

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS 30 AND 31 OF THE SIEM REAP

REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE

DISABILITY POLICY FRAMEWORK

- The Republic has been implementing disability inclusive policies for more than 3 decades and have been learning from the experience
- 1988 Social Welfare Assistance Act
- 1992 Disabled Persons Act
- 2013 Ratification of the UNCRPD
- 2013 Constitution of Zimbabwe
- 2018 Establishment of Department of Disability Affairs
- 2021 National Disability Policy
- 2024 Costed Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Disability Policy
- 2024 Assistive Technology Strategy
- 2024 Assistive Products Priority List for Persons with Disabilities
- 2024 Value Added Tax General Amendment Regulation No. 67
- 2024 Ratification of the Africa Disability Policy

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- The Ministry chairs the Multi Sectoral Technical Committee on the Implementation of the National Disability Policy. The Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare working through the Department of Disability Affairs has the mandate for coordination of Victim Assistance
- Backed by the Disabled Persons Act of 1992 (Chapter 17.01) currently under review, on second reading in Senate and National Disability Policy (2021 - 2025)
- Victim Assistance Activities are funded through the Disabled Persons Fund, Health Fund, Civil Protection Fund and Social Welfare Assistance Act Chapter 17.06 (1988) through the National Budget and complimented by demining operators and development partners

INTERMINISTERIAL AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION MECHANISM

- A vibrant multi stakeholder coordination mechanism exists which is chaired by Department of Disability Affairs at National level and co-chaired by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works at Provincial and District level
- Roles of stakeholders include but are not limited to the following

COORDINATION MECHANISM CONT...

STAKEHOLDER	AREA OF SPECIALISATION
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE	Social Protection (free health, education, assistive technologies, cash transfers) Post Trauma Counselling, Family tracing and reunification Economic Empowerment
ZIMAC	Demining
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CHILD CARE	Emergency Response Habilitation And Rehabilitation Trauma Counselling
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS	Subnational Level Coordination Civil Protection Preparedness And Response Coordination, Explosive Ordnants Risk Education
MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND TERTIARY EDUCATION	Research And Local Manufacturing Of Assistive Technologies
ORGANISATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	Social Protection, Psycho Social Support
OPERATORS	Demining, Social Protection, Explosive Ordnants Risk Education

ACTION PLANS

The State has national action plans that have specific activities for victim assistance including

- The National Disability Policy (2021 -2025)
- Costed Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Disability Policy
- Office of the President and Cabinet Disability Master plan 2021-2025

Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting

- There is however need to strengthen reporting on victim assistance
- The state also reports periodically to the UNCRPD State Party reporting mechanism, African Disability Policy reporting mechanism and other regional and international mechanisms that may request for report
- Developing 'National Action Plan on the Implementation of Disability Related Recommendations to Zimbabwe issued by International, Regional and National Human Rights Mechanisms' in collaboration with UN Agencies in Zimbabwe to help improve facilitation of reporting

SERVICES OFFERED TO VICTIMS

- Social protection services offered by the Government of Zimbabwe like harmonised social cash transfers, food mitigation, livelihoods initiatives, access to free health assistance, empowerment loans and access to free education for children of mine victims and free vocational training for the mine victims.

CHALLENGES

- Register of all victims of explosive ordnants of war still being updated
- Inadequate resources to meet growing demand for services especially assistive technologies for victims and economic empowerment start up funds
- Remote areas still affected by long distances to specialized services which are concentrated in urban areas

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