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

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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”.

EU ACTORS

- COUNCIL OF THE EU/27 EU MEMBER STATES
- EUROPEAN COMMISSION
- EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

EU MA TOOLS

- JOINT ACTIONS
- EU MEMBER STATES’ BILATERAL ASSISTANCE
- POLITICAL DIALOGUE
- MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTS
- STRATEGIES and POLICY PAPERS
- RESOLUTIONS
- DEBATES
THE 5 PILLARS OF EC MA

1. CLEARANCE OF MINED AREAS
2. MINE RISK EDUCATION
3. APL STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION
4. MINE AWARENESS
5. MINE VICTIM ASSISTANCE, REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION

2002-2008 EC MA ENGAGEMENT

43 countries assisted around the world

TOTAL EC FUNDING: 300 Million Euro ca.

Afghanistan
Albania
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan
BiH
Burundi
Cambodia
Chile
Colombia
Croatia
Cyprus
DRC
Ecuador
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Georgia
Guinea-Bissau
Honduras
Indonesia
Iraq

Jordan
Kosovo
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Lebanon
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Nicaragua
Peru
Senegal
Serbia
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Tajikistan
Tunisia
Uganda
Ukraine
Venezuela
Vietnam
Yemen
2005-2007 period:

**The Nairobi Action Plan**

**Framework:** EC Mine Action Strategy 2005-07

**Means:**
- Dedicated funds: APL Budget line
- Geographical instruments:
  - Development cooperation&assistance funds
  - Humanitarian Aid Instrument

**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 2nd 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:


Aims:

1. Provide synergy between security and development cooperation

2. Encourage the integration 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
   peace-/confidence-building measure.

2. Aid and delivery response: reduce the impact of landmines on local populations enable sustainable development

### EC MA FUNDING 2002 - 2008

(million euro)

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<th>YEAR</th>
<th>TOTAL EC MINE ACTION FUNDING</th>
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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

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<td>IMPLEMENTED BY</td>
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<td>RESULTS</td>
<td>AREA CLEARED – 889 835 m²</td>
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<td>UXO REMOVED – 4 819</td>
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<td>Estimated beneficiaries – 2 478 villagers</td>
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EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

2. BURMA/MYANMAR

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

- Funding for three Mine Victim Assistance and Mine Education projects
- Time Period: 2003-2004
EXAMPLES OF EC-FUNDED PROJECTS

2. BURMA/MYANMAR

1. Project Period: 2003-2004
   Implemented by: ICRC
   EC Contribution: 500,000€
   Action: Prosthetics, Mine Risk Education and advocacy

2. Project Period: 2003
   Implemented by: Handicap International
   EC Contribution: 200,000€
   Action: Mine Risk Education and victim assistance

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

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# 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**

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## 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**
How EC support to MA is triggered?

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

Visit the website:
http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/index.htm

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