

# Assisting landmine survivors and their communities

*NGOs have estimated that there are anywhere between 300,000 and 600,000 landmine survivors worldwide. In addition there are tens of thousands of family members of these landmine survivors and their communities affected by the terror of these weapons.*

*The Ottawa Convention requires that states in a position to do so provide assistance for the care, rehabilitation and social and economic reintegration of mine victims. This is a daunting task, given that most landmine victims live in some of the world's poorest countries. Estimates suggest only 10 percent of landmine survivors have access to proper medical care and rehabilitation services.*



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