

## PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

### NIGERIA

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

##### **Mine casualties**

3. Nigeria reported 472 explosive ordnance (EO) victims, including 168 killed and 304 injured.
4. The Committee would welcome further information on all casualties registered in Nigeria disaggregated by age, gender 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 (Actions #1, #6 and #33)**

5. Nigeria reported that the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) addresses the needs of persons with disabilities, and it is represented in the National Humanitarian Mine Action Centre (NHMAC).
6. The Committee would welcome information on the designated government entity with the mandate to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader national frameworks.

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

7. Nigeria reported that victim assistance is included in the draft National Humanitarian Mine Action Strategy 2023-2028.
8. The Committee would like to encourage Nigeria to develop a national action plan to facilitate implementation of victim assistance or integrate victim assistance commitments into existing national plans/strategies, such as those related to persons with disabilities.

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

9. The Committee would welcome information on progress in lifting barriers that may hinder mine survivors' participation and inclusion in 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)**

10. The Committee would welcome information on multi-sectoral activities and information on efforts made to align victim assistance with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD).

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

11. Nigeria reported that NHMAC, since its inception in 2022, has been collecting data from affected states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe and other states in the South-East. Nigeria reported that NHMAC has invited other stakeholders to submit their data in order to create a centralised database at the NHMAC.

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

12. The Committee would welcome information on availability of first aid, other pre-hospital care and long-term medical care available to mine victims.

**Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)**

13. Nigeria reported that efforts were made to develop a referral mechanism.

14. The Committee would welcome information on the existence of a national directory of services for stakeholders to facilitate referral of mine victims to relevant services.

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

15. Nigeria reported that 61 persons were provided with physical rehabilitation by the ICRC in 2022, including 14 children, 39 male and 8 female adults.

16. The Committee would welcome information on the availability of accessibility rehabilitation services in affected areas which are accessible to mine victims.

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

17. The Committee would welcome information on the availability of psychosocial support and peer to peer support.

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

18. Nigeria reported that the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Social Development where the NHMAC is domiciled is also in charge of the National Social Investment Programme (NSIP) and efforts are on the way to ensure the inclusion of EO victims in the NSIP which supports livelihoods and provides training.

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

19. Nigeria reported that its armed forces were trained on the provisions of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

20. The Committee would welcome further information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of emergencies and conflicts.

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

21. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to ensure the inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant policies and programmes, such as mine action programmes.

**CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS:**

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

22. Nigeria reported that in 2024 the government will allocate a national budget for the work of the NHMAC.

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

23. Nigeria reported that the NHMAC has a gender focal point, and the Committee is composed of 50 per cent female members.

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

24. The Committee would welcome information on challenges encountered in victim assistance in Nigeria and information on how the international community including the Committee on Victim Assistance can assist Nigeria to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

**The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker**  
**Victim Assistance**  
**Nigeria**

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 a clarification on designated government entity with a mandate to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader national 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 like to encourage Nigeria to develop a national action plan to facilitate implementation of victim assistance or integrate victim assistance commitments into existing national plans/strategies, such as those related to persons with disabilities.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee welcomes Nigeria to provide information on multi-sectoral activities and information on efforts made to align victim assistance with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD).
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						The Committee would welcome further information on all casualties registered in Nigeria. The Committee would like to encourage Nigeria to disaggregate all casualty data by age, gender and disability.
	# 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 Nigeria to provide information on availability of first aid, other prehospital care and long-term medical care available to mine victims.
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						
	# States Parties that report having a directory of services in place						The Committee would welcome information on the existence of national directory of services for stakeholders to facilitate referral of mine victims to relevant services.
#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 services in affected areas where mine victims can access.
	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services						The Committee would welcome information on availability of psychosocial support and peer to peer support.
	# 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						
#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans						The Committee would welcome further information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of emergencies and conflicts.
#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 Nigeria to share information on efforts made to ensure the inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant policies and programmes, such as mine action programmes.
<b>CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS</b>							
#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						
#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 would welcome information on challenges encountered in victim assistance in Nigeria and information on how the international community including the Committee on Victim Assistance can assist Nigeria to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.