





THE ALBANIA MINE ACTION PROGRAMME

“ALBANIA MINE/UXO-SAFE BY 2005”





VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- Since 1999, 27 people were killed and 220 injured by mines and UXO in NE Albania, the last in July 2003 – 39% are children
- Approximately 400 people were killed or injured by UXO around the Hot Spots countrywide since 1997



This woman lost her arm while working the family's land in Northern Albania





VICTIM ASSISTANCE – PROGRESS



Young mine victim in the Albanian rehabilitation programme

- In Albania all victim assistance is coordinated by UNDP and AMAE, economic rehabilitation is implemented by a local NGO (VMA)
- 3 Protheses techs, 1 physiotherapist and 3 surgeons trained with ITF and Slovenian Rehab Institute support
- A modern orthopaedic surgical capability is being established at Kukes Hospital with State Department funding through ITF
- 14 victims were treated and protheses fitted in Albania with ICRC assistance
- 20 victims received advanced fitment of protheses at Slovenian Rehab Institute with ITF assistance (82 since 2001)
- A revolving fund was established, with US funding through the ITF, for the development of household economies among families of victims in NE Albania - 40 families will have benefited by the spring
- Night of a Thousand Dinners
- Budget of \$350,000 fully funded (State Dept through ITF \$320,000).



VICTIM ASSISTANCE - PLANNING

- A broad integrated victim assistance strategy was adopted in Albania.
- Goal - To build a sustainable Albanian mine action capability by 2005.
- Objectives
 - Fitment of protheses to priority lower limb amputees in Albania.
 - Fitment of protheses to upper limb amputees abroad.
 - Rehabilitation of sight impaired victims.
 - Building a victim rehabilitation capacity in Albania by 2005.
 - Building a capacity in NE Albania to surgically treat trauma and amputee victims and serve as a level three medical facility for victims of demining accidents.
 - Economic reintegration of mine victims through a micro-financing scheme.
 - Building an Albanian victim assistance capacity by 2005.
- Additional objectives for 2004:
 - Appointment of a UNV project officer.
 - Inclusion of victims of 1997 uprising.
 - Special care of child victims.
 - Vocational training.



Beehives procured with funds borrowed from the revolving fund

