Keeping People at the Centre of Victim Assistance in DARFUR
SCOPE OF THE PRESENTATION

- 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.
CHALLENGES

• 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
IMPACT OF SUPPORT

• 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
CONCLUSION

• 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