



Mine Action and UXO HOTSPOTS PROGRAMME IN ALBANIA



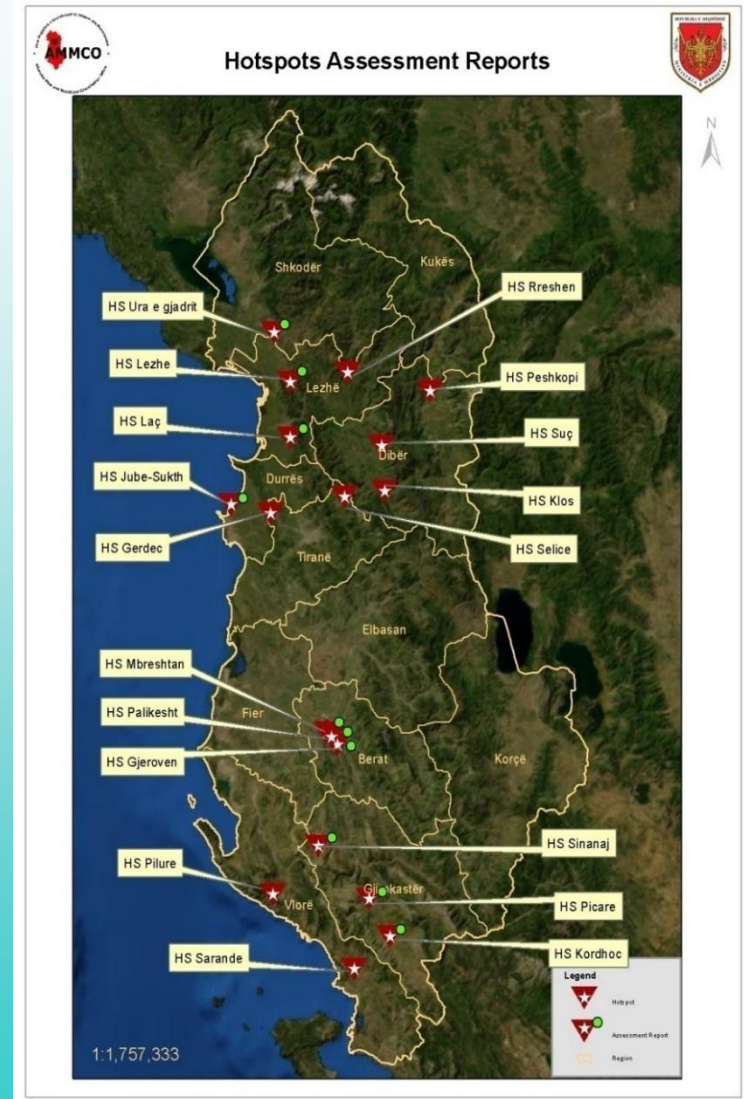
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Data and Statistics

- Data collected in cooperation with local health and other institutions, ICRC/ARC, ALB-AID, other local NGOs.
- **150** people dead and **846** injured have been registered in: **landmines and cluster munitions, ERW** and **unexploded ordnances** in Albania (Total casualties in Albania **996 victims** as of January 2016).
- The last accident with UXO recorded in **22 September 2015** (Vertop – Berat).
- Data disaggregated by **Age and Gender**.
- Data are shared continuously with all stakeholders.





Emergency & Ongoing Medical Care



Limited capacities existing in mine affected areas:

- ❑ There were very weak capacities especially in rural areas and Regional Hospital in Kukes.
- ❑ Multiple trauma and amputations- in Kukes Region drastically increased due to the mine/cluster munitions accidents.
- ❑ Very limited surgical capacities and NO meaning of rehabilitation within the health institutions.



Actions taken through mine action/Victim assistance:

- ❑ Upgrade the surgical capacities in district hospitals: equipment's and training provided in Albania and abroad.
- ❑ Improve emergency and ongoing medical care provided at village level. Training and new equipment provided.
- ❑ Establish and training of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) network with 30 nurses in the mine affected region.
- ❑ Treatment of sight impaired mine/ERW survivors.





Physical Rehabilitation & Social Support



At the Emergency Phase:

- ❑ With funding and technical assistance from ICRC/SFD - support provided to National Prosthetic Center.
- ❑ Support from U.S. Department of State through ITF for Rehabilitation of patient outside of Albania.



Actions taken with donor support to build this capacities in Albania through Mine Action:

- ❑ Opening of the Prosthetic Repair Center in Kukes Regional Hospital, plans in place to upgrade- with EU support through UNDP & USA support through ITF.
- ❑ Development of the Project “Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) in Albania”
 - ❑ Three phases - 2006-2011, with financial support for US Do State through ITF, implemented by Handicap International and Ministry of Health.





Developments and Results (cont.)

- ❑ The quality of existing prosthetics services has improved and the training capacities for prosthetics of the Albanian health sector are developed.
- ❑ The rehabilitation unit of the Kukes Regional Hospital is established and delivers rehabilitation services to people in need addressing the needs of landmine survivors and other amputees.
- ❑ Prosthetic facilities are being improved at the Regional Hospital level in Kukes with equipment and qualified staff.
- ❑ Regulatory mechanisms for rehabilitation and prosthetics and orthotics services delivery have been defined and are being enforced.
- ❑ Nursing Faculty in Tirana implements a sustainable program for the development of physiotherapy as a branch in education system.

