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Challenges and lessons learned in assisting mine survivors and other persons with disabilities



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Challenges – at Institutional level

- ▶ Developing appropriate SMART objectives to address the needs and a plan of action to implement these objectives
- ▶ Increasing national ownership, capacities and coordination
- ▶ Adapting VA framework into each context
- ▶ Implementing progress monitoring and reporting
- ▶ Integrating VA into national programme for persons with disabilities and in a broader context of development and underdevelopment



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Lessons learned (1)

- ▶ Collaboration and coordination among ministries and/or national institutions are essential
- ▶ National ownership is a key issue
- ▶ The VA six areas constitute different aspects of a process, which together will ensure that victims are fully included in society
 - » victim assistance should be provided through an integrated approach that includes all components of the rehabilitation chain



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Lessons learned (2)

- ▶ Victim assistance should be integrated into longer-term development
 - » targeting public health systems, work opportunities and social integration of survivors and persons with disability in general
- ▶ Problems faced by mine survivors are similar to the challenges faced by other persons with disabilities
 - » victim assistance does not require development of new fields, but rather reinforcing existing service systems and policy framework to meet the needs of all citizens



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