

South Sudan Victim  
Assistance Update During  
The Anti- Personnel Mine  
Ban Convention  
Intersessional Meetings 20  
June 2022



# Improvements on Oslo Action 33-41 Concerning the well-being and the rights of mine victims

- Establishment of the Union of persons with disability supporting Advocacy on the ratification of the UN convention of the persons with disability.
- Increased concern of the protection of person with disabilities in armed conflict to ensure their safety.
- Continuous rehabilitation services by HI and ICRC mobile team reaching extreme location with the services.
- The humanitarian needs overview 2022 that shows person with disability are vulnerable within the IDPs and host communities.
- The Establishment and the formation of 9 federations under the Paralympic committee in Juba and the ten states of South Sudan with the Ministry Youth and Sports.

# Challenges in the implementation of Oslo Actions.

- The ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare encountered challenges to follow up the approval of the National disability action plan and the rectification of the UN convention of the rights of person with disability.
- Insufficient funding to support VA activities as expressed by the organisation of persons with disability and the Union of person with disability newly established.
- Limited institutional capacity to the organisation of person with disability.
- Limited advocacy skills on inclusive education and employment.
- Lack of funding to support awareness raising and end discriminations to all PWDs in the ten states of South Sudan.
- Logistical challenges to the OPDs access the ten states of South Sudan.
- Insecurity in many parts of the Country.

# The Main Priorities For Assistance On Victim Assistance

- Funding to implement the National Disability plan of action.
- Institutional capacity development of Ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare and the Organisation of Persons with Disability.
- Human resource capacity on advocacy and awareness raising to all PWDs on inclusive education, participation, consultations, employment and services available to the ten states of South Sudan.
- Equipment and other Materialist Support

# Efforts to Ensure that different needs and perspectives of Women, Girls, Boys and Men are Considered

- The government and OPDs including the organizations of women with disability are concerting efforts to promote disability inclusion and gender equality, by establishing and strengthening partnerships to amplify the voices of women and girls with disabilities in South Sudan. There has been increased active participation and consultation of women with disabilities and their representative organizations to inform gender equality and disability–inclusive action at all states levels.
- The organizations of person with disabilities are dedicated to promote the rights of women, girl's men and boys with disabilities to achieve their full inclusion in society on an equal basis with others. Nevertheless, the associations and unions lack access to funding that is why they are overlooked during the development and implementation of policies, programmes that concern their welfare.







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Republic of South Sudan State party to the Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction

The President of the Twentieth Meeting of State Parties  
**,ALICIA ARANGO OLMOS**  
Ambassador of Colombia to the United Nations Office  
and other International Organizations in Geneva.

Distinguish Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On Behalf of the government of the Republic of South Sudan a State party to the Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, I would like to give brief update on the status of Victim Assistance Implementation. South Sudan continued to record victims of mine and explosive remnant of wars annually totaling to over 5,000 despite intensive risk education in place.

South Sudan persistently experience overwhelming challenges that has delayed the rectification process of the UN Convention on the Rights of Person with Disability up to date. Nevertheless further emphasis is in place to adhere to the rectification process of the convention by the government. The Union of person with disability has been established and they are working with the parliamentary committee on Human Rights to ensure its rectification.

South Sudan government is astonished with issues regarding the implementation of the Revitalized peace agreement that interrupted the approval of the draft National Disability Plan of Action. The Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare as the led agency on Victim assistance experience faced challenge to replace the focal person which has affected the monthly coordination meeting forum since 2021.

Alongside conflicts, COVID19 and catastrophic challenges continuous to hinder persons with disability in the country during 2021 impact assessment of floods, COVID19 were conducted under the Ministry of Humanitarian and Disaster management. Despite the delay to launch the reports officially we acknowledged there has been negative impact on persons with disability.

All the Victim Assistance implementing partners including the organisation of persons with disability continued to encounter financial constrain to support their activities during 2021 as shown below.

- There are inadequate services (rehabilitation, medical, social economic inclusion, psychosocial support services) to mine/ ERW survivors and PWDs. It's essential to





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- Increase the current service to the rural areas and promote easy accessible to the states that experience difficulties in mobility.
- Organizations of Persons with Disability lack Institutional Capacities for future sustainability of their programs.
- Inadequate organisation providing social economic support to create employment to the persons with disability.
- Limited Logistical support to the Organizations of Persons with Disability operation.
- The Organisation of Persons with Disability appeal for their participation and representation in the international conference to share experience and learn from other countries.
- Inadequate funding for awareness raising campaign to the states on the available services, education and employment to Persons with disability.
- Inadequate capacity for the Sport activities (limited coaches) to facilitate trainings.
- Insufficient skills on Advocacy

In conclusion Victim Assistance pillar is one of the less funded in South Sudan since 2011 much funding has been targeted to clearance and Risk education. In addition there is need for UNMAS South Sudan support Victim Assistance especially on need assessment to identify the needs of the landmine victims. However the government will continue to ensure legal framework are in place (laws, policies , standards, procedures) to prevent , protect support the needs and rights all persons with disability. We urge all international community to continue funding Victim Assistance program to enable us achieve inclusive development where there is no discrimination, barrier, communication challenges erected by the society towards PWDs in South Sudan.

Thank you

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