

The past year (2019): Mine Action AoR

- Victim Assistance is a priority area for the Mine Action AoR (**collapse in funding** for VA work in the overall mine action budget) – impacts MHPSS.
- Specific MHPSS sessions at the Mine Action AoR Coordinators retreat, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention conference on victim assistance and the National Directors of Mine Action Centres annual meeting.
- IASC Disability Inclusion Guidelines – challenges from MA agencies as no **cause** attributed to disability & concerns with use of **Washington Group questionnaire**. IHL and AP-Mine Ban Convention requires States to specifically track that ERW/ UXO victims are receiving assistance vs broader support to persons with disabilities.
- **Integrated case management** and **tracking of cases**.

Looking forward 2020-2021: Mine Action AoR

- November 2019, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention State Parties meeting in Oslo: sign off 5-year workplan for States.
- Launch of an **International Mine Action Standard (IMAS)** on **Victim Assistance (includes MHPSS)** – binding on State signatories to AP Convention and their National Mine Action Centres. Author - HI
- **Joint** Mine Action AoR and IASC MHPSS briefing on **Victim Assistance** at the IASC Secretariat.
- Country level MHPSS WGs and MA AoRs in clusterised conflict settings to better work together to meet needs (e.g., share MHPSS 4Ws mapping).