

Albanian Mine Action Program

Reintegration of Landmine / UXO Survivors

Duration:	November 2004 – October 2005
Objective:	The overall objective of the Reintegration of Landmine/UXO Survivors project is to facilitate the physical, social, and economical reintegration of landmine/UXO survivors.
Description:	<p>There are approximately 600 landmine/UXO survivors in Albania in need of reintegration and rehabilitation. Their accidents are a result of: 1) the 1997 internal uprising when ammunition depots were looted and explosions in 15 ammunition depots resulted in unexploded ordnance being scattered throughout the country; and 2) the 1998-9 Kosovo crisis which led to the Albanian border being contaminated by landmines and UXO by Serb and NATO forces.</p> <p>The majority of landmine survivors live in the mountainous and isolated northeast of Albania, where 56 % of the population is dependent on social aid, unemployment is estimated to be about 30%, and an estimated 70 % of the population lacks access to basic health services. There are 39 directly mine-affected villages bordering with Kosovo in the Kukes region, in which poverty is further exacerbated as a result of the lack of access to arable lands due to the mine threat.</p> <p>There is a need to improve the social services/healthcare in the Kukes region and promote the social, physical and economic reintegration of landmine survivors through various activities.</p> <p>The proposed programme responds to the priorities of the Government of Albania and is designed to be fully integrated with the national policy for the development of the health and social services.</p> <p>The programme aims to achieve the aforementioned goals by supporting the reintegration of mine survivors into society through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Rapid Assessment in 8 mine affected villages <input type="checkbox"/> Data collection for hotspot victims <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of a prostheses maintenance and repair capacity in Kukes <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of a Community Based Rehabilitation network⁵. Establishment of an Emergency Assistance Fund
Budget:	Total project cost: \$142,857.14
Donor:	BCPR-TTF/DfiD
Partnerships:	<p>The Ministry of Health The Department of Social Services Kukes Hospital National Prosthetic Centre Local NGO-Victims of Mines and Weapons Association Kukes Regional authorities</p>
Implementation Arrangements:	UNDP Direct Execution (DEX)

Regions Covered:	Focus on Kukes region
Beneficiaries:	Approximately 600 Landmine/UXO victims throughout Albania; of which 238 are residing in the Kukes region 25,500 civilians residing in 39 mine-affected villages Nurses residing in mine-affected villages Kukes Hospital
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