

Introduction

- **Advocating for medical, psychological, social, and economical programs and needs**
 - First on behalf of the Lebanese delegation I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to give you an idea about our progress in Mine Victim program in Lebanon and the challenges we faced
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 - To-date it was reported that due to mine/UXO, there were about 4000 victims; An estimate of 55% injured and 45% deaths in Lebanon.
 - The overwhelming number of males among civilian casualties emphasizes the importance of gender considerations in mine risk education and mine victim assistance.
- As you can see about 34 % of victims are in the age group 31-40, affecting individuals who are in the most productive time of their lives and those with dependants, young and old.
- **Supporting victims in establishing/ maintaining income generating programs**
- Advocating for medical and psychological and economical programs and needs Which are funded by Int. NGOs implemented by the local NGOs and coordinated among them and NDO
- **Coordinating the National Mine Victim Assistance Committee and collaborating with organizations offering victim assistance in Lebanon**
 - This committee includes
 - Public agencies
 - Local NGO's
 - International donors/NGO's
 - UN agencies
 - The Role of this committee is
 - Coordinating
 - Streamlining
 - Helping to attract funding
 - Surveying
- And Decision making for all relevant services and events
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- Ensuring adequate/ appropriate distribution funding for victim assistance programs of
 - Through coordination among
 - NDO
 - NGOs
 - Donors

Achievements: in Coordination with the NMVAC

- **Surveying and updating victims database continuously**
 - A national survey on landmine victims in Lebanon was conducted by LandMine resource centre LMRC Balamand and collaborated with NDO and local NGO's
 - This database covers
 - Demographic distribution
 - Socio-economic status
 - Geographic location for injury, present residence
 - Injury cause and type and date
- **Ensuring provision of prosthetic devices and related maintenance, rehabilitation services, and home adaptation**
 - As artificial limbs ,hearing aids artificial eyes mobilization devices which are offered by Int NGOs
 - Currently NPA is the only NGO is offering these services and some other services in Mine Victim assistance
- **Promoting income generating initiatives and provision of facilitated loans**
- **Encouraging representation of victims in national, regional, and international meetings and events**
 - NMVA committee is ensuring the participate of victims in Local Regional and Int.conferences such as Nairobi summit ,
 - Also participation of landmine victims from Lebanon and other arab countries in regional Summer camp in Lebanon 2003 implemented by the Vision association and cofunded in NPA and LSN and WRF

- Another regional summer camp is being negotiated to gather Mine Survivors from the arab world to be held in September 2005
- Recently one of the local NGOs has formed a football team composed of Land mine Survivors and other disabled persons
- Also some victims participated in Beirut Marathon 2003 and 2004 with NDO staff and NGOs

Challenges

- Ensuring adequate long term funding to cover victims needs

Victims needs cover

- first response in which new victims require emergency and hospital care
- rehabilitation and home adaptation
- continuous maintenance especially for injuries requiring therapy, physical and mental

- Make victims aware of available services/rights and advocate for their rights

- Streamlining public/private agencies provisions for efficient outcome

- Promoting the role of the different NGO's to ensure utilization of their diverse capabilities

Trough building their capacity of NGOs and enhancing networking among them and other Regional and Int. NGOs

- Helping in community awareness/empowerment for better understanding of victims rights

- Promote awareness of community on victims needs; physical, mental, social, infrastructure, etc.

- Decrease stigma/

- Promote victims rights



Capacities

- **Surveying capabilities including needs assessment; data gathering and analysis, and networking**
 - Regionally customized procedures in line with regional culture
Encompassing diversity between communities/target groups
- Establishing network and procedures for continuous data gathering
- **Socio-economic analysis which help set the stage for working with affected individuals and communities on income**
 - **generating projects**
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Finally on behalf of the Lebanese delegation I would like to make reference to the 101 great ideas portfolio for the socio economic ...ONLY too of the local NGOs are mentioned in this portfolio in addition to the Int NGOs although may other local NGOs are operating in this field

I would like to draw to your attention that the National Demining Office is assigned the official responsibility for the mine action Plan in LEBANON
I would like kindly if you contact the NDO for any official documents informed about Lebanon