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## **Bangkok Workshop on Achieving a Mine-Free South East Asia**

EU Joint Action in Support of the  
Universalisation of the Ottawa Convention

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### **MINE ACTION AND HUMAN SECURITY**

- **Part I: EU Mine Action Framework**
- **Part II: EC assistance to Third Countries**
- **Part III: Key principles and mechanisms triggering EC assistance**



## FRAMEWORK OF THE EU MINE ACTION (MA)

**Universalisation and Implementation of the Ottawa Convention (1997)**

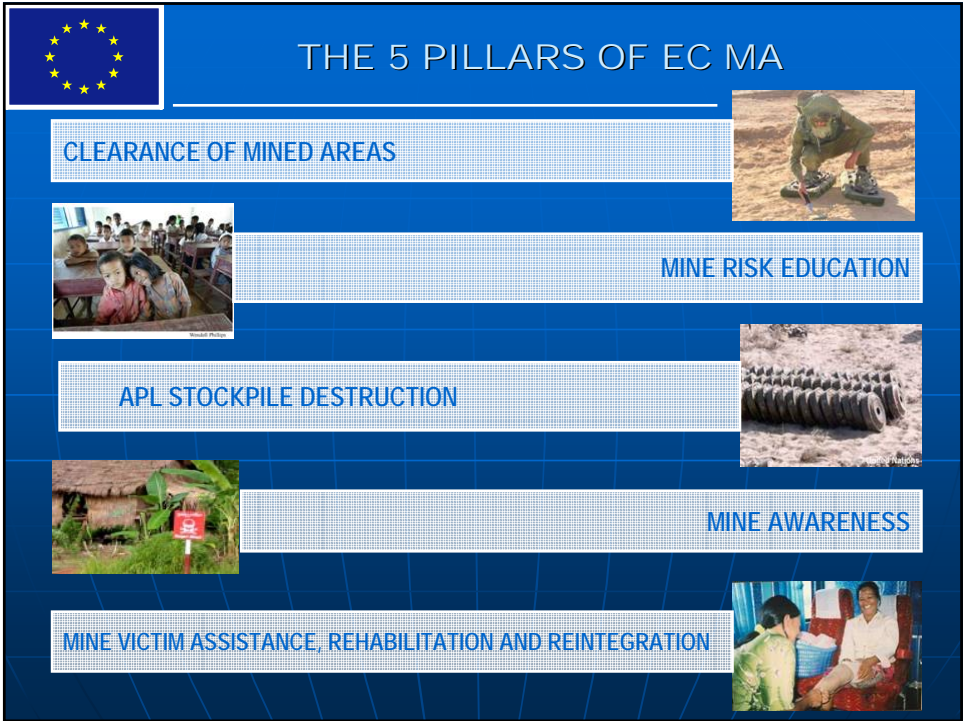


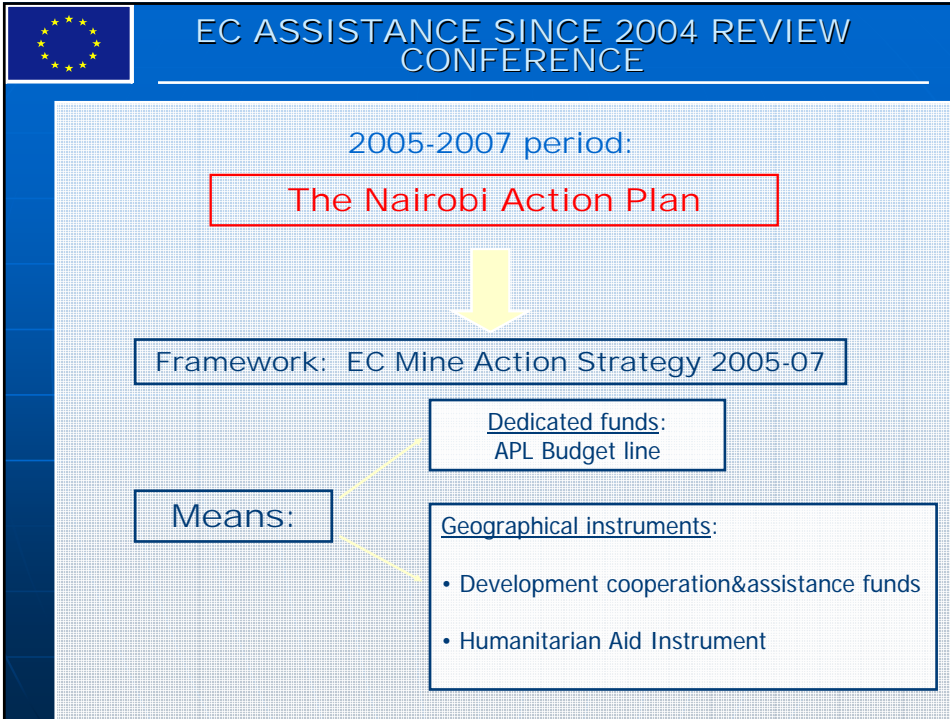



**EU MA GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

- To assist countries affected by landmines and unexploded ordnance
- To restore the conditions necessary for the security of their populations and their economic and social development: enhancing HUMAN SECURITY
- The EU “zero-victim target”.







-  EC ASSISTANCE SINCE 2004 REVIEW CONFERENCE
- 2007: Turning point in EC Mine Action  
EC INTERNAL REVIEW**
- WHY?**
- End of EC MA Strategy 2005-07
  - New EC external cooperation architecture and introduction of new financial instruments
    - Repeal of APL dedicated funds
  - Tenth anniversary and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Conference
  - 2007 Dead Sea Progress Report call to promote guidelines on how to more effectively link MA with development
  - The EU commitment to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005)



## EC EFFORTS "ON THE ROAD " TO CARTAGENA

### OUTCOMES OF THE EC INTERNAL REVIEW

- Guidelines on EC Mine Action 2008-13
- Regional evaluations of EC-funded mine action under the EC MA Strategy 2005-07
- Studies on good donorship: how to set up and run MA programmes



## INTEGRATING MA INTO DEVELOPMENT

New Framework:

### Guidelines on European Community Mine Action 2008 – 2013

Endorsed in November 2008 to ensure follow-up to the previous EC Mine-Action Strategy 2005- 2007.

Aims:

1. Provide synergy between security and development cooperation