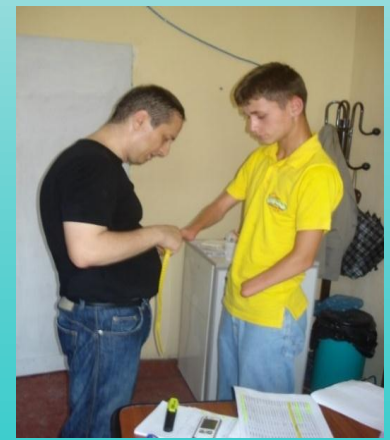




Socio-Economic Inclusion... Hope for the FUTURE



- ❑ **Socio- economic reintegration** – UNDP project for the development of household economies among families of survivors/victims in Northeast Albania.
 - ❖ **84** mine/UXO survivors and their families have benefited from this support.
- ❑ **Vocational training and educational reintegration** of child mine/UXO survivors project's.
 - ❖ **104** mine/UXO survivors and **their families** have benefited from this support.
 - ❖ **10** child mine/UXO survivors assisted with school/educational activities.





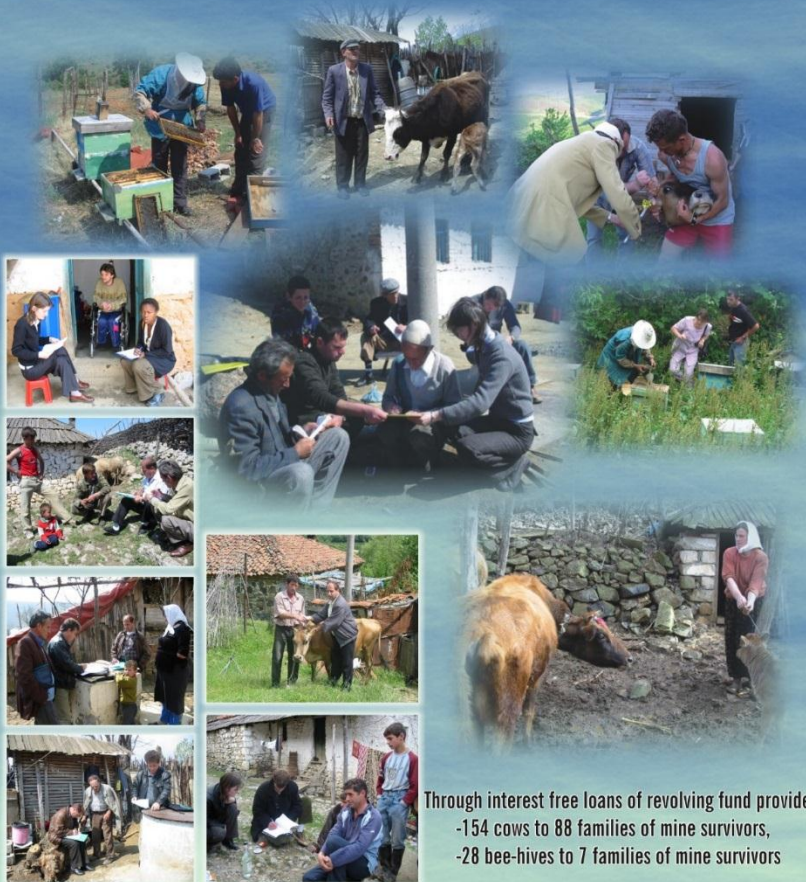
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Economic Re-integration through animal husbandry



Through interest free loans of revolving fund provided:
-154 cows to 88 families of mine survivors,
-28 bee-hives to 7 families of mine survivors



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Professional Vocational Training and local enterprise



68 Survivors and/or family members
have got Professional Vocational Trainings
27 families of mine survivors supported
to establish home based businesses



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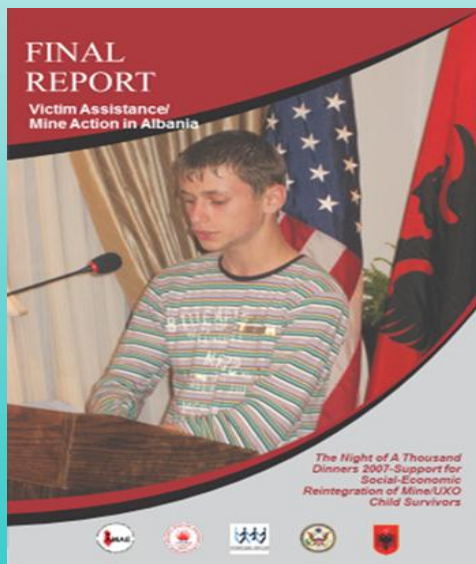
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Special classes & courses
for children-mine survivors



12 children – mine survivors
benefited/benefit from
project: catch up classes
and courses in English and
computer



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Private Sectors



NIGHT OF A THOUSAND DINNERS DARKA E NJË MIJË GOSTIVE

The US Embassy Tirana, in collaboration with AMAE, has hosted five "The Night of A Thousand Dinners" (N1KD) events in Albania; one of which co-hosted with the Embassy of the Netherlands. Donations were made by individual donors and Albanian business and matched by US DoS through ITF N1KD activities were implemented by the NGO ALB-AID.

