

## Statements:

- ITF Enhancing Human Security is a humanitarian, non-profit organization established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in March 1998. Its initial purpose was to help Bosnia and Herzegovina in implementing the peace agreement and to provide assistance and support for post-conflict rehabilitation. Since its inception, ITF has continuously developed its mission to strengthen human security and building resilient communities by reducing risks to peace and security through compassion, innovation, transparency and partnerships. ITF supports and facilitates projects and programs through fundraising in various fields, including:
  - Clearance of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW)
  - Risk education
  - Victim assistance
  - Capacity building
  - Physical security and stockpile management (PSSM)
  - Destruction of surplus weapons and ammunition
  - Advocacy
- Victim Assistance is a crucial component of the programs implemented by ITF. ITF VA program is implemented on four levels:
  - Rehabilitation of mine/UXO victims
  - Victims Assistance programs and projects such as socio-economic integration, vocational and psycho-social support projects implemented by various NGOs in mine affected countries.
  - Training of professionals from the region of South Eastern Europe and other mine affected countries.
  - Capacity building and structure support.

The socio-economic inclusion of mine victims is a crucial aspect of mine action. It is important to ensure that mine victims are integrated into society and the economy. Some important ongoing projects that contribute to better inclusion of mine victims in the community are:

- 'Beekeeping as an Empowerment Tool for People with Disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina' is funded by main donor the Republic of Slovenia and by Republic of Korea. It is implemented in cooperation with the Beekeeping Academy of Slovenia and UDAS, a non-governmental organization supporting mine victims, amputees, and their families in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project aims to empower mine victims to establish small beekeeping businesses and to create a supportive network for those engaged in beekeeping.
- "Sitting Volleyball Tournament" by OKI Fantomi (donor Republic of Korea) and "10-day camp for Ukrainian Women's Sitting Volleyball Team" by Volleyball Federation of Slovenia (donor Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia). OKI Fantomi supported by ITF since 2005.
- "Crating Economic Opportunities for Landmine Victims" by Azerbaijan Campaign to Ban Landmines (donor is Republic of Korea). The objective of this project is to provide the financial means for the economic integration of landmine victims who live in rural regions of Azerbaijan to support socio-economic development, entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency through untied aid given to landmine victims.

- “Empowering Landmine Survivors for Sustainable Future” by Posavina bez Mina (donor is Republic of Korea). The project goal is to provide solar lamps, streetlights, and herb & fruit dryers to enhance safety and create economic opportunities for 6 families of landmine survivors BiH. Promotes self-reliance and encourages renewable energy adoption among mine victims.