



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**A PRESENTATION
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Victim assistance will focus on social economic integration. Does Uganda have a national network in place for assisting victims of explosive and other remnants of war or landmine?

Uganda has a national steering committee on Disability; it brings together all stake holders including survivors of landmine and other ERWs. There also exists Uganda Landmine Survivor Association comprising of representatives of survivors of landmines and ERWs. The Uganda landmine survivor association is represented by the chairperson on the National steering committee on Disability.

Social Economic Integration:

The Government of Uganda in collaboration with Social community organizations (SCOs), has come up with a comprehensive plan on victims assistance 2010-2014 in line with the Cartagena Action plan.

The plan is being implemented by the various stake holders including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender Labour and social Development, Ministry of Education and sports, Ministry of Defence and social society organizations.

Achievements:

Needs assessment survey was conducted in the affected Districts of Northern Uganda:

Psychosocial support manual for community level workers was developed.

Using the psychosocial support manual, a psychosocial support was provided to landmine survivors who lost limbs, prosthetics and orthotics were provided. Also survivors were provided with assistance devices like wheel chairs, tricycles and crutches.

Survivors were provided with Ox ploughs and Oxen to till the land.

Survivors received apprenticeship training in vocational skills such as carpentry and joinery leathers works, tailoring and agriculture.

Cows, goats, beehive, poultry were distributed.

Monitoring is conducted on quarterly basis.

Challenges

The support provided is inadequate, there is need for increased funding to enable Government departments and SCOs reach as many more survivors of landmine, UXOs and ERWs.

