

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION

MAURITANIA

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – VICTIM ASSISTANCE

COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

(Burkina Faso, the Netherlands, Slovenia (Chair) and Zambia)

Intersessional Meetings

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1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Mauritania of updated information on its victim assistance activities.
2. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

3. Mauritania reported 5 new casualties in 2023 which has increased the total mine victims to 634, which 370 were killed and 264 persons have survived.
4. The Committee would welcome further information disaggregated by age, gender and disability on all mine victims including those occurred before 2018 as well as indirect victims.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACTIONS:

Strengthen partnerships and integrate victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks and designation of a government entity to oversee the integration (Action #33 and Actions #1 and #6)

5. Mauritania reported that the National Programme for Humanitarian Demining and Development (PNDHD) leads on coordination of victim assistance activities.

Develop and implement measurable, realistic, and time-bound national action plan (Action #33 and Action #2)

6. The Committee would welcome information on plans in place to oversee and measure progress and achievements of integrated plans, in relation to fulfilling Mauritania's commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

Removing barriers including physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal and communication barriers to access such services (Action #33)

7. The Committee would welcome an update on progress made in this regard and in relation to lifting barriers that may hinder the participation of survivors and persons with disabilities in Mauritania.

Applying multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Action #34)

8. The Committee would welcome information in application of multi-sectoral approach, in synergy with provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Establish or strengthen of a centralised database / national information management system (Action #35 and Action #9)

9. Mauritania reported collecting data on casualties caused due to mines and that a total of 629 casualties have been recorded.

10. The Committee would welcome information on the integration of mine casualty data into relevant national databases, such as national disability database or injury surveillance registry.

Access to first aid and ongoing emergency medical care (Action #36)

11. Mauritania reported that the PNDHD has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health concerning provision of assistive devices to mine survivors.

12. The Committee would welcome information on progress made as a result of the agreement between the PNDHD and the Ministry of Health.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

13. The Committee would welcome information on the status of a national referral mechanism and directory of services or plan to develop them to further facilitate mine victims' access to services.

Access to rehabilitation services including physiotherapy, assistive devices, and occupational therapy (Action #38)

14. Mauritania reported that the PNDHD has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health concerning provision of assistive devices to mine survivors and services are provide in this regard by the National Orthopaedic and Functioning Rehabilitation Centre (CNORF).

15. The Committee would also welcome further information on the number of mine survivors that have received rehabilitation services in 2023.

Access to psychological and psychosocial services including peer-to-peer support (Action #38)

16. Mauritania reported the PNDHD through services provided by CNORF ensures the psychological needs of mine victims are met.

17. The Committee would welcome further information on availability psychosocial support including availability of peer-to-peer support and its inclusion into public healthcare policy/programme.

Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas (Action #39)

18. The Committee would welcome information on progress made with regards to social and economic inclusion of mine survivors and their families including in rural and remote areas and information on the number of mine victims benefited from socio-economic assistance in 2023.

Taking measure for safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies (Action #40)

19. The Committee would welcome information on measures that are in place or are planned to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies including humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.

Strengthening inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them (Action #41 and Action #4)

20. The Committee would welcome information on progress made by Mauritania to facilitate inclusion and participation of mine survivors and their representative organisations to policies and programmes.

CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:

Demonstrate high levels of national ownership, including [...] by making financial and other commitments to implementation (Action #1)

21. Mauritania reported that national funds were allocated for training and recruitment of mine survivors.

22. The Committee would welcome further information on allocation of financial and other commitments, by the Government of Mauritania, to other areas of victim assistance activities.

Ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered (Action #3)

23. The Committee would welcome information on progress made in ensuring gender and diversity in victim assistance related plans and programmes.

Challenges in implementation of Victim Assistance Commitments (Action #8)

24. The Committee would welcome further information on challenges faced by Mauritania in the provision of Victim Assistance and information on how the international community can assist Mauritania in fulfilling its Victim Assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.

The Oslo Action Plan country reporting tracker
Victim Assistance
Mauritania

Actions	Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Additional information request by the Committee
#33	# States Parties that have designated a government entity to coordinate victim assistance activities						
	# States Parties that have national action plans in place containing specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound objectives and related indicators						The Committee would welcome information on plans in place to oversee and measure progress and achievements of integrated plans, in relation to fulfilling Mauritania's commitments under the Convention and the OAP.
							The Committee would welcome an update on progress made in this regard and in relation to lifting barriers that may hinder the participation of survivors and persons with disabilities in Mauritania.
#34	# States Parties that report that they include mine victims in relevant national policy and support frameworks						The Committee would welcome information in application of multi-sectoral approach, in synergy with provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
#35	# States Parties that include victims of anti-personnel mines in disability data systems						The Committee would also welcome information on integration of mine casualty data into relevant national databases, such as national disability database or injury surveillance registry.
	# States Parties that disaggregate victim data by gender, age, and disability						The Committee would welcome further information on mine victims that have been killed and information on indirect victims, such as affected families.
#36	# States Parties reporting on efforts to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response to mine accidents						The Committee would welcome information on progress made as a result of the agreement between the PNDHD and the Ministry of Health.
#37	# States Parties that report having a national referral mechanism						The Committee would welcome information on availability of referral mechanism and directory of services.
	# States Parties that report having a directory of services in place						The Committee would welcome information on development of the national directory of services.
#38	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of comprehensive rehabilitation services						The Committee would also welcome further information on the number of mine survivors that have received rehabilitation services in 2023.
	# States Parties reporting on efforts to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services						The Committee would welcome further information on availability psychosocial support
	# States Parties that have established peer-to-peer services within their national healthcare system						Also, the Committee welcomes Mauritania to provide information on peer counselling and its integration into health systems.
#39	# States Parties reporting on efforts to remove barriers to the social and economic inclusion of mine victims						The Committee would welcome information on progress made with regards to social and economic inclusion of mine survivors and their families including in rural and remote areas and information on the number of mine victims benefited from socio-economic assistance in 2023.

#40	# States Parties that report integrating protection of mine survivors in their humanitarian response and preparedness plans						The Committee would welcome information from Mauritania on measures that are in place or plan to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies including humanitarian emergencies, natural disasters.
#41	# States Parties that report that they include victim representatives or their organizations in victim assistance planning at the national and local level						The Committee would welcome information on progress made by Mauritania to facilitate inclusion and participation of mine survivors and their representative organisations to policies and programmes.
CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS							
#1	# States Parties that report, having included Convention implementation activities in national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, humanitarian response plans and national strategies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities, where appropriate						
	% mine-affected States Parties that report making national financial commitments to the implementation of their obligations under the Convention						The Committee would welcome further information on allocation of financial and other commitments, by Mauritania, to other aspects of victim assistance activities.
#3	# mine-affected States Parties that report having evidence-based, costed and time-bound national strategies and work plans in place						
	# women in States Parties' delegations attending Convention meetings						The Committee would welcome information on progress made in ensuring gender and diversity in victim assistance related plans and programmes.
#8	# States Parties that prepare their Article 7 reports using the Guide to Reporting						
	# States Parties that report on progress and challenges during formal and informal meetings						The Committee would welcome further information on challenges in provision of victim assistance and information on how the international community can assist Mauritania in fulfilling its Victim Assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.