

Sri Lanka Victim Assistance Commitment



Addressing Needs and Integrating Support

Introduction

- Importance of Victim Assistance
- Alignment with Oslo Action #35
- Key Focus Areas: Data Collection, Medical Care, Rehabilitation, Psychosocial Support, Socio-Economic Inclusion, Safety, Coordination, and Participation

Data on Direct and Indirect Victims

Assessment:

- 1,765 victims recorded (2002-2009)
- Significant reduction in casualties (2010-2023)
- Ongoing data cleaning and verification



Objectives:

- Integrate landmine-related injuries into national injury surveillance by end of 2024
- Incorporate IMSMA data into Ministry databases by end of 2025

Medical Care

- Assessment:**

- Well-established healthcare system
- Financial constraints and high out-of-pocket costs

- Objectives:**

- Improve referral systems by end of 2025

- Enhancements:**

- Share survey findings with stakeholders
- Coordinate with provincial health authorities

Physical Rehabilitation

- Assessment:**

- Primary center: Jaffna Jaipur Centre for Disability Rehabilitation (JJCDR)
- Challenges: Lack of awareness, transportation costs, discontinuation of rehabilitation

- Objectives:**

- Publish National Rehabilitation Guidelines by mid-2024
- Ensure accurate data for service improvement by end of 2025

- Enhancements:**

- Conduct qualitative surveys in rehabilitation centers
- Share survey findings with stakeholders

Psychological and Psycho-Social Support

Assessment:

- Improved mental health services in Northern and Eastern Provinces
- Challenges: Low mental health literacy, stigma

Objectives:

- Ensure landmine victims are included in trauma services by end of 2025
- Improve referral systems for psychological support

Enhancements:

- Appoint Victim Assistance focal person by end of 2024
- Clarify availability of peer support services

Socio-Economic Inclusion

Assessment:

- Inclusive education, social protection, economic inclusion
- Lack of data and targeted support

Objectives:

- Publish new Disability Act by end of 2024

Enhancements:

- Enhance coordination for new Act integration
- Facilitate referrals to community-based support services

Safety and Protection

Assessment:

- Prioritizing support for vulnerable groups in disasters
- Recognizing challenges faced by people with disabilities

Objectives:

- Design and implement early warning dissemination program by end of 2024

Enhancements:

- Coordinate national early warning program
- Share IMSMA data with Disaster Management Centre

Coordination

Assessment:

- Transitional victim assistance integrating into broader frameworks
- Positive stakeholder consultations

Objectives:

- Appoint Victim Assistance focal persons by end of 2024
- Compile and disseminate service directory by end of 2025

Enhancements:

- Establish inter-ministerial coordination body
- Leverage expertise from external stakeholders

Participation

Assessment:

- Network of self-help organizations and OPDs
- Financial constraints affecting operations

Objectives:

- Publish new National Disability Action Plan by end of 2025

Enhancements:

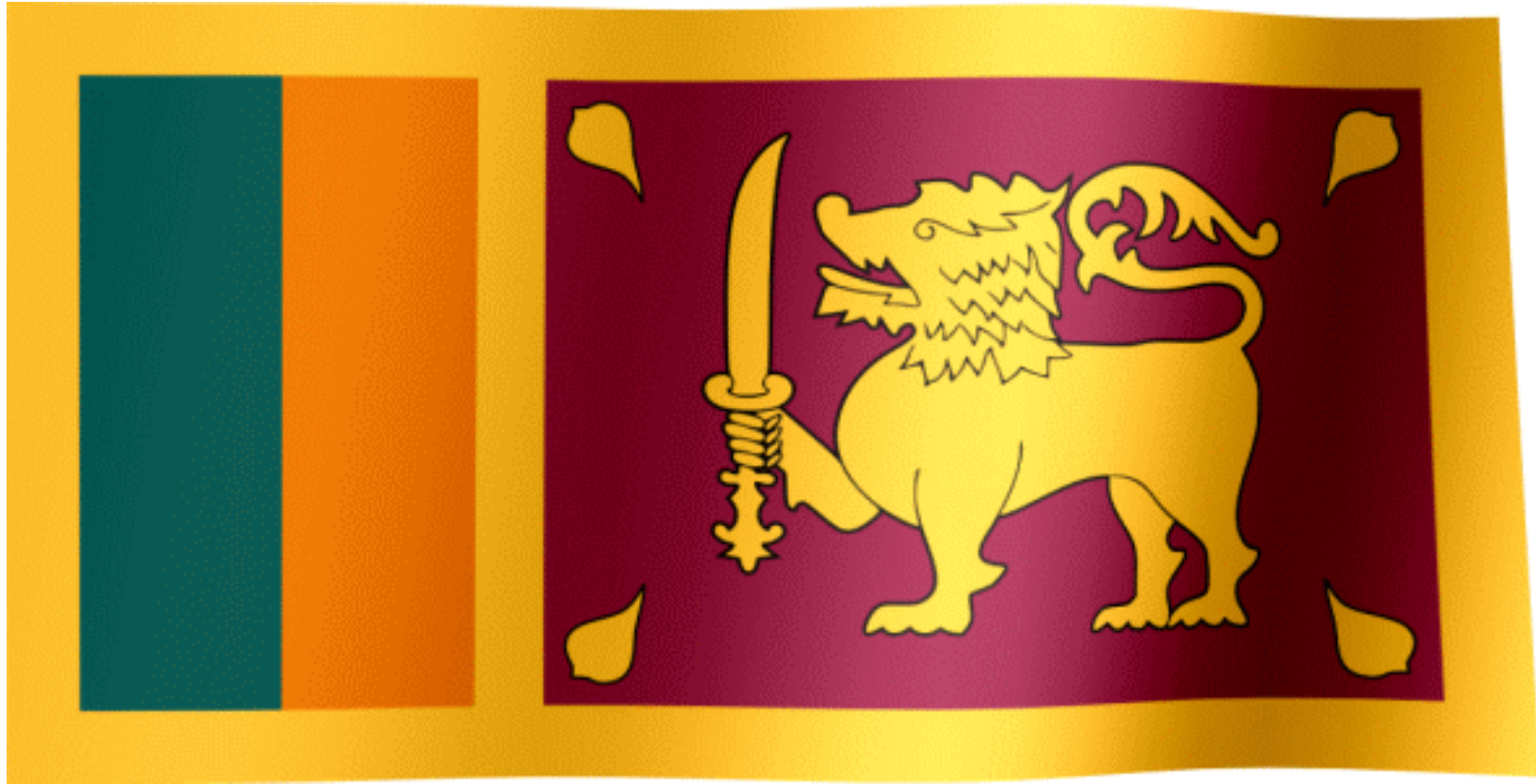
- Consult organizations during Action Plan development
- Refer landmine victims for local consultations

Aspiration

- Commitment to comprehensive victim assistance
- Integration of victim support into national systems
- Continuous improvement and stakeholder collaboration
- Technical support required to develop Standard, SOP and International

Experience

- Continues Donor support



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