in rural and remote areas;
- As current COVID-19 crisis is negatively influencing to economic condition of landmine survivors and families of victims in Tajikistan there is need for additional funding to improve Landmine Survivors' Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas.

