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[Graph showing Injured by regions (1997 - 2017) with bar heights for each region: Kukes 271, Tirane 171, Shkoder 82, Berat 71, Elbasan 45, Leche 45, Vlore 43, Durres 40, Fier 24, Gjirokaster 20, Diber 19, Korce 20]
Total casualties by gender (1997 - 2017)

Female: 160
Male: 842

Total casualties by age (1997 - 2017)

Children: 243
Adults: 759
2. **Assessment of the needs, the availability and gaps in services (action # 12)**

Below are the findings from the needs assessment; (there are available also with the last years ’report). Please note that Albania gives equal opportunities in providing services to woman and men. The selection of the candidates to participate in the vocational training courses for example is a point based system- with the same points, priority is given to women.

**Medical/Rehabilitation Needs**

- 527 persons with amputations need to be fitted and periodic maintenance of their prosthesis, orthoses; this number includes below and upper limb prostheses, including partial foot and lose of fingers.
- 528 injured persons need to have regular medical checks.
- 610 persons need to attend physiotherapy sessions.
- 137 injured survivors should have periodic checks of their eyes from the specialists.
- 12 injured survivors should undergo operation for their vision.

**Economic reintegration/income generation activities**

- 583 survivors are in need of further economic support such as; employment opportunities, income generation activities and support with micro - loans for family home based businesses.
- 347 survivors wish to attend vocational training Courses.
- 57 survivors wish to attend high school (Secondary school) and 34 persons to attend university studies.
- 123 families of survivors need to be supported for re-imbursement of studies of their children.

**Psycho-Social/Peer Support, Sport Activities**

- 262 injured survivors should attend psycho-social sessions
- 32 injured survivors have special needs such as following: supplies with reading tools for blind persons (Braille), Sign language media(sound with brails), Somniferous books ( special books with sound with brails)
- Almost all survivors want to participate in recreational activities and psychosocial support to overcome the trauma, including in the peer support programs.
3. **Time- bond and measurable objectives (action # 13)**

The national plan is in process of a review and ones completed will be shared among partners. Please note that the plan also rely on the national and international resources in achieving the targets.

4. **Enhancement in the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks, including allocation of budgets for the implementations (action #14)**

**Emergency and ongoing medical care and Physical rehabilitation**

- There are three state hospitals in the previously mine/UXO affected region: the Regional Hospital in Kukës town, the district hospital in Krumë (Has) district and the district hospital in Bajram Curri.

- Survivors require ongoing medical assistance, which they generally receive from the family doctors (GP) and/or nurses working in the village health centers or the district hospital closest in proximity to their residence.

- There are 236 beds at Kukës Regional hospital, including 33 for surgical department/patients, as well as one operating theatre. There are 30 doctors and 155 nurses working at the hospital, composing together 18 different specialties/departments including 2 surgeons, 1 Anaesthesiologists, and 3 physiotherapists (one medical doctor and two nurses)

- Medical staff is available in previously affected villages, providing for emergency and ongoing medical needs to cluster munitions survivors.

- General Surgery is only available at Kukës Regional Hospital, or the University Hospital of Trauma in Tirana.

- Corrective surgery is only available at the University Hospital of Trauma in Tirana. This is sufficient for the time being considering the needs of the population

- There is a Physiotherapy unit with specialized staff at Kukës regional Hospital and at the district hospital in Tropoja.

- The physiotherapy section of the University Hospital of Trauma was reconstructed and re-equipped recently.

- Albania established for all health professionals the “National Center of Continuing Education (NCCE)” a governmental public institution that functions as a technical agency of the Ministry of Health. The units of the center work together to plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate continuing education activities of health professionals.
- The government in recent years has increased the capacities including the financial resources and has
to do more to fulfill the needs of survivors and other people with disabilities. These request also a
distribute geographically especially the rehabilitation services.

5. Increase availability of and accessibility to rehabilitation services, economic inclusion opportunities
and social protection measures for all mine victims, regardless of their gender and age (action #15)

Economic opportunities

25 survivors or their family members (6 female and 19 male) completed vocational courses as
follows:

- Electro-domestic Appliances - 4 survivors or family members
- Bases of Computer & Repair - 3 survivors or family members
- Hydro-sanitary installations - 2 survivors or family members
- Waiter-Cook - 1 survivors or family members
- English language - 5 survivors or family members
- Tailoring - 1 survivors or family members
- Auto-electrics - 3 survivors or family members
- Business management - 2 survivors or family members
- Barber - 2 survivors or family members
- Tourism Guide - 1 survivors or family members
- Italian Language - 1 survivors or family members

In the recent years, several vocational training schools and centres are opened in Albania.
They are available equally to women and man including survivors or their family members.

6. Inclusion and participation of mine victims (action # 16)

Survivors of mine/UXO, people with disabilities and the local NGOs involved in the disability issues,
are active in organizing awareness activities on the rights of the people with disabilities. As always,
they are participating in these activities and make appeals to the representatives of the local
government in order to receive more attention to mine/UXO survivors and other people with
disabilities

7. Measurable improvements, challenges, and priorities for assistance in advance of the next
Review Conference (action # 18)

Challenges
Physical rehabilitation still remains as a primary priority. Therefore development of the existing capacities and management of the Prosthetic Centre in Tirana for the physical rehabilitation of the amputees in order to increase the quality of service offered to them.

- Increasing the financial resources and health cares of the survivors or their family members and development of the projects for their rehabilitations.
- Maintaining of the sustainable capacities of services and health care for the amputees in remote areas.
- The survivors and their families that successfully complete the vocational trainings to rely on opening their small businesses and to be integrated in business life.

**Priorities for assistance**

- Albania has identified their needs for assistance and is trying to mobilize the much needed resources to achieve the plan on Victim Assistance.