

PRELIMINARY MID-TERM ASSESMENT

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – VICTIM ASSISTANCE

COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

(Algeria, Ecuador, Italy and Uganda)

Intersessional Meetings

20-22 June 2022

1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Bosnia and Herzegovina of updated information on its victim assistance activities.
2. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

3. The Committee would welcome information on new casualties in 2021, and further information on all mine victims registered so far, including, if possible, information on indirect victims disaggregated by gender, age and disability, such as affected families.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACTIONS:

Strengthen partnerships and integrate victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks and designation of a government entity to oversee the integration (Action #33 and also Actions #1 and #6)

4. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that the Council of Ministers has established a “Coordination Body” to coordinate victim assistance efforts with relevant institutions and organisations.
5. The Committee would welcome information on progress made in integrating victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and programmes.

Develop and implement measurable, realistic and time-bound national action plan (Action #33 and also Action #2)

6. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that a national action plan is being developed, in addition to work plan, as part of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre (BHMAC’s) annual mine action plan.

Removing barriers including physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal and communication barriers to access such services (Action #33)

7. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on advocacy efforts to improve access to services and to promote the rights of women with disabilities to their sexual reproductive health.

Applying multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Action #34)

8. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on inclusion of victim assistance in broader frameworks, such as medical care and social protection, and areas that would need to be improved include accessibility, employment, health, training and recovery, independent living and support to women and children with disabilities.
9. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that “the rights of mine victims and other PWDs in BiH are different”, the Committee would welcome further information and clarification in this regard, whether such difference exist in response restructures for implementation or there are other differences.
10. The Committee encourages alignment of victim assistance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at policy and practice levels, in accordance with OAP Action #34 commitment.

Establish or strengthen of a centralised database / national information management system (Action #35 and Action #9)

11. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that a centralised database on mine victims exist since 1992 and managed by BHMAC.
12. The Committee welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina to share information on existence of broader centralised database, such as database on issue related to disabilities and/or health injury surveillance, and information on inclusion of mine victims data into such database(s).

Access to first aid and ongoing emergency medical care (Action #36)

13. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on availability of first aid and ongoing medical care, including in mine affected communities and accessible to mine victims.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

14. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported having referral mechanism and directory of services in place.
15. The Committee would welcome further information on dissemination of the directory of services among relevant stakeholders, including mine action operators, to facilitate mine victims’ access to services.

Access to rehabilitation services including physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy (Action #38)

16. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported rehabilitation services are available, and they are provided through tertiary and secondary healthcare packages, with women and children being prioritised.
17. The Committee welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina to share information on mine victims that have benefited from rehabilitation services in 2021.

Access to psychological and psychosocial services including peer-to-peer support (Action #38)

18. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on availability of psychological and psychological including peer to peer support, with healthcare Red Cross/Red Crescent social workers and volunteers trained in how to interact and support persons with disabilities including mine survivors.

19. The Committee would welcome information on integration of peer to peer support into healthcare system.

Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas (Action #39)

20. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on availability of social and economic supports with mine victims benefiting from them and on efforts to change in national legislation on vocational rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities in 2022.

21. The Committee encourages Bosnia and Herzegovina to take into account mine victims in the amendment of the national legislation on vocational rehabilitation and employment.

22. The Committee welcomes further information on mine victims that have received socio-economic support in 2021.

Taking measure for safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies (Action #40)

23. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that there are measures in place for safety and protection of mine victims in situation of emergency.

Strengthening inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them (Action #41 and also Action #4)

24. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on inclusion of persons with disabilities and mine survivors in relevant policies and programmes, including in rural and remote areas.

CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS:

Demonstrate high levels of national ownership, including [...] by making financial and other commitments to implementation (Action #1)

25. The Committee would welcome information on national financial commitments made by Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2021 for victim assistance efforts.

Ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered (Action #3)

26. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that gender, age and different needs of mine victims are taken into account, including in data collection.

Challenges in implementation of Victim Assistance Commitments (Action #8)

27. The Committee welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide information on challenges faced in victim assistance and how the international community and the Committee on Victim Assistance can be of further support to Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker
Victim Assistance
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Actions	Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Additional information requested from the Committee (deadline 9 August)
#33	# States Parties that have designated a government entity to coordinate victim assistance activities						
	# States Parties that have national action plans in place containing specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound objectives and related indicators						The Committee would welcome information on progress made in integrating victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and programmes.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee encourages alignment of victim assistance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at policy and practice levels, in accordance with OAP Action #34 commitment.
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						The Committee welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina to share information on existence of broader centralised database, such as database on issue related to disabilities and/or health injury surveillance, and information on inclusion of mine victims data into such database(s).
	# States Parties that disaggregate victim data by gender, age and disability						
#36	# States Parties reporting on efforts to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response to mine accidents						
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						The Committee would welcome further information on dissemination of the directory of services among relevant stakeholders, including mine action operators, to facilitate mine victims' access to services.
	# States Parties that report having a directory of services in place						The Committee would welcome information on development national directory of services.
#38	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of comprehensive rehabilitation services						
	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services						
	# States Parties that have established peer-to-peer services within their national healthcare system						The Committee would welcome information on integration of peer to peer support into healthcare system.
#39	# States Parties reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims						The Committee encourages Bosnia and Herzegovina to take into account mine victims in the amendment of the national legislation on vocational rehabilitation and employment.

										The Committee welcomes further information on mine victims that have received socio-economic support in 2021.
#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans									
#41	# States Parties that report that they include victim representatives or their organizations in victim assistance planning at the national and local level									
CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS										
#1	# States Parties that report, having included Convention implementation activities in national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, humanitarian response plans and national strategies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities, where appropriate									The Committee would welcome information on national financial commitments made in 2021 for victim assistance efforts.
	% mine-affected States Parties that report making national financial commitments to the implementation of their obligations under the Convention									
#3	# mine-affected States Parties that report having evidence-based, costed and time-bound national strategies and work plans in place									
	# women in States Parties' delegations attending Convention meetings									
#8	# States Parties that prepare their Article 7 reports using the Guide to Reporting									
	# States Parties that report on progress and challenges during formal and informal meetings									The Committee welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide information on challenges faced in victim assistance and how the international community and the Committee on Victim Assistance can be of further support to Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.