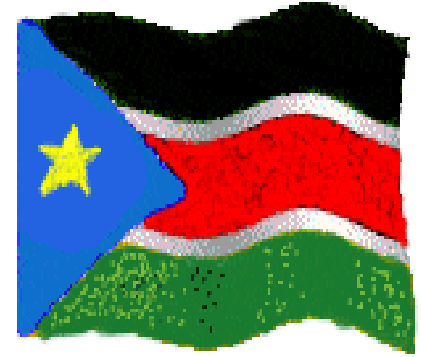




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Victim Assistance Implementation in South Sudan



A Director of Social Welfare from Pibor carries a child with disability at OVCI children rehabilitation center

Progress report on Oslo Action Plan

Action # 33

- Lead entity: National Ministry of Gender child and Social welfare, currently headed by a Director for Disability.

Action # 34

- Multi-sectoral efforts applied.
- CPRD is ratified in February 2023 celebration plan is on process.
- National Legislative Assembly has established a committee overseeing disabilities issues at the parliament.
- 5th vice president office responsible for gender & Social welfare cluster

Action # 35

- No centralised database.
- Mine Action Centre collects and maintain information on casualties.
- However there is No data on indirect victims.



Progress report

Action # 36

- Most of the health facilities are dilapidated and are destroyed during conflicts,
- Currently 80% of health service delivery are supported NGOs.
- Mine victims/ERW still faced challenge to access emergencies/ first aid in most states of South Sudan.

• Action #37

- National referral mechanism is in place
- However it does not target mine/ERW victims in need of further medical support.
- There is no service directory.



Malakal Teaching hospital on December 2013 was set on fire during war equipment's, buildings, drug, surgical equipment beds where looted and destroyed as reported by MSF South Sudan.

Progress report

Action #38

- Rehabilitation, psychosocial and psychological services to mine/ERW victims are mainly supported by INGOs.
- Inadequate mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to mine victims and all persons with disability.
- Conducted an assessment on mental health in Juba city because of the increasing rate of MHPSS cases among person with disability and others.
- No peer-to peer support program.

Action # 39

- There are Efforts made to remove barriers on mine/ERW victims.
- Mine/ERW victims are not always targeted.
- high tax coupled with inflation added on challenges hindering social reintegration of mine victims.



Progress report

Action #40

We have integrated safety and protection of all persons with disabilities in situations of risk such as armed conflicts, natural disasters.

Action #41

There is effective and strong participation by organisations of persons with disabilities.



Progress report on Oslo Action Plan

- **Action # 3**
- National Disability and Inclusive Policy & National Disability Action Plan included Gender and diversity.
- Efforts made to eliminate harmful tradition practise against women with disability.
- Increased employments & participation of women with disabilities within INGOs, Government and OPDs.
- Data not disaggregated in most report provided by partners .
- No data on of women with disability.
- Women with disability still faced greater challenges
- Advocacy on place to support women with disability



In her memory ... Mary Kojo

Challenges...

- Partial Legal framework in place on disability concerns.
 - Difficulties to assess basic services in rural areas.
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- Social Economic empowerment projects does not target mine/ERW victims
 - Communication and Mobility challenge in emergency
 - Limited access to assistive devices in rural remote areas.
 - Most health facilities lack medicines, medical capacities and equipment's to conduct surgical activities in case of emergencies.
 - Difficulty to gain access to data on disability
 - Poor logistics, bad weather conditions and insecurity to other states.



A relative pushes John Biel Dups wheelchair through the dirt paths of protection of civilian caps 3 in Juba. The uneven path makes it difficult for people with physical disabilities to move around the camps. 2017 Joel Van Eeckhout for Human Right Watch,

Priority for VA...

- Enforce the implementation of CRPD that is inclusive of VA
- Establishment of centralized database
- Sustainable social economic empowerment
- Expansion of rehabilitation services to rural areas
- Training to the National Legislative Assemble on CRPD to facilitate the approval of legal framework on Disability concerns.
- Efforts are made to ensure better provisions for persons with disabilities in the Constitution
- Intersectoral approach continue to be embraced with different ministries and INGOs to implement VA.
- Continued advocacy for the government to allocate funding on disabilities programs.
- Meaningful participation and inclusion of persons with disability.

Thank you.

