



VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN ALBANIA

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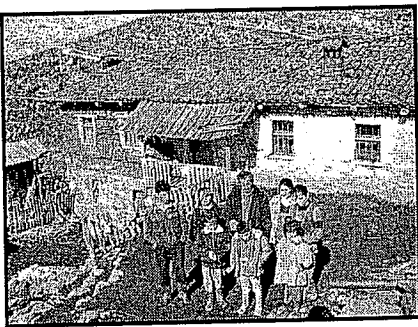



Victim Assistance Strategy


Vision: Ensure the physical rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration of all mine/ERW victims in Albania.

Mine/ERW casualties in Albania:


- 238 mine/UXO survivors in Kukës region
- 610 casualties in other parts of Albania

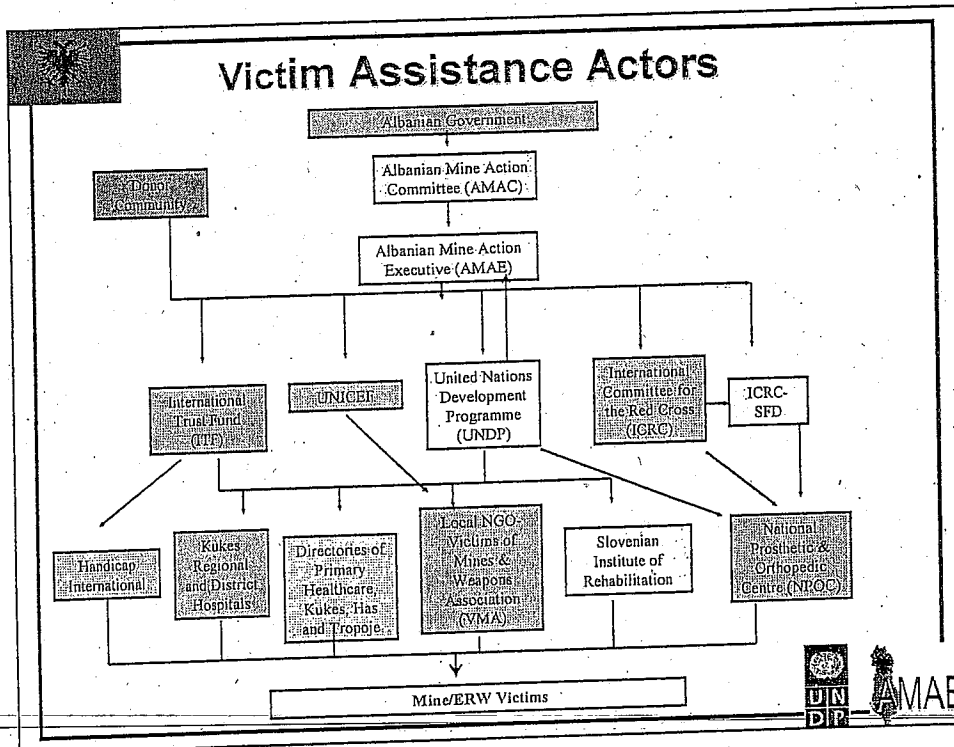
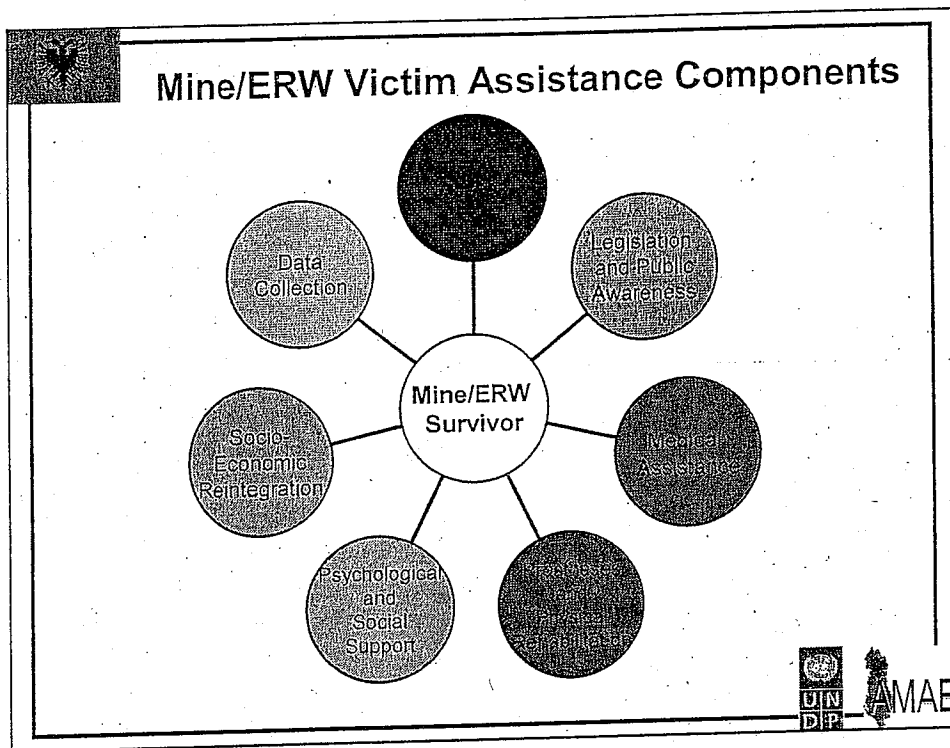


Sight impaired mine victim and family at home



Two landmine survivors at Hospital.