2. Encourage the intergration of principles of *partnership* and *ownership* in mine action interventions.
3. Disseminate Best Practice.



## THE NEW EC MINE ACTION APPROACH

### 2008: NEW EC approach set by the Guidelines

#### Framework:

- MA in the context of EC development cooperation & assistance (Paris Declaration)
- EC Programming documents: Country Strategy Papers (CSPs) and Regional Strategy Papers (RSPs)

#### Means:

(for South-East Asian States):

- *Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)*
- *Humanitarian Aid Instrument*
- *Instrument for Stability*



## EC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA

### 3 main dimensions of EC response to the APL problem :

- 1. Political response: support to the MBT universalisation and implementation efforts  
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peace-/confidence-building measure.
- 2. Aid and delivery response: reduce the impact of landmines on local populations → enable sustainable development
- 3. Security response: presence of mines as sources of instability and security concerns (stockpiles or abandoned munitions).



## EC MA FUNDING 2002 - 2008

(million euro)

YEAR	TOTAL EC MINE ACTION FUNDING
2008	27
2007	33
2006	65,2
2005	38
2004	46,3
2003	55,6
2002	37,3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>302,4</b>



**1/5 FOR PROJECTS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA**



## EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 1. LAO PDR

**Example of:**

- Humanitarian De-mining & Human Security-driven approach;
- EC support to a non-State Party.

#### **HUMANITARIAN UXO CLEARANCE IN KHAMMOUNE PROVINCE**

##### **OBJECTIVES**

- To remove all UXO from target sites in order to reduce the threat of death and injury to the population.
- Through UXO clearance of target sites, to facilitate opportunities for development within the communities, undertaken by communities, other NGOs and local authorities, wishing to deliver wider development activities.
- To train national staff as skilled clearance and roving team personnel to provide a local UXO clearance capacity.





## EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 1. LAO PDR

#### PROJECT FACT SHEET

PROJECT PERIOD

JANUARY 2006 – MARCH 2008

IMPLEMENTED BY



EC CONTRIBUTION

1 Million EURO

RESULTS

AREA CLEARED – 889 835 m<sup>2</sup>  
UXO REMOVED – 4 819  
Estimated beneficiaries – 2 478 villagers



## EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 2. BURMA/MYANMAR

Example of:

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- Funding for three Mine Victim Assistance and Mine Education projects
- Time Period: 2003-2004





## EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 2. BURMA/MYANMAR

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| 1. Project Period: | 2003-2004                                     |
| Implemented by:    | ICRC  |
| EC Contribution:   | 500.000€                                      |
| Action:            | Prosthetics, Mine Risk Education and advocacy |
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| 2. Project Period: | 2003                                      |
| Implemented by:    | Handicap International                    |
| EC Contribution:   | 200.000€                                  |
| Action:            | Mine Risk Education and victim assistance |
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| 3. Project Period: | 2004  |
| Implemented by:    | Handicap International  |
| EC Contribution:   | 250.000€  |
| Action:            | Follow-up to previous Mine Risk Education and victim assistance |



## EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 3. CAMBODIA

#### Example of: integration of MA into Development

PROGRAMME TITLE

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RELAUNCH OF  
NORTHERN PROVINCES (ECOSORN)

5 YEARS (started in September 2005)

DURATION

OBJECTIVE

CONTRIBUTE TO POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH INCREASED  
HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL POPULATION  
IN 3 NORTH-WEST PROVINCES OF CAMBODIA

PURPOSE



## INTEGRATING MA INTO DEVELOPMENT CAMBODIA

MA PROJECT  
LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER 2007

**PROJECT TITLE** SAFER ACCESS TO ARABLE LANDS AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF MINE RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES WITH RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR ECOSORN PROGRAMME WITHIN ECOSORN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**OBJECTIVE**

ENABLE SAFER AND PERMANENT ACCESS TO ARABLE LAND AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES

**TOOLS**

IMPLEMENTATION OF MINE RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND DE-MINING



### How EC support to MA is triggered?

**HIGHER ROLE OF THE MINE-AFFECTED  
EC PARTNERS:**

**EC SUPPORT GIVEN TO PARTNERS' NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

**DECIDE THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO MA**

**REQUEST FOR EC ASSISTANCE**

**INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE INCLUSION OF MA IN THE  
CSPs**



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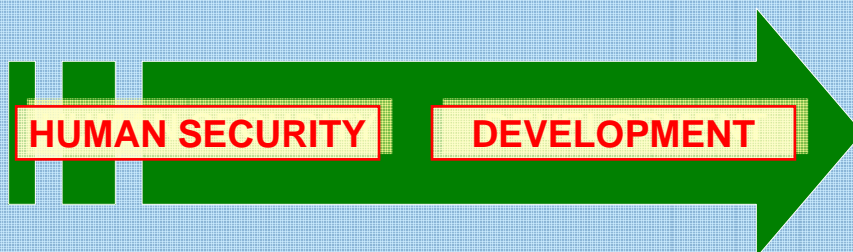
### 2009: Crucial year to request for EC assistance

- Only LAO PDR, NEPAL and SRI LANKA have requested MA assistance in their 2007-13 CSPs  
APL problem is not perceived as a « critical issue » for many SEA countries
- Review of the CSPs in 2009: process just launched

**Now is the time for interested countries to request the inclusion of MA in the review of their CSP.**



## CONCLUSIONS



The EC is a significant donor in the field of mine action.

From 2002-2008 EC has committed more than € 300 Million for Mine action worldwide (more than € 1,5 Billion for the EU as a whole).

EC approach will continue to consider landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) within a broader context of humanitarian assistance as well as long-term and sustainable socio-economic development programmes.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

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