

# An integrated approach to victim assistance

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# How to realize the victim assistance obligations?

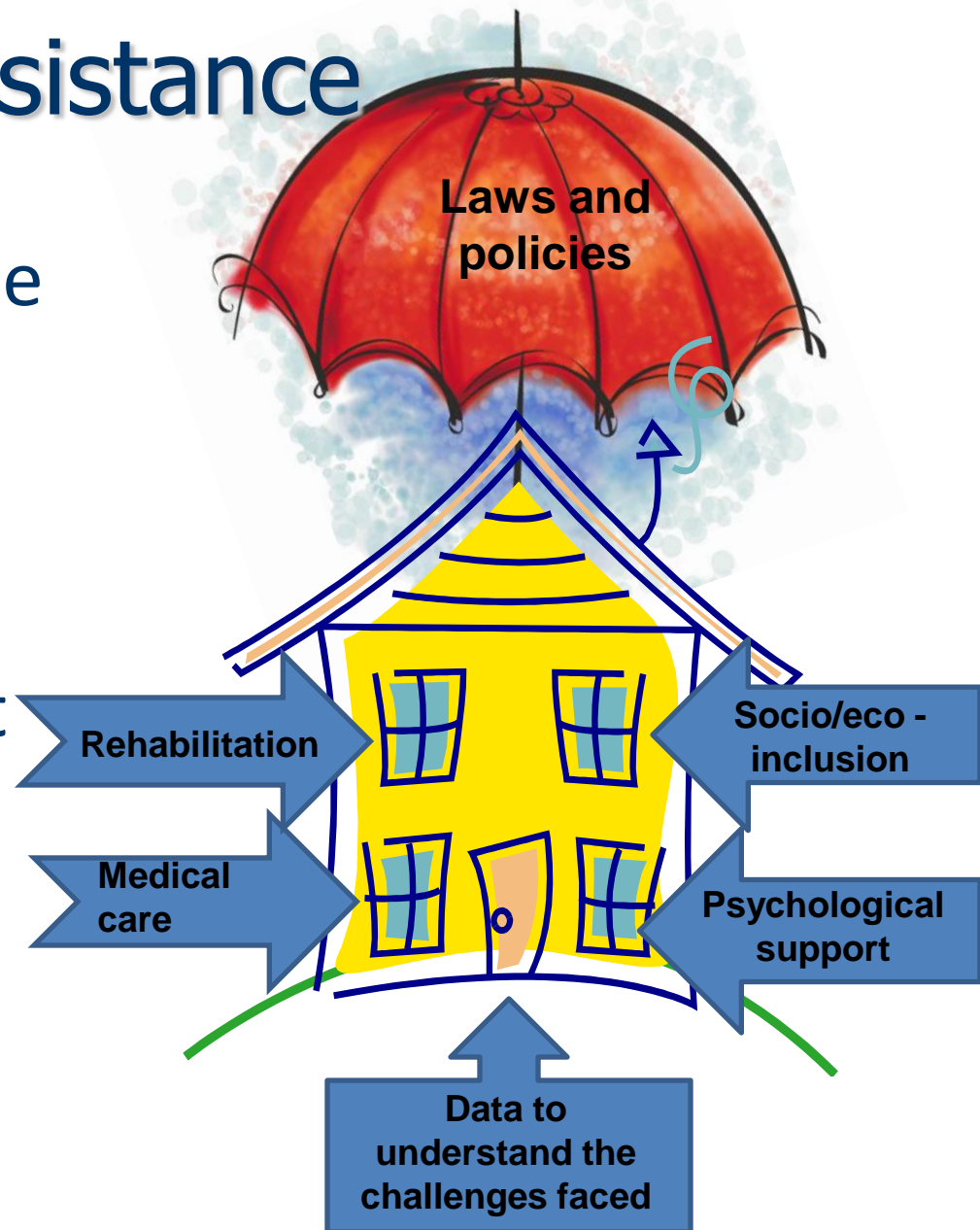
- ▶ **VA specific efforts** implemented in a non-discriminatory manner as per the APMBC, the CCW Protocol V, and the CCM
- ▶ **Broader efforts** in areas such as health, education, employment, poverty reduction, etc.

# VA essentially demands a dual approach, whereby...

- VA specific initiatives act as a **catalyst** to advance inclusion of **survivors, other persons with disabilities** and **indirect victims** in mine/ERW affected countries
- Broad initiatives **reach victims** amongst broader group of beneficiaries

# House of Victim Assistance

- Data to understand the challenges faced
- Medical care
- Rehabilitation
- Psycho- social support
- Socio – economic inclusion
- Laws and policies



## Specific efforts

**Data**

**Medical care  
Rehab  
PS support**

**Socio – economic  
inclusion**

**Laws & policies**

## Broad efforts

**National data  
collection efforts**

**Health**

**Education, work &  
employment, social  
inclusion &  
protection, poverty  
reduction, rural  
development**

**Laws & policies**





# Who should benefit from VA efforts?



# Integrated approach to VA

Affected  
States

Donor States

VA  
specific  
efforts

Broader  
develop-  
ment  
efforts

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# Specific efforts

A young child in a white shirt is playing with a ball in a room. The child is looking at the ball and has their hand outstretched towards it.

## Affected states

- ▶ VA technical working group
- ▶ National victim assistance action plan
- ▶ Casualty data collection

## Donor states

- ▶ VA earmarked funds as part of HMA budgets



# Broader efforts

A young child is shown in the background, slightly out of focus, playing with a ball. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt and is positioned on the right side of the slide.

## Affected states

- ▶ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- ▶ Sectorial strategies, plans and programs
- ▶ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

## Donor states

- ▶ Bilateral development & humanitarian assistance to mine/ERW affected countries in accordance with the CRPD, SDGs and the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

# Good practices identified amongst **VA specific efforts**

## ► **Affected states**

- Leveraging the landmine issue to increase rehabilitation capacity, for ex. **Albania**
- Data sharing between MAC and Ministry of Social Welfare, for ex. **Eritrea**

## ► **Donor states**

VA earmarked funding leads to development of services for all, for ex. **Australia**

# Good practices identified amongst **broader efforts**

## ► **Affected states**

- National census identifies survivors, for ex. **Laos**;
- National Disability Policy reflects reality faced by survivors, for ex. **South Sudan**
- Poverty reduction efforts also respond to rights and needs of survivors and indirect victims

## ► **Donor states**

- Disability-inclusive development cooperation, for ex. **Italy, Belgium**
- Tracking of direct & indirect victims amongst beneficiaries of health services developed with donor support in affected countries

# Structure and content of the guidance

- ▶ Separate guidance for donor and for affected States
- ▶ Division of each set of guidance between the dual imperatives of the integrated approach
- ▶ Three levels of good practices:
  - Legislation, policies & plans
  - Equitable and equal access
  - Measuring progress

# Donor/affected state

## Specific efforts

Legislation, policies, plans

Equitable access

Measuring progress

## Broad efforts

Legislation, policies, plans

Equitable access

Measuring progress

# Implications



- ▶ Continue VA specific efforts
- ▶ Raise awareness amongst actors responsible for broader efforts in affected countries
- ▶ Establish collaboration between those working on specific efforts and those on broader efforts
- ▶ Collect data to verify who is reached through VA specific efforts, and who through broader efforts in mine/ERW affected countries