

## PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

### MALI

#### STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – VICTIM ASSISTANCE

##### COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

(Austria, Burkina Faso (Chair), the Netherlands, and Sri Lanka)  
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1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Mali of updated information on its victim assistance activities. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

#### VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACTIONS:

**Ensure that a relevant government entity in affected States Parties is assigned as the focal point to coordinate victim assistance and oversee and enhance the integration of victim assistance activities into broader national policies, plans, budgets, and legal frameworks (Actions 30, 1 and 2)**

2. The Committee would welcome information on government entity assigned as the focal point of Mali to coordinate victim assistance and oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks.

**Develop a national specific, measurable, realistic, and time-bound disability action plan (Actions 30 and 3)**

3. The Committee would welcome information on existence or development of national plan that guide victim assistance efforts.

**Include mine and other explosive ordnance victims or their representative organisations, in victim assistance planning and implementation at the national and local level (Actions 30, 31 and 39)**

4. The Committee would welcome information on inclusion of mine and other explosive ordnance (EO) survivors or their representative organisations in planning and implementation activities.

**Report on progress and challenges in implementing their national action plans (Action 30)**

5. Mali reported on provision of healthcare, rehabilitation and psychological services as well as challenges such as lack of resources impeding victim assistance implementation.

**Carry out inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine and other explosive ordnance victims are effectively addressed (Action 31)**

6. The Committee would welcome information on inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral efforts including information on inter-ministerial coordination.

**Identify all mine and other explosive ordnance victims and collect accurate and comprehensive information on their needs, challenges and geographic locations in a manner disaggregated by gender, age, disability, and other considerations (Action 32 and Action 9)**

7. Mali reported a total of 351 civilian victims of which 129 have received assistance, including 54 women (29%), 110 men (58%), 10 girls (5%), and 15 boys (8%).

8. The Committee would welcome a clarification on whether the 351 victims are new casualties registered in 2024. Also, the Committee would welcome further information, disaggregated by gender, age and disability, on all casualties recorded in Mali.

**Integrate the data on mine and other explosive ordnance victims into a national centralised database, such as disability data systems (Actions 32 and 9)**

9. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to integrate the data on mine and other EO victims into a national centralised system, such as disability or injury surveillance.

**Provide effective and efficient context-specific emergency medical care to new casualties and improve national capacity through training, including on psychosocial first care, specialized training for health professionals and layperson first responder training in affected communities (Action 33)**

10. Mali reported on availability of first aid, provided through community healthcare workers and in some cases, with support of NGOs.

**Ensure that mine and other explosive ordnance survivors have access to health services including in rural and remote areas (Action 33)**

11. Mali reported that there is national capacity within several referral health centres (known as CSREFs) to provide first aid to new casualties, with some support provided by NGOs. Mali reported that severe casualties are referred to regional hospitals for specialised and advanced services.

**Ensure that a national/sub-administrative area referral mechanism is in place to facilitate access to services (Action 34)**

12. Mali reported that mine and other EO victims benefit from referrals made by community health centre (known as CSCOM) and other healthcare and rehabilitation stakeholders.

**Create and disseminate a comprehensive directory of services available, accessible, and inclusive for all mine and other explosive ordnance victims (Action 34)**

13. The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.

**Efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of rehabilitation services (Action 35)**

14. Mali reported on availability of rehabilitation services, provided by the National Orthopaedic Center for the Disabled in Mali (known as CNAOM), the private Father Bernard Verspieren Center in Bamako, and Regional Centers for Functional Rehabilitation and Re-education (CRAORF) in Mopti, Gao, Tombouctou, Ségou, and Kayes.

15. Mali reported that rehabilitation faces challenges such as shortages in specialised human resources and finances, with only 13 ortho prosthetists for the whole country.

**Ensure to provide assistive technology (Action 35)**

16. Mali reported on availability of services, as such as those offered by CNAOM and CRAORF providing rehabilitation including assistive technology.

**Increase resources and national capacity to make assistive technology affordable and accessible (Action 35)**

17. Mali reported that in 2023 a new ortho prosthetist training centre was launched by CNAOM and the National Institute of Health Sciences, to address gaps in specialised human resources.

**Ensure mine victims have access to psychological and psychosocial support services including to mental health (Action 36)**

18. Mali reported on provision of limited mental health support offered through regional hospitals and some referral centres.

19. The Committee would welcome further information in this regard.

**Efforts to make peer-to-peer support availability including by integrating it into public healthcare and other relevant systems (Action 36)**

20. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Meet the social and economic inclusion needs of mine victims (Action 37)**

21. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine survivors and affected families (Action 37)**

22. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**The number of mine and other explosive ordnance survivors and affected families accessing social and economic services (Action 37)**

23. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risk (Action 38)**

24. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Increase inclusion of and access by mine victims into programmes for humanitarian assistance, risk reduction, and conflict preparedness and protection (Action 38)**

25. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Improve accessibility and strive to remove physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal, and communications barriers (Actions 39 and 37)**

26. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**Include survivors and/or their representative organisations in matters that affect them, including in planning and implementation at the national and community levels (Actions 39, 38 and 30)**

27. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:**

**Demonstrate high levels of national ownership, partnership and coordination (Action 1)**

*28. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.*

**Ensure that gender, age, disability considerations, and the diverse needs and experiences of people in mine-affected communities including mine survivors, are considered (Action 5)**

*29. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.*

**Allocating national financial commitments for victim assistance implementation (Action 40)**

*30. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.*

**Having a resource mobilisation plan (for victim assistance) in place (Action 41)**

*31. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.*

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Actions	Indicators	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Additional information or clarification requested by the Committee
30	% of affected States Parties that report on the relevant government entity assigned as the focal point to oversee and enhance the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans, budgets, and legal frameworks to ensure its sustainability, including following Article 5 completion;						The Committee would welcome information on government entity assigned as the focal point of Mali to coordination victim assistance and oversee its integration into broader frameworks.
	% of affected States Parties that report having an inclusive national action plan in place considering mine and other explosive ordnance victims, gender, age, disability, and other considerations and containing specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound objectives;						The Committee would welcome information on development of national plan that guide victim assistance efforts.
	% of affected States Parties that report including mine and other explosive ordnance victims or their representative organisations, in victim assistance planning and implementation at the national and local level;						The Committee would welcome information on inclusion of mine and other explosive ordnance (EO) survivors or their representative organisations in planning and implementation.
	% of affected States Parties that report on progress and challenges in implementing their national action plans.						
31	% of affected States Parties that report having in place an interministerial and multi-sectoral coordination mechanism to ensure that the needs and rights of mine and other explosive ordnance victims are addressed;						
	% of affected States Parties that report including the needs and rights of mine and other explosive ordnance victims in relevant national policies, legal frameworks, and budgets.						The Committee would welcome information on inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral efforts including information on inter-ministerial coordination.
32	% of affected States Parties that report on efforts to identify mine and other explosive ordnance victims and disaggregate victim data by gender, age, disability, and other considerations;						The Committee would welcome a clarification on whether the 351 victims are new casualties in 2024 or of the past years.
							The Committee would also welcome information disaggregated by gender, age and disability, for all casualties recorded in Mali.
	% of affected States Parties that report the inclusion of data on mine and other explosive ordnance victims in a national centralised database such as disability data systems and make data available to relevant stakeholders in accordance with data protection regulations/measures.						The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to integrate the data on mine and other EO victims into a national centralised system, such as disability or injury surveillance.
33	% of affected States Parties that report having a mechanism in place to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response to new casualties;						
	% of affected States Parties that report on availability and accessibility of health services, including in rural and remote areas.						
34	% of affected States Parties that report having a national/sub-administrative referral mechanism in place which is available, accessible, and inclusive for all mine victims;						
	% of affected States Parties that report having a comprehensive directory of services available, accessible, and inclusive for all mine victims.						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
35	% of affected States Parties that report on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of rehabilitation services;						
	% of affected States Parties that report on the provision of assistive technology;						
	% of States Parties that report on efforts to increase resources and national capacity to make assistive technology affordable and accessible.						

36	% of affected States Parties that report on mine and other explosive ordnance survivors and affected families accessing mental health and psychological support disaggregated by gender, age, disability, and other relevant factors;						
	% of affected States Parties that report on the provision of and integrating peer-to-peer support into public healthcare and other relevant systems.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
37	% of affected States Parties that report on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine survivors and affected families;						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report on programmes for inclusive employment, livelihoods, and other social protection services;						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report on the number of mine and other explosive ordnance survivors and affected families accessing social and economic services, disaggregated by gender, age, disability, and other relevant factors.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
38	% of affected States Parties that report integrating the safety and protection of mine survivors in their emergency/humanitarian response and preparedness plans;						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report on mine victims' inclusion and accessibility to programmes for humanitarian assistance, risk reduction, and conflict preparedness and protection.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
39	% of affected States Parties that report on progress in removing physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal, and communication barriers;						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report including survivors and/or their representative organisations in matters that affect them, including in planning and implementation at the national and community levels.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS							
1	% of affected States Parties that report integrating Convention implementation activities into: national development plans and budgets, strategies and budgets including on poverty reduction, humanitarian response, on health and mental health, gender equality inclusion of persons with disabilities, peacebuilding, Human Rights, climate change adaptation plans, environmental protection and improvement, and/or disaster risk reduction						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report having strengthened partnerships and coordinated Convention implementation activities with relevant humanitarian, peacebuilding, climate, environmental, development, health, disability, and human rights sectors						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
5	% of affected States Parties that report national work plans and strategies integrating gender, age, disability considerations, and the diverse needs and experiences of people in mine-affected communities including mine survivors;						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report national work plans and strategies developed through inclusive consultation with stakeholders including survivors and representatives of mine-affected communities						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	of mine victims and survivor organisations participating in Convention meetings						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
40	% of affected States Parties that report making national financial commitments to their implementation of victim assistance.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of States Parties that report on exploring all sources of funding, including conventional and alternative/innovative						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
41	% of affected States Parties that report on progress, challenges in implementation, and requirements for assistance.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report having a resource mobilisation plan in place.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that have taken advantage of the Individualised Approach.						The Committee would welcome information in this regard.