



ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC)

INTERVENTION

AGENDA ITEM 9(A)- ASSISTING THE VICTIMS: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Madame President,

Allow me to congratulate you on your leadership of this 22nd Meeting of States Parties.

Victim assistance remains a core priority in the ASEAN region. In line with the Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan, particularly **Actions 30 to 39**, ARMAC continues to promote a regional, survivor-centred approach that strengthens national systems and supports long-term, inclusive services for EO victims.

As the ASEAN-mandated regional hub, ARMAC promotes shared learning, policy coherence, and more effective service delivery among national authorities, survivor networks, service providers, and international partners.

Over the past year, ARMAC's work has focused on four strategic areas:

First – strengthening regional coordination structures:

Through the Victim Assistance Programme, ARMAC launched the ASEAN Regional Victim Assistance Database, Regional Guideline, and Regional Victim Assistance Network (VAN). Together, these tools enhance information-sharing, support peer-to-peer learning, and promote harmonized approaches to rehabilitation, social inclusion, and cross-sector cooperation across ASEAN.

Second – strengthening evidence for national planning:

ARMAC conducted a regional feasibility study across the five affected AMS—Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam to assess the needs of survivors with a focus on physical rehabilitation, mental health, and long-term social inclusion. These findings enhance data quality, support service mapping, and inform integration of victim assistance within broader disability and social development systems.

Third – advancing mental health and psychosocial support:

Through our regional Training-of-Trainers programme, ARMAC strengthened frontline psychosocial support capacities and produced both a ToT Manual and a Regional Handbook, contributing directly to Action 38 of the Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan.

Fourth – strengthening regional solidarity and dialogue:

Through national and regional consultations, ARMAC continues to facilitate cooperation among ASEAN Member States and partners, ensuring that survivors' voices, needs, and aspirations are not only heard, but translated into coordinated and sustainable actions.

Madame President,

ARMAC remains committed to supporting States Parties and the broader mine action community in delivering comprehensive and inclusive victim assistance. We extend our sincere appreciation to our AMS, the Republic of Korea, and our partners for their continued support.

As ASEAN's regional hub, ARMAC stands ready to deepen collaboration, enhance knowledge exchange, and help ensure that survivors, their families, and affected communities receive the support necessary to thrive with dignity.

Thank you, Madame President.