

PRELIMINARY MID-TERM ASSESMENT

TÜRKIYE

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

Mine casualties

3. Türkiye reported 37 casualties in 2021, including 27 men, 5 boys, 3 women and 1 girl showing a decrease in comparison to 67 casualties in 2020.
4. The Committee appreciates Türkiye providing disaggregated data on annual casualties and welcomes such information on all casualties registered by Türkiye and would welcome information on indirect victims, 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)

5. The Committee recalls in previous years Türkiye reported that the TURMAC worked in coordination with the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services (MOFLSS) to ensure inclusion/reintegration of mine victims.
6. The Committee welcomes Türkiye to report on efforts to ensure integration of victim assistance into broader national policies and programmes.
7. The Committee recalls that in 2019 Türkiye reported strengthening “technical and legal infrastructure” for the provision of assistance to mine victims in an integrated manner and would welcome an update on progress made in this regard.

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

8. The Committee welcomes Türkiye to provide information on implementation of plans or strategies in relation to implementation of victim assistance.

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

9. The Committee would welcome Türkiye to share information on measures in place and progress made to remove any barriers that may hinder social and economic inclusion and participation of mine victims.

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)

10. Türkiye reported that the MOFLSS has been involved in victim assistance, and ensures assistance is provided to mine victims through the ministry's programmes.
11. The Committee would welcome information on alignment of victim assistance efforts with 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)

12. The Committee welcomes Türkiye to share information on availability of a national centralised database with capacity to consolidate information on mine victims and others, such as persons with disabilities, or plan to establish such a database.

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

13. Türkiye reported that no changes were to report.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

14. The Committee would welcome information on availability of national referral mechanism and a national directory of services to ensure mine victims' access to services including in rural and remote areas.

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

15. The Committee recalls that in 2019 Türkiye reported that emergency care, healthcare, physical rehabilitation and psychological support are made available through private and State funded rehabilitation centres in accordance with Act No. 2828 i.e. Social Services Act and Act No. 5378 i.e. Disability Act.
16. The Committee welcomes Türkiye to provide updates on progress made in provision of physical rehabilitation including physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy to mine victims including in rural and remote areas.
17. The Committee would also welcome information on integration of rehabilitation into health systems.

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

18. The Committee would welcome information on the availability of psychosocial and peer-to-peer support programmes for mine victims.

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

19. Türkiye reported that 24 new mine victims were provided with economic inclusion support and efforts were made to assist 13 more mine victims.

20. The Committee welcomes Türkiye to provide information on availability of socio-economic support to all mine victims.

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 and progress made to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and 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. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to strengthen participation and inclusion of mine survivors and their representative organisations into relevant policies and programmes.

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 national financial resources and other commitments the Government of Türkiye has made to implement victim assistance.

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

24. The Committee recalls that in 2021 Türkiye reported that gender and diversity were taken into consideration in all mine action activities, and efforts are made to strengthen efforts in this regard, as follows:

- data are disaggregated by age and gender;
- 45% of the Turkish Mine Action Centre's (TURMAC) personnel are female;
- civilian contractors of TURMAC are encouraged to employ female staff;
- the demining and border management projects are designed to promote equality and combat discrimination; and
- TURMAC's personnel were to be trained in gender mainstreaming in 2021.

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

25. The Committee would welcome information on challenges faced by Türkiye in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims, and any support it may require, including from the international community, to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker

Victim Assistance

Türkiye

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						The Committee welcomes information on the Government entity appointed to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks.
	# 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 plans in action plan / strategy in place to guide victim assistance efforts.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee welcomes Türkiye to provide information on efforts made to ensure the participation and inclusion of mine victims, including by lifting any barriers that hinder their empowerment.
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						The Committee would welcome information on availability of a centralised database and information on dissemination of information gathered on mine victims, with relevant ministries and agencies.
	# 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 welcomes Türkiye to report on availability of first aid and ongoing medical care to all mine victims, including in rural and remote areas.
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						The Committee would welcome information on availability of a national referral mechanism.
	# States Parties that report having a directory of services in place						The Committee welcomes information on availability of national directory of services in relation to victim assistance.
#38	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of comprehensive rehabilitation services						The Committee would welcome information on availability of rehabilitation and its integration of rehabilitation into health systems.
	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services						The committee would welcome information progress made in providing psychological and psychosocial support to mine victims.
	# States Parties that have established peer-to-peer services within their national healthcare system						The Committee would welcome information on peer counselling and its integration into health systems.
#39	# States Parties reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims						
#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans						The Committee welcomes Türkiye to share information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine victims in stations of risks and emergencies.
#41	# States Parties that report that they include victim representatives or their organizations in victim assistance planning at the national and local level						The Committee welcomes information on enhancement of mine victims participation and inclusion in 2021.
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						
	% mine-affected States Parties that report making national financial commitments to the implementation of their obligations under the Convention						The Committee welcomes Türkiye to share information on national allocation of financial commitments for victim assistance implementation.
#3	# mine-affected States Parties that report having evidence-based, costed and time-bound national strategies and work plans in place						The Committee would welcome information on the three-implementation plan and efforts to ensure resources for its implementation.
	# 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 would welcome information on challenges faced in assisting mine victims.