

Republic of Sudan

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Oral Statement on Victim Assistance

Sudan

Dear CO- chairs, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Victim Assistance program in Sudan has registered progress at all different areas of interventions of Victim assistance and disability starting from data management and ending with complete reintegration of survivors and victims' families back to society. The National Strategic Framework for Victim Assistance, the National Victim Assistance Work plan (it need to be revised) and the VA transition plan ensure a compliance with the CAP. All VA objectives are in line with VA objectives the CAP.

To ensure the importance of the participoty and holistic approaches, the Landmine Victims Associations were empowered and involved in implementation of victim assistance/disability projects; Mine/ERW victims and other persons with disabilities are fully involved in all the VA activities such as monthly coordination meetings, VA training courses and special events such as International day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, and other awareness campaigns on their rights.

In Sudan the inter-ministerial / inter-sectorial coordination mechanism is in place and is actively led by the National Mine Action Centre .The National Mine Action Centre in Khartoum chairs the VA working group and co- chair the VA/disability coordination working group (VACWG) in Elfasher, North Darfur. The VACWG in northern Darfur is co-chair by Ministry of Social Affairs. VA monthly coordination meetings are the main forum were all actors working in Victim Assistance/disability meet, share information, reports and experiences. We belief that this coordination mechanism was one of the main factors which led the successful Victim Assistance program in Sudan; it avoids duplication and allow the best use of the available funds. More over NMAC, VA department is an active member in the National Disability Council. To strengthen coordination, advocacy and information-sharing, Office of Disposal Ordnance (ODO) jointly with NMAC sub –office in northern Darfur has formed the VA/disability Coordination Working Group in North Darfur.

The National Mine Action Centre classified mine victims using the IMSMA database, where 1,913 have been registered till October 2013. While 1200 casualties, are registered within the National Mine / ERW victim database.

Initially, the office of disposal ordnance in close collaboration and coordination with NMAC sub-office in Darfur focused on establishing the data collection mechanisms relating to Victims of ERW in Darfur and to build the capacity of the existing Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) towards the integration of the ERW Victims in the community.

The government of Sudan agreed that the disability budget to be adopted in relevant governmental authorities for providing services to person with disability

The ministry of welfare and social security provided PWDs with mobility aids

With respect to physical rehabilitation services, ICRC has continued the provision of these services through their Rehabilitation Center in collaboration with NAPO .Hope Medical City which is an active member with the VA working group in Khartoum and the second producer for mobility aids, prostheses and orthotics; will establish factory for upper limbs

Capacity building of local organizations represented a very important area of work. This was done through meetings and discussion organized with organizations (mainly local NGOs), authorities and relevant partners such as International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC). The VA program empowered the government and local authorities, NGOs and communities, through technical and financial support. NMAC VA officer is currently attending the Development of Victim Assistance System for Victim of Wars and Conflicts training course 1/10 to 30/10/2013.

ODO have conducted 2 training session for PWDs in central Darfur / Zalingie in characteristic of effective NGOs and importance of shared of work between DPOs for inclusion of ERW victims.

ODO in co-operation with NMAC and disabled councils conducted advocacy activities on the CRPD through training sessions, radio and T.V in Darfur.

Elafasher Society of the Disabled (FSD) conducted meeting with ICRC and the output of the meeting they have signed agreement to support FSD in maintenance of prosthetics in North Darfur and provide materials and equipment for 18 months.FSD with support from ODO conducted 37 psycho-social support session for ERW victims

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