

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional Meetings

22 June 2021

– 13:30-15:00 CET

Thematic Session – Victim Assistance: Establishing or Strengthening a Centralised Database

Uganda's intervention on Action #35 of the Oslo Action Plan

Currently in Uganda, there is no actual statistics on all Persons with Disabilities generally and the landmine victims in particular. Uganda estimates that there are over 2,500 landmine survivors.

Therefore, the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development is in the process of developing a Disability Management Information System (DMIFS) and the process is almost completed.

The DMIFS is aimed at ensuring that comprehensive information on all Persons with Disabilities including the landmine victims are well captured to facilitate provision of services to them. The information to be gathered will include among other things: The name of the person, age, gender or sex, type of impairment, the cause, and some other relevant information.

This is going to be rolled out step by step, beginning with the beneficiaries of the National Special Grant for Persons with Disabilities and eventually, comprehensive information will be collected on all persons with disabilities including landmine survivors.

The Ministry of Health used to collect data on identified landmine casualties when Uganda was still contaminated by landmines up until 2012.

We would like to conduct a survey on landmine victims so as to identify their unique challenges and also identify ways of addressing the challenges they encounter. However conducting such a survey is subject to availability of resources, if we get the support, a survey can be carried out to ensure specific and accurate data on landmine victims is available. Having an accurate data on mine victims is crucial for ensuring their needs are integrated into relevant national policies and programmes.