

Dear Chair, Committee members, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues!

First of all I would like to thank the Implementation Support Unit and the Committee on Victim Assistance for continues support and organizing Victim Assistance experts meeting!

Today we are here to understand current status of implementation of Actions 30 and 31 of the of SRAAP in our countries and to identify challenges and the ways to address challenges in implementation. We are here to share our experiences and learn best practices from each other with regards to two Actions – 30 and 31.

With regards to Action 30: Tajikistan National Mine Action Centre (TNMAC) was established on 3-rd January 2014 by the Government decree as a Government institution. So, TNMAC is the government entity which has mandate of coordination and management of all mine action activities in Tajikistan, including victim assistance activities. TNMAC Victim Assistance pillar is responsible to oversee and advocate for the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans, budgets and legal frameworks to ensure its sustainability, including upon Article 5 completion. Tajikistan Mine Action Programme has a specific, measurable, realistic, and time-bound Action Plan contained in our current “National Strategy of the RT on humanitarian Mine Action for 2021-2030”.

The main elements of our States’s plan are followings: strengthening the technical capacity of the NOC, Conducting trainings for health workers on the provision of first aid, social and psychological assistance to mine survivors, Providing mine survivors with prosthetics/orthotic services and Assistive Devices, medical and rehabilitation services, social and psychological assistance and Ensuring access for mines/UXO victims to legal, socio-economic assistance (grants, loans) and promoting their integration into the society.

With regards to Action 31. There is multi-sectoral approach in Tajikistan to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed. In order to achieve multi-sectoral approach, Victim Assistance Technical Working Group was established, which includes representatives of the relevant ministries: Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population (MoHSPP), Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Labor, Local Authorities, OSCE, WHO, ICRC, Tajikistan Red Crescent Society, FSD, NPA and public organizations of persons with disabilities and landmine survivors. TNMAC organizes Victim Assistance Technical Working Group at quarterly basis in the regional centers and Dushanbe.

Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population (MoHSPP) and its structures, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of labour and Local Authorities and Local Authorities are actively collaborating and participating in the Victim Assistance TWG

coordination meetings. Usually, TNMAC send official letters to relevant ministries and organizations one month ahead inviting them to the Victim Assistance TWG meetings.

In 2025, two Victim Assistance Technical Working Group meetings were already organized in the regional centers (58 participants) Bokhtar and Khujand. We are planning to organize another three VA TWGs meetings in the regional centers and Dushanbe. It is worth to note, that landmine survivors and their organizations are always taking part in the Victim Assistance related meetings.

Since its establishment, TNMAC is one of the active advocates for Tajikistan signing and further ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). From the beginning Tajikistan Mine Action Programme has aligned all its victim assistance efforts with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

In 2018, after signing the UNCRPD by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajikistan started development of the “National Action Plan on the preparation of the Republic of Tajikistan for the ratification and implementation of the CRPD”, so called “road-map”. TNMAC Director was a part of the Governmental Working Group to develop this road-map.

When road-map was approved by the Government of Republic of Tajikistan, new Inter-ministerial Working Group for disability issues was created in 2021 by the Government Decree with mandate to monitor the progress of the implementation of the abovementioned Action Plan. TNMAC VA Officer is a member of this WG and she participates in the meetings, where the progress made by the Republic of Tajikistan towards ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was reported by different ministries and agencies. Organizations of Persons with Disabilities actively participates in the meetings of this WG.

Our State is doing it utmost to allocate sufficient budget for Disability and Victim Assistance, but, Tajikistan still faces challenges in financial support in order to fulfill Victim Assistance obligations contained in the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP), including for Action 30 and 31.

Thank you very much for your attention!