



Surendra, 17 years old, lost both hands when an improvised explosive device he had found in a plastic bag exploded. In Kathmandu, Nepal, he was fitted with artificial hands. Here he uses a cup. The prostheses became useless over time as Surendra suffered muscle atrophy. Nevertheless, he managed to finish secondary school and has become an activist for disability rights.

## Chapter 6

# Resources – literature and websites

# Explanatory Note

**T**HIS document is one of **eight** PDF documents that comprise the Guidance on Child-focused Victim Assistance. All are available in PDF at <http://www.unicef.org/publications/>. The full document is also available.

The first PDF contains the Acknowledgements, Foreword, Acronyms and Chapters 1 through 4:

Chapter 1. Introduction: The Need for Child-focused Victim Assistance Guidance

Chapter 2. Mine Action, UNICEF and Guidance on Child Victim Assistance

Chapter 3. Victim Assistance: Stakeholders and International Standards

Chapter 4. Principles, Coordination and Cross-cutting Aspects of Victim Assistance

The other five parts (each of them in a PDF document) of Chapter 5 are:

Section 5.1 Data collection and analysis

Section 5.2 Emergency and continuing medical care

Section 5.3 Rehabilitation

Section 5.4 Psychological and psychosocial support

Section 5.5 Social and economic inclusion

Section 5.6 Laws and policies

This is Chapter 6, the eighth and final PDF document. It contains resources and references that users may find helpful.

**B**ETWEEN 1999 and 2012, 88,331 people living in some 60 countries are known to have been killed or injured by landmines or explosive remnants of war (ERW). Of these, at least 15,868 were under the age of 18 at the time of the accident. Although progress has been made in reducing the threat of unexploded ordnance worldwide, some 1,000 children – 90 per cent of them boys or young male adolescents – are still killed or injured annually.

Cluster munition remnants and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) are particularly deadly for children. Blast and fragmentation injuries often cause long-lasting impairments including limb amputations, loss of eyesight and hearing, severe injuries to genitals, internal organs, face and chest, brain damage and spinal cord damage.

These physical injuries are aggravated by the psychosocial, socio-economic and protection consequences of the traumatic event of a blast accident as the survivors confront lifelong difficulties accessing education, livelihood opportunities and, like many vulnerable children with disabilities, are subject to violence, abuse and exploitation.

This Guidance was developed in response to requests for support in developing child-focused victim assistance programming. It provides support for:

- Developing new policies and programmes (or adapting existing ones) that assist child mine/ERW victims that are age- and gender-appropriate and promote the rights of children and young people with disabilities.
- Promoting access for children directly and indirectly affected by landmines and ERW to comprehensive support in emergency situations, directly or through their families, communities and service providers.
- Designing programming for mine/ERW injured children that is mainstreamed into wider disability, economic and social development, and poverty reduction efforts.
- Supporting stakeholders to meet the needs and enhance the quality of life of children and their families affected by landmines and ERW by advocating for and facilitating access to affordable health care, rehabilitation, psychosocial support, social and economic inclusion (education, livelihood support and social assistance, etc.).
- Encouraging stakeholders to facilitate the empowerment and participation of children affected by armed conflict and of children with disabilities.

This Guidance will be useful to Governmental and non-governmental entities and civil society organizations that provide services or influence policy and budgeting related to survivors and victims of landmines/ERW and persons with disabilities; UNICEF and other UN programme and policy staff at all levels; children and people with disabilities and their families and other care givers; Mine Action actors; Governmental and non-governmental entities and international organizations, including UN actors, providing services for survivors and victims of landmines/ERW and persons with disabilities; and researchers and academics.

# Acronyms

<b>AIDS</b>	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	<b>P&amp;O</b>	prosthetics and orthotics
<b>APMBC</b>	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention	<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>C4D</b>	communication for development	<b>UNDG</b>	United Nations Development Group
<b>CBR</b>	community-based rehabilitation	<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>CCM</b>	Convention on Cluster Munitions	<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children’s Fund
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)	<b>UNMAS</b>	United Nations Mine Action Service
<b>CMC</b>	Cluster Munition Coalition	<b>UXO</b>	unexploded ordnance
<b>CRC</b>	Convention on the Rights of the Child	<b>VA</b>	victim assistance
<b>CRPD</b>	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<b>WASH</b>	water and sanitation and hygiene
<b>CCW</b>	Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons	<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development, Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		
<b>DPO</b>	disabled people’s organization		
<b>ERW</b>	explosive remnants of war		
<b>GA</b>	General Assembly (of the UN)		
<b>GICHD</b>	Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining		
<b>GMAP</b>	Gender Mine Action Programme (A Swiss NGO)		
<b>HI</b>	Handicap International		
<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus		
<b>ICBL</b>	International Campaign to Ban Landmines		
<b>IDP</b>	internally displaced persons		
<b>IED</b>	improvised explosive device		
<b>IMAS</b>	International Mine Action Standards		
<b>IMSMA</b>	Information Management System for Mine Action		
<b>ISPO</b>	International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics		
<b>ISU</b>	Implementation Support Unit (of the APMBC)		
<b>MA</b>	mine action		
<b>MRE</b>	mine risk education		
<b>NGO</b>	non-governmental organization		
<b>NSA</b>	non-state actor		
<b>PDR</b>	People’s Democratic Republic (as in Lao PDR)		
<b>PFA</b>	psychological first aid		

# Resources – literature and websites

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