

## PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

### MAURITANIA

#### 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 Mauritania 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. Mauritania reported that the National Programme for Humanitarian Demining and Development (PNDHD) is responsible for victim assistance efforts.

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

3. The Committee would welcome information on development and implementation of national action plan on victim assistance and disabilities.

**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 an update in this regard.

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

5. Mauritania provided information on some areas of victim assistance and associated activities.

**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 national implementation mechanisms, such as inter-ministerial coordination in place.

**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 also Action 9)**

7. Mauritania reported 9 new casualties in 2024 - 3 men were killed and 6 men injured, increasing the total number of mine victims registered in Mauritania to 643 – 86% men -, of which 373 were killed

and 270 persons have survived. Mauritania reported that some of the victims have not been identified or registered yet.

8. The Committee would welcome further information disaggregated by age, gender and disability on all mine victims including those occurred before 2018 as well as indirect victims.

**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 the integration of mine casualty data into relevant national databases, such as national disability database or injury surveillance registry.

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

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

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

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

12. The Committee would welcome information in this regard.

**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. The Committee would welcome information on progress made in increasing rehabilitation services to address the needs of mine and other explosive ordnance victims.

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

15. Mauritania reported that the PNDHD has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health concerning provision of assistive devices to mine survivors.

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

16. The Committee would welcome information on progress made in this regard.

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

17. Mauritania reported that PNDHD, through the CNORF provides psychological and therapeutic support in addition to support provided by doctors contracted by the PNDHD as needed.

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

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

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

19. Mauritania reported that with aim to reintegrate mine victims into the workforce, the PNDHD has trained and recruited a number of victims to raise awareness on explosive ordnances. Mauritania reported that this activity has been funded by national budget.

20. Mauritania reported that mine victims have no income, thus, the PNDHD is seeking cooperation and assistance in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

23. The Committee would welcome an update 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)**

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

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

25. The Committee would welcome an update 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)**

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

**CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:**

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

27. The Committee would welcome an update 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)**

*28. The Committee would welcome information in relation to gender, age and disability considerations.*

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

29. Mauritania reported that a project to recruit mine survivors for risks education has been sponsored by the government.

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

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

SRAAP country reporting tracker							
Victim Assistance							
Mauritania							
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;						
	% 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 and implementation of national action plan on victim assistance and disabilities.
	% 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 an update in this regard.
	% 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;						The Committee would welcome information on national implementation mechanisms, such as inter-ministerial coordination in place.
	% 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.						
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 further information disaggregated by age, gender and disability on all mine victims including those occurred before 2018 as well as indirect victims.
	% 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 the integration of mine casualty data into relevant national databases, such as national disability database or injury surveillance registry.
33	% of affected States Parties that report having a mechanism in place to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response to new casualties;						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report on availability and accessibility of health services, including in rural and remote areas.						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
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;						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
	% 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;						The Committee would welcome information on progress made in increasing rehabilitation services to address the needs of mine and other explosive ordnance victims.
	% 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.						The Committee would welcome information on progress made in this regard.

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 an update 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 an update in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report on programmes for inclusive employment, livelihoods, and other social protection services;						The Committee would welcome an update 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 an update 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 an update 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 an update 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 an update 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 an update 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						
	% 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 an update 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 an update 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 an update in this regard.
	of mine victims and survivor organisations participating in Convention meetings						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
40	% of affected States Parties that report making national financial commitments to their implementation of victim assistance.						
	% of States Parties that report on exploring all sources of funding, including conventional and alternative/innovative						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
41	% of affected States Parties that report on progress, challenges in implementation, and requirements for assistance.						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that report having a resource mobilisation plan in place.						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.
	% of affected States Parties that have taken advantage of the Individualised Approach.						The Committee would welcome an update in this regard.