...but what really Victim Assistance is about? It is first of all a concept that has been evolving progressively.

**Article 8, paragraph 2 is about Victim Assistance!**

**A definition to start with:** Victim Assistance refers to all aid, relief, support and assistance to victims (including survivors) with the purpose of reducing the immediate and long-term medical and psychological implications of their trauma.

IMAS 04.10 (2003)

"Each High Contracting Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation of victims of explosive remnants of war."

Protocol V: Article 8, paragraph 2
Cluster munitions (2000)

Article 2 par. 1 of the Convention on

Armament and Communities: "Consequently, in the absence of their

provision, the provisions of the Convention shall be applied by virtue of

manner, those of the Convention being interpreted on the basis of their

importance, the protection of the Convention, and of the Convention's

adaptability to the evolution of their

persons, who have been killed or

Cluster munitions victims means all

... other definitions...


The operation and status of the Arctic

omissions referred to the utilization

fundamental rights and duties of the

psychological injury, economic losses, societal

suffered physical or psychological

Injuries, etc., where a victim has other

Victims included those who have

It is now generally accepted that

... other definitions...

IMS 01.10, Definition 1.265 (2003)

"Crime of "meaning when the victim's

Convention's purpose having a broader

include defenses of a minor

assistance, the victim's victim in any

(1) in the context of victim

accident: In the incident or event of a minor or

An individual who was suffering

a victim

An evolving understanding of who is

other definitions

IMS definition

Who is a victim?
2. Emergency and continuing medical care

Elements/Components of Victim Assistance

1. Understanding the challenges

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5. Social and economic
4. Psychological support
3. Physical rehabilitation
2. Emergency and continuing medical care
1. Understanding the challenges

The affected communities
The affected families
The injured – the survivors
The killed

Who is a victim?
5. Social and economic reintegration and inclusion

3. Physical rehabilitation

4. Psychological support

6. National legislation and policy
The UN Inter-Agency Policy (2005)

- Disabled people
- Address the needs of all victims forestally as part of victim assistance plans and programmes that address the needs of all victims
- The UN stands ready to assist the five main action pillars
- Victim assistance is one of the five main action pillars

The United Nations and Victims

Responsibility to assist victims

NGOs policies and programmes

- Assistance and/or disability
- In many national victim
- Most importantly
- Persons with disabilities
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Where else are these elements reflected?

The UN Inter-Agency Policy