"The Night of A Thousand Dinners 2003" raised a total of 16,275 USD which were used to assist 5 child mine survivors in continuing their studies; 5 mine victims and their families in establishing home-based economies; and 2 sight impaired survivors in receiving medical treatment.

"The Night of A Thousand Dinners 2005" raised 21,958.50 USD which were used to support 18 sight impaired mine/UXO survivors in being screened for their eyes and 10 others in receiving surgical interventions for their eye injuries.

"The Night of A Thousand Dinners 2006" raised 16,870 USD which were used to assist 8 youth mine survivors to continue their studies as well as provide physical rehabilitation and medical treatment for 2 mine victims.

"The Night of A Thousand Dinners 2007" raised 19,070 USD which were used to assist 10 child mine survivors to continue their school and post secondary studies.

"The Night of A Thousand Dinners 2009" raised 12,218 USD which will be used to assist 8 child survivors to continue their school and vocational training until June 2011.

Ambasada Amerikane në Tiranë ka mikpritur me asistencën e AMAE, pesë aktivitete të "Darkës së Një Mijë Gostive në Shqipëri", një prej të cilave në bashkëpunim me Ambasadën Hollandeze. Donacionet u ofruan nga donatorë individë dhe Biznesi Shqiptar dhe u dyfishuan nga Departamenti Amerikan i Shtetit nëpërmjet ITF Aktivitetet e N1KD u implementuan nga shoqata ALB-AID.

"Darka e Një Mijë Gostive 2003" siguroi 16,275 USD të cilat u përdorën për të asistuar 5 fëmijë të aksidentuar nga minat në vazhdimin e mësimëve; 5 të aksidentuar në ngritjen e ekonomive me bazë shtëpiake dhe 2 të dëmtuar nga sytë me trajtim mjekësor.

"Darka e Një Mijë Gostive 2005" siguroi 21,958.50 USD, me të cilat u krye kontrolli mjekësor i 18 të dëmtuarve nga sytë dhe ndërhyrjen kirurgjikale për 10 të aksidentuar.

"Darka e Një Mijë Gostive 2006" siguroi 16,870 USD të cilat u përdorën për të asistuar 8 të aksidentuar nga minat për të vazhduar studimet dhe rehabilitimin fizik të 2 të aksidentuarve nga minat.

"Darka e Një Mijë Gostive 2007" siguroi 19,070 USD të cilat u përdorën për të asistuar 10 fëmijë të aksidentuar nga minat në vazhdimin e studimeve të tyre dhe kurseve profesionale.

"Darka e Një Mijë Gostive 2009" siguroi 12,218 USD të cilat do të përdoren për të asistuar 8 fëmijë të aksidentuar nga minat në vazhdimin e studimeve dhe kurseve profesionale deri në Qershor të vitit 2011.



Night of A Thousand Dinners/Darka e Një Mijë Gostive





Challenges to the VA in Albania



- ❑ ***Migration of the capacities from the distance/rural region*** to more urban areas has resulted in short of the services in some services in hospitals and in Primary Health Care in affected areas.
- ❑ Other ***competing priorities within the health sector*** have resulted in less attention to the needs of the survivors and other people with disabilities in terms of the physical rehabilitation needs.
- ❑ It will take time before there is a ***sufficient number of professionals*** able to treat patients in need at all primary, secondary and tertiary level (years...?).
- ❑ It takes time to ***change mentalities within health professionals*** to make them aware of the importance of physical rehabilitation services.
- ❑ High ***unemployment rate in mine/UXO affected region*** have burden the possibilities for mine survivors and disabled persons in general to employment opportunities. Even when assisted with the vocational training initiatives, the survivors have difficulties in competing with same other professions and services offered.
- ❑ Poverty and ***lack of the economic developments in mine/UXO affected region***, has brought another difficulty for mine survivors to get jobs and develop economic reintegration activities.



Collaboration and Coordination from all partners and sectors



- ❑ At all the process: **continuous collaboration** maintained with districts hospitals, other local authorities, relevant ministries, national & international NGOs involved and mine/ERW and UXO Hotspot survivors/their organizations.
- ❑ Enabling rapid and reliable communication: **Information/Coordination mechanism in place** (coordination meetings, frequent visits, bilateral discussions, awareness/media materials).
- ❑ National and International meetings, seminars/workshop **with participation and voice from survivors**, Mine Action Portfolio- good chance to discuss the progress of the year and the future planning.
- ❑ Mine Action/**Victim Assistance has been part health/rehabilitation structures and plans, other regional development strategies:** awareness raising for the problem.



Victims Assistance Activities



Regjistrimi i Viktimave te Municioneve qarku Vlore -10 Qershor 2015 -Foto J.Kola



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