Medical Care, Physical Rehabilitation & Social Support

- Build the surgical capacities in district hospitals; equipments and training provided in Albania and abroad.
- Improve emergency and ongoing medical care provided at village level. Training and new equipment provided.
- Establish and training of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) network with 30 nurses in the mine affected region.
- Treatment of sight impaired mine/ERW survivors.
- Prosthetic Workshops upgraded in equipments, adequate training provided and supply with raw materials.
- Psycho-social and peer support services provided and reinforced at district and regional level.



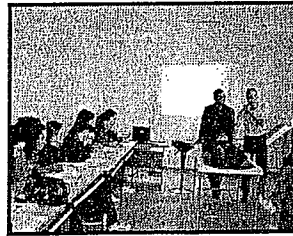
Developments and Results

- With funding and technical assistance from ICRC/SFD- training of NPOC technicians (one of them ISPO cat II) and build its Management capacities.
- A PMR National Plan of Action is implemented by the Ministry of Health with funding support from US DoS through ITF:
 - Establishment of a PMR specialisation;
 - Development of PMR units in regional hospitals (Kukes, Shkodra & Korça);
 - Fundraising for equipment of the future National Referral Rehabilitation Centre in Kavaja.
- The Nursing Faculty in Tirana implements a sustainable program for the development of physiotherapy training.

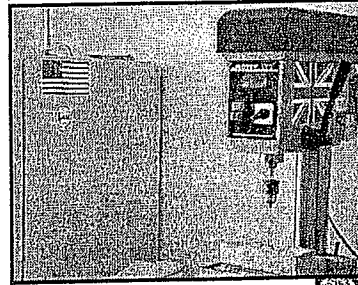
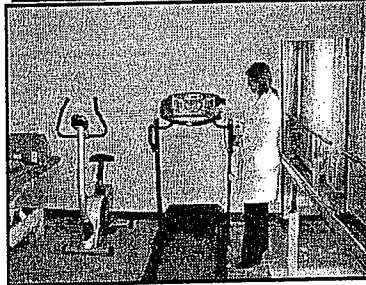
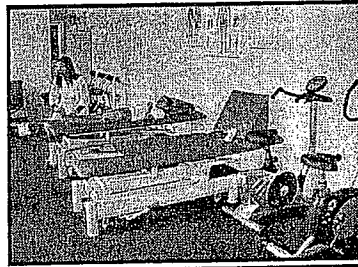


Developments and Results (cont.)

- The quality of existing prosthetics services has improved and the training capacities for prosthetics of the Albanian health sector are developed.
- The rehabilitation unit of the Kukes Regional Hospital is established and delivers basic rehabilitation services to people in need - particularly addressing the needs of landmine survivors.
- Prosthetic facilities are being improved at the Regional Hospital level in Kukes with equipment and qualified staff.
- Regulatory mechanisms for rehabilitation and prosthetics and orthotics services delivery have been defined and are being enforced.



Rehabilitation Unit, Kukes Regional Hospital



Socio-economic reintegration through Animal Husbandry – 2003 / 2006/ 2009

- A revolving fund is set up since 2003, with US DoS funding through the ITF, for the development of household economies among families of victims in NE Albania.
- Each family, according to priorities, is allocated either 1 or 2 cows, 10 goats/sheep or 5 beehives), procured with the revolving fund.
- Families are also trained and assisted including veterinary services.
- Loans have to be paid back in 2/3 years and up to date 84 mine survivors and their families have benefited from this support.
- The revolving fund will be available now to other families in mine/ERW affected region. The Project is implemented by the local NGO-VMA.



Survey process of needs and capabilities-
done by VMA Kukës

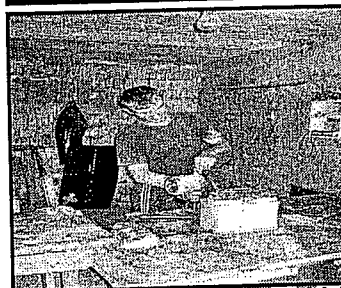


Beneficiaries of the project



Vocational training & Local Enterprise Project (VTLEP) - July 2006 / March 07/March 09

- Provided access to vocational training and to business management training for 50 mine/ERW survivors.
- Provided mine/ERW survivors with knowledge and expertise to increase their job opportunities.
- Provided support to 20 trained households to establish home-based businesses.
- The trained survivors supported with interest free loans to procure some equipments to establish their businesses.
- Provided English classes to young mine survivors and job seeking skills in order to increase the opportunities for their reintegration.





Plans for 2009-10

- ✓ Provision of medical equipment and supplies for the NPOC and hospitals/health centres in Albania.
- ✓ Proper location and reconstruction of National Prosthetic & Orthotic Workshop premises in Tirana.
- ✓ Development of a sustainable physiotherapy training programme through the Nursing Faculty in Tirana.
- ✓ Training of 6 prosthetic/orthotic technicians to international standards..
- ✓ Training of medical specialists from mine/ERW affected region in provision of emergency and ongoing medical assistance.
- ✓ Improved rehabilitation facilities and capacity in Kukes region.
- ✓ Vocational training programme for another 90 mine survivors and another 20 survivors to assist in establishing home-based economies.
- ✓ Small scale infrastructure development projects continued in mine affected villages that are cleared and handed over to communities.
- ✓ Contribute to the fulfillment of the National Strategy for People with Disability (2005-2015).

