

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

CHAD

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – VICTIM ASSISTANCE

COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

(Italy, Slovenia, Uganda (Chair) and Zambia)

Intersessional Meetings

19-21 June 2023

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

Mine casualties

3. Chad reported 29 new casualties in 2022 in Lac province, an increase from the 17 casualties reported in 2021 and 6 casualties reported in 2020. Chad had reported that 2,834 mine and explosive remnants of war casualties were recorded until 2012 and that in recent years casualty data was not appropriately collected.
4. The Committee would welcome further information on all registered victims, disaggregated by gender, age and disability.

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 would welcome information on government entity responsible to oversee the implementation or integration of Victim Assistance into broader frameworks and information efforts to integrate victim assistance in national relevant policies and programmes.

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

6. Chad had reported implementing a national action plan on victim assistance (known as PANAV) and that the action plan was to be completed in 2022.
7. The Committee would welcome an update on completion of the implementation of the action plan and efforts to develop a new plan.

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

8. The Committee would welcome information on progress achieved to break barriers that hinder participation and inclusion of mine survivors 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)

9. The Committee welcomes Chad to provide information on application of multi-sectoral efforts to implement victim assistance and efforts to align such 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 (Actions #9 and #35)

10. Chad had reported having a database on casualties at the National High Commission for Demining (NHCD).
11. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the inclusion of the mine/ERW survivors into the national centralised disability database.

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

12. Chad reported on efforts to assist 299 mine victims including by providing healthcare services in 2022.
13. The Committee would welcome information on availability of first-aid and ongoing emergency medical care in mine affected areas.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

14. The Committee would welcome information on national referral mechanisms and national directory of services to facilitate the referral and access of mine victims to services.

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

15. Chad reported that support, including physical rehabilitation which includes prostheses and orthoses, was provided to 299 mine victims in 2022 with assistance provided by UNICEF.
16. The Committee would welcome further information on the availability of rehabilitation for mine victims in rural and remote areas and information occupational therapy to assist mine victims and others in need.

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

17. The Committee would welcome information on availability of psychological and psychosocial support, including peer-to-peer support services, including in rural and remote affected areas.

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

18. The Committee would welcome information on progress made to facilitate the socio-economic inclusion of mine victims in Chad.

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

19. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine victims 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)

20. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to strengthen the participation and inclusion of mine survivors and their representative organisations.

CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:

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

21. The Committee would welcome information on national financial commitments to assist mine victims.

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

22. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure consideration of different needs and gender equality in victim assistance.

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

23. Chad reported difficulties to collect accurate data on casualties, and that the data on the 29 casualties in 2022 was collected by 'radios' in the Lac province. Chad had also reported shortcomings in resources for victim assistance.

24. The Committee would welcome further information challenges encountered to assist victims and information on measures taken to overcome the challenges of data collection.

25. The Committee would also welcome information on how the international community and the Committee on Victim Assistance can be of further support to Chad's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker
Victim Assistance
Chad

Actions	Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Additional information request by the Committee
#33	# States Parties that have designated a government entity to coordinate victim assistance activities						The Committee would welcome information on government entity responsible to oversee the implementation or integration of Victim Assistance into broader frameworks and information efforts to integrate victim assistance in national relevant policies and programmes.
	# 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 an update on completion of the implementation of the action plan and efforts to develop a new plan. The Committee would welcome information on progress achieved to break barriers that hinder participation and inclusion of mine survivors into society, in Chad.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee welcomes Chad to provide information on application of multi-sectoral efforts to implement victim assistance and efforts to align such 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 measures in place to ensure the inclusion of the mine/ERW survivors into the national centralised disability database.
	# States Parties that disaggregate victim data by gender, age and disability						The Committee would welcome further information on all registered victims, disaggregated 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 first-aid in mine affected areas.
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						The Committee would welcome information on national referral mechanism and national directly of services to facilitate the referral and access of mine victims to services.
	# 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 further information on availability of rehabilitation to mine victims in rural and remote areas and information occupational therapy to assist mine victims and others in need.
	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services						The Committee would welcome information on availability of psychological and psychosocial support, including peer-to-peer support services, including in rural and remote affected areas.
	# States Parties that have established peer-to-peer services within their national healthcare system						
#39	# States Parties reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims						The Committee would welcome information on progress made to facilitate the socio-economic inclusion of mine victims in Chad.

#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans						The Committee welcomes Chad to provide information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine victims in situations 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 would welcome information on efforts made to strengthen the participation and inclusion of mine survivors and their representative organisations.
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 to assist mine victims.
	% 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 welcomes Chad to report on measures in place to ensure consideration of different needs and gender equality in victim assistance.
	# 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 further information challenges encountered to assist victims and information on measures taken to overcome the challenges of data collection. The Committee would also welcome information how the international community and the Committee on Victim Assistance can be of further support to Chad's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.