

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

SENEGAL

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

Mine casualties

3. Senegal reported a total of 862 casualties, of which 610 persons are civilians and 252 are military personnel, including latest casualties (15) in 2021.
4. The Committee welcomes Senegal to provide further information on gender, age and disability of the mine victims.

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. Senegal reported that the National Commission and National Mine Action Centre of Senegal (CNAMS) remains responsible for the collection of data on mine victims and has continued working in coordination with other government agencies and associations to assist mine victims.
6. The Committee would welcome information on progress made to integrate victim assistance into broader national policies and programmes.

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

7. Senegal reported implementing a National Action Plan for Victim Assistance (PANAV) to assist mine victims including to facilitate their access to healthcare services.
8. The Committee recalls that Senegal had reported that the PANAV was to be renewed and would welcome an update in this regard.

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

9. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure mine victims enjoy a barrier free environment, and they are able to access services on equal basis with others.

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. Senegal reported that the Ministry of Health and Social Action (MOHSA) in accordance with the Social Orientation Act provides various services to persons with disabilities including mine victims and that CNMAS partners with relevant authorities, army and other stakeholders to collect data and assess the needs of mine victims.

11. The Committee would welcome further information on other progress made in 2022 in strengthening multi-sectoral efforts in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to realise the rights and meet the needs of mine victims.

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

12. Senegal reported that CNAMS continued collecting data on mine casualties.

13. The Committee would welcome information on how data on mine casualties is shared with the relevant ministries and stakeholders.

14. The Committee would welcome information on the existence of or plan to develop a national centralised database with capacity to include data on mine victims.

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

15. Senegal reported that emergency response is provided by the military in collaboration with the CNAMS and the ICRC. Senegal reported that 24 mine victims received medication on the basis of 66 prescriptions and 33 mine victims received medical assistance in 2022.

16. Senegal reported that healthcare services are provided by the MOHSA including emergency aid, medical care and other relevant assistance. Senegal reported that medical care is provided free of charge as a result of an agreement signed between CNAMS and the healthcare providers.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

17. The Committee would welcome information on availability of national referral mechanism and availability of national directory of services to assist mine victims in accessing the services they need, including in rural and remote areas.

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

18. Senegal reported that rehabilitation is available to mine survivors and persons with disabilities and that in 2022, 54 mine victims were either provided with new assistive devices or supported with repairs.

19. The Committee would welcome information on progress made in provision of physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy.

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

20. Senegal reported the availability of psychological support through the regional hospital in Ziguinchor and in addition, 10 mine victims were provided with psychosocial counselling and school supplies by the Academic Centre for Educational and Vocational Guidance (CAOSP).

21. The Committee welcomes Senegal to provide information on availability of peer-to-peer support and the integration of this approach into health systems.

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

22. The Committee would welcome information on progress made to meet the social and economic needs of mine victims, including in rural and remote areas.

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

23. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place or plan to establish measures 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)

24. The Committee would welcome information on efforts to strengthen or enhance the participation and inclusion of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant national policies and programmes.

CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:

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

25. The Committee welcomes information on national commitments including the allocation of national financial resources to assist mine victims.

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

26. The Committee would welcome information on consideration of gender equality and diversity in victim assistance activities in Senegal.

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

27. The Committee would welcome information on challenges facing victim assistance implementation and information on how the international community could be of support to Senegal's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker
Victim Assistance
Senegal

Actions	Indicators						Additional information request by the Committee
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
#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						<p>The Committee would welcome information on progress made to integrate victim assistance into broader national policies and programmes.</p> <p>The Committee recalls that Senegal had reported that the PANA was to be renewed and would welcome an update in this regard.</p> <p>The Committee welcomes Senegal to provide information on measures in place to ensure mine victims enjoy a barrier free environment, and they can access services on equal basis with others.</p>
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						<p>The Committee would welcome further information on other progress made or challenges faced to apply multi-sectoral efforts in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to realise the rights and meet the needs of mine victims.</p>
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						<p>The Committee welcomes Senegal to provide further information on gender, age and disability of the mine victims.</p> <p>The Committee would welcome information on dissemination of information on registered mine victims with relevant ministries and stakeholders.</p> <p>The Committee would welcome information on the existence of or plan to develop a national centralised database with capacity to include data on mine victims.</p>
	# States Parties that disaggregate victim data by gender, age and disability						<p>The Committee welcomes Senegal to provide further information on gender, age and disability of the mine victims.</p>
#36	# States Parties reporting on efforts to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response to mine accidents						
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						<p>The Committee would welcome information on availability of national referral mechanism and availability of national directory of services to assist mine victims in accessing the services they need, including in rural and remote areas.</p>
	# 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						<p>The Committee would welcome information on progress made in provision of physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy.</p>
	# 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 welcomes Senegal to provide information on availability of peer to peer support and the integration of this approach into health systems.
#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 meet the social and economic needs of mine victims, including in rural and remote areas.
#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 or plan to develop one to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors 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 progress made to enhance the participation and inclusion of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant national policies and programmes.
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 welcomes an update on national commitments including the allocation of national financial resources 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 would welcome information on consideration of gender equality and diversity in victim assistance activities in Senegal.
	# women in States Parties' delegations attending Convention meetings						
#8	# States Parties that prepare their Article 7 reports using the Guide to Reporting						The Committee would welcome information on challenges facing victim assistance implementation and information on how the international community could be of support to Senegal's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.
	# States Parties that report on progress and challenges during formal and informal meetings						