



# UNMAS

**Keeping People at the Centre  
of  
Victim Assistance in DARFUR**

- **Background of Darfur**
- **Support to persons with disabilities (PWDs) including victims of ERW accidents**
- **Impact of support provided**
- **Challenges**
- **Conclusion**



- The ongoing conflict in Darfur has left a legacy of ERW which has killed and maimed many men, women and particularly children
- Though no mines have been found since the start of peacekeeping operations in 2007, other ERW remain a significant threat to the local population
- Fourteen years after the conflict in Darfur started, a comprehensive political settlement to the Darfur crisis is yet to be reached
- Fighting continues and so the number of victims of ERW accidents continues to grow
- Over 190 incidents have led to the death or severe injury of 392 persons



- UNMAS Darfur promotes advocacy of the rights of PWDs through the UN CPRD.
- Through UNMAS support, PWDs union has been enshrined into the policies of GoS.
- MoSA is designated as their line ministry.
- UNMAS have provided income generating activities to PWDs in the five Darfur states.



- Ongoing conflict since 2003
- Limited access to remote areas
- Lack of resources (human and funds) to provide victim needs
- Commitment by the GoS in enforcing PWDs related policies

- Over 300 PWDs have been empowered through skill acquisition training and provision of workshop equipment
- Small grants provided to the disabled union for the fabrication of gun lockers in support of SALW activities and RE materials (bells)
- Subsidized mobility equipment to disabled union members using materials and tools provided by UNMAS
- Enhanced quality of life for persons with disabilities including survivors of ERW accidents



- Initial commitment of all stakeholders, UN, communities, donors and host government is critical
- Enthusiasm from ERW survivors and PWD is never in shortage
- Mobilize ERW survivors and PWD communities to institutionalize themselves
- Without the host government as main stakeholder, support to ERW survivors and PWD is not sustainable



Thank you