

PRELIMINARY MID-TERM ASSESMENT

NICARAGUA

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 Nicaragua of updated information on its victim assistance activities.
2. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

3. Nicaragua reported a total of 1,276 mine victims, with last casualty recorded before April 2010.
4. The Committee would welcome further disaggregated information on age, gender, and disability of the 1,276 mine victims, and information on indirect victims, such as families affected by mines.
5. Nicaragua also reported that 126,316 persons with disabilities, of which 51% were female and 49% male were identified and registered by the Ministry of Health in 2009. Nicaragua also reported that until 2018, a project that was called ““Everyone with a Voice” recorded 138,698 persons with disabilities, including 51% male and 49% female.

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)

6. Nicaragua reported that since 2011 the National Council for the Promotion and Enforcement of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the National Council) has been the national body responsible for the implementation of the Law 763 on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
7. The Committee welcomes Nicaragua to provide further information on the roles of the National Council concerning the integration of mine victims into broader national policies and programmes.

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

8. Nicaragua reported that the National Council is also responsible to develop policies and plans on issues related to disabilities, as necessary.
9. The Committee would welcome information on the existence of national action plan or other similar frameworks that takes the needs and rights of mine victims into consideration.

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

10. In 2021, Nicaragua reported on availability of comprehensive rehabilitation, economic support and social protection for persons with disabilities including war victims and on efforts to eliminate all kinds of physical, social, cultural, economic, and political barriers to guarantee persons with disabilities inclusion into society.

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)

11. Nicaragua reporting applying multi-sectoral efforts including through the National Council which is composed of 17 public institutions, federations of associations of persons with disabilities and representatives of parents of children with disabilities, in accordance with Law 763.

12. The Committee would welcome information on alignment of national victim assistance efforts with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

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

13. The Committee would welcome information on availability of, or plan to establish a centralised database or national information management system with capacity to include, maintain and make the data available to relevant national stakeholders.

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

14. The Committee would welcome information on availability of medical care services and information on progress achieved in this regard in 2021.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

15. The Committee welcomes Nicaragua to provide information on availability of, or plan to create a national referral mechanism and a comprehensive directory of services to facilitate mine victims' access to services for mine victims.

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

16. The Committee recalls that in 2021, Nicaragua reported on availability of the following rehabilitation services, which had produced 4,500 prostheses and 6,700 orthoses and other assistive devices benefiting the 4,500 persons:

- rehabilitation services in the capitals of departments;
- physiotherapy units in the Municipal Health Centres;
- the Aldo Chavarría National School of Rehabilitation Hospital;
- the Antonio Lenin Fonseca School Hospital;
- eight audiological units in Managua, León, Matagalpa, Estelí, Chontales, Jinotega, Bluefields and Masaya that have provided 9,000 audiometry and tympanometry and 5,000 hearing aids; and

- three production workshops of prosthetic, orthotic and other assistive devices in Managua, Estelí and Puerto.

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

17. In 2021, Nicaragua reported on availability of psychosocial support through the José Dolores Fletes Psychosocial Hospital in the departmental hospitals and through specialized psychiatry care.
18. The Committee would welcome further information on progress made in this regard as well as information on availability of peer-to-peer support.

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

19. In 2021, Nicaragua reported that social and economic services were made available including through the “Everyone with a Voice” project.
20. The Committee welcomes Nicaragua to share an update on progress achieved in socio-economic inclusion of mine victims in 2021.

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

21. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the integration of the needs and rights of mine survivors into national humanitarian response and/or other relevant mainstream frameworks to ensure their protection and safety in situations of risks and humanitarian emergencies.

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

22. Nicaragua reported that persons with disabilities and their representative federation are included in the National Council, and that other measures have been developed in the framework of the National Law 763 ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities, including victims.

CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS:

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

23. The Committee would welcome information on allocation of financial resources and other commitments made by the Government of Nicaragua in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims in 2021.

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

24. The Committee welcomed information on Nicaragua’s efforts to ensure gender equality and diversity in its victim assistance activities.

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

25. The Committee welcomed information on challenges faced by Nicaragua in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims, and information on how the international community, including the Committee on Victim Assistance can assist Nicaragua to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker
Victim Assistance
Nicaragua

Actions	Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Additional information request by 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 welcomes Nicaragua to provide further information on the roles of the National Council concerning the integration of mine victims into broader national policies and programmes. The Committee would welcome information on the existence and implementation of national action plan or other similar frameworks that has taken into consideration the needs and rights of mine victims.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee would welcome information on alignment of national victim assistance efforts with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						The Committee would welcome information on availability of, or plan to establish a centralised database or national information management system with capacity to include, maintain and make the data available to relevant national stakeholders.
	# 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						The Committee would welcome information on availability of medical care services and information on mine victims who have accessed these services.
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						The Committee welcomes information on availability of, or plan to create a national referral mechanism and a comprehensive directory of services to facilitate mine victims' access to services for mine victims.
	# States Parties that report having a directory of services in place						
#38	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of comprehensive rehabilitation services						The Committee would welcome additional information on efforts made to address the shortages of national capacity and professionals in physical 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 further information on progress made in this regard as well as information on availability of peer-to-peer support.
#39	# States Parties reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims						The Committee welcomes Nicaragua to share an update on progress achieved in socio-economic inclusion of mine victims in 2021.
#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans						The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the integration of the needs and rights of mine survivors into national humanitarian response and/or other relevant

							mainstream frameworks to ensure their protection and safety in situations of risks and humanitarian emergencies.
#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 allocation of financial resources and other commitments made by the Government of Nicaragua in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims in 2021.
	% 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						The Committee welcomed information on Nicaragua's efforts to ensure gender equality and diversity in its victim assistance activities.
	# 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 welcomed information on challenges faced by Nicaragua in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims, and information on how the international community, including the Committee on Victim Assistance can assist Nicaragua to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.