Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance
Tajikistan up-dates

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Victim assistance and disability efforts

- TNMAC as designated government entity continue oversees the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks
- Tajikistan has undertaken efforts to remove physical barriers that limit participation of landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities in their community
- Tajikistan is making all efforts to ensure that Victim Assistance efforts are inclusive of gender, age and disability and takes diverse needs into account in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all programmes.
- Tajikistan carries out multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed.
- Tajikistan has aligned all its victim assistance efforts with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).
Improvements to increase the well-being and guarantee the rights of mine victims
(in line with Action 33 to 41 of the Oslo Action Plan)

We have improved Data collection:
https://tnmac.imsma-core.org/portal/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c71f6c0e1cea457bbc9f4fcfe36e74b2

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Improved participation and inclusion of mine survivors (VA TWGs, International Mine Action Day etc)
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In Rehabilitation field:

- National Priority Assistive Products List (adopted by Gov.Decree)
- WHO will scale up its 1-stop-shop assistive products service provision project and expand its coverage from pilot Rudaki district to other districts/regions.
- 5 days training to develop skills and competencies in providing AT services at primary health care centres
- “Mobile orthopedic service” pilot project was successful
- Khorog satellite (in GBAO) is under renovation (2 other satellites already renovated)
- In 2021, 15 survivors obtained prosthesis in the SEOP.
- During 5 months of 2022 – 9 survivors obtained 10 prosthesis.

Challenges in the implementation of OAP commitments

- The situation in the SEOP is of particular concern owing to the old state of the building, which needs complete reconstruction
- Shortages of specialists in the field of Physical Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy and Psychological Rehabilitation
- 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;
- Social facilities (educational, medical, sports facilities and cultural buildings) especially located in rural areas are not fully accessible
- Social-economic condition and psychological status of landmine survivors was negatively affected by COVID-19 crisis.

The main obstacle to overcome these challenges is lack of long-term funding and technical support to implement VA projects in different spheres.
The main priorities for assistance in the implementation of our States victim assistance obligations

- Tajikistan is in need of financial and technical support in order to fulfill VA obligations under the Convention. We are in need of:
  - New building and modern equipment for SEOP.
  - Replication of “Mobile orthopedic service” to expand coverage and provide outreach orthopedic services to landmine survivors living in remote mine-affected districts.
  - Long-term funding for Rehabilitation, including Physical Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology, Psychological rehabilitation and Economic reintegration projects.
  - Improving Landmine Survivors’ Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas.
  - Providing capacity building of specialists in sphere of rehabilitation.
  - Transition to the new International Classification of Functioning

Thank you for your attention!