

## “Sustainable 101: Victim Assistance 10 years on”

We are pleased to introduce a new research project called “Sustainable 101: Victim Assistance 10 years on”.

This project aims to identify, compile and assess programmes, organisations and initiatives in 29 countries which are being conducted at the grassroots level by national non governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide assistance to people with disability and in particular, survivors and victims of mines/ERW. The objective of this project is primarily to highlight and give greater exposure to the work done by these relatively small organizations and to identify the challenges and constraints facing the sector.

In a previous research project entitled “Voices from the Ground”, conducted earlier this year, we attempted to present the on-the-ground reality as experienced by the ‘beneficiaries’ – the survivors and persons of disabilities – themselves. In “Sustainable 101” the focus is on presenting the reality as experienced by national and local NGOs which deliver essential and much-needed services to these people but often go unrecognized and unsupported by national governments, and international organisations and donors alike.

The final outputs will consist of a brief profile of each organization listed in a web-based ‘**directory of initiatives/practitioners**’, an **analytical section** presenting the experiences, lessons learnt, and challenges faced by organisations working in the sector, and a **user-friendly tool-kit** developed from the data gathered on lessons learned and innovative practices, to help other organisations set up disability/victim assistance programmes, or to extend, expand and improve their current capacity to deliver services.

The three key objectives of this research are: **awareness/profile raising, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building**.

The countries that will be included in the project are: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Croatia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Vietnam.

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