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DCA Albania

- DCA commenced operations in Albania in 2002, after the closedown of the Kosovo Programme, utilizing the key Kosovo staff.
- By 2007, the Kosovar staff had been phased out and replaced by Albanians
- By the beginning of 2008, the Albanian staff resumed full responsibility of the daily activities with only one international staff member.



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How do we operate ?

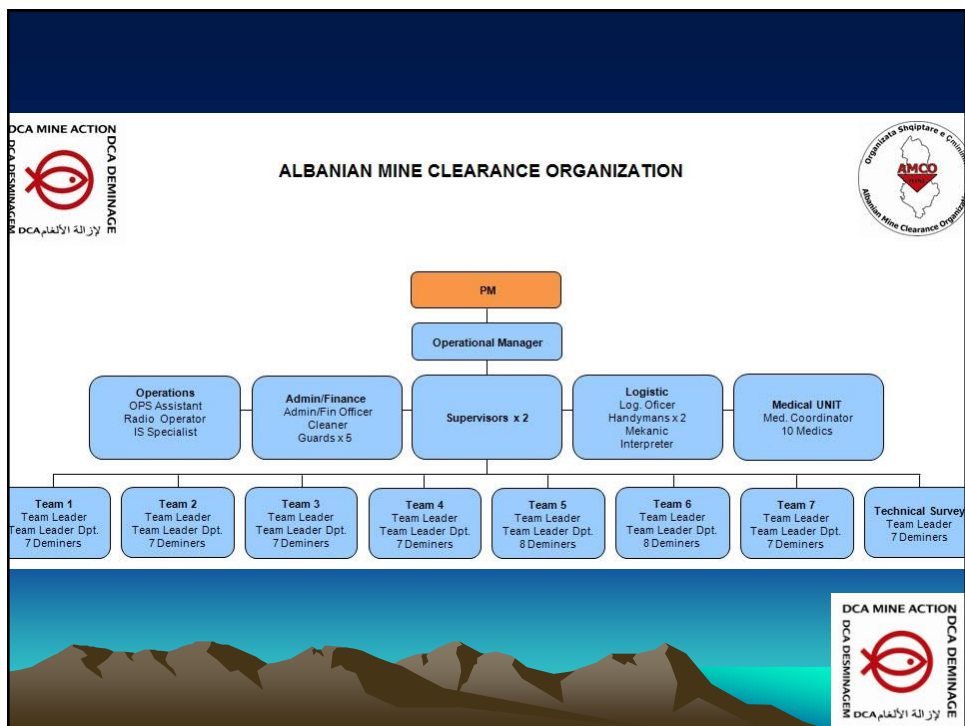
- Donor funding is generally administered through the International Trust Fund (ITF). Some funding bilaterally from UNDP & Canadian Govt
- Tasking, quality control and community liaison conducted by the Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE)
- The ITF provides a monitoring function for the donors
- Joint liaison between ITF, AMAE and DCA
- Internal audits and additional staff training conducted by periodic visits from DCA Head Office staff in Copenhagen
- International Programme Manager provides supervision, advice and conducts capacity building for national staff
- Day to day planning and execution of operations, finance, logistics and administration tasks conducted by national staff



DCA Structure

- Structure was developed to meet the requirement to complete all known contaminated areas by the end of 2009 demining season
- Based on 20 sqm per deminer per day & 100 sqm per BAC operator per day
- 19 working days per month (out of possible 22 days – lost days due to weather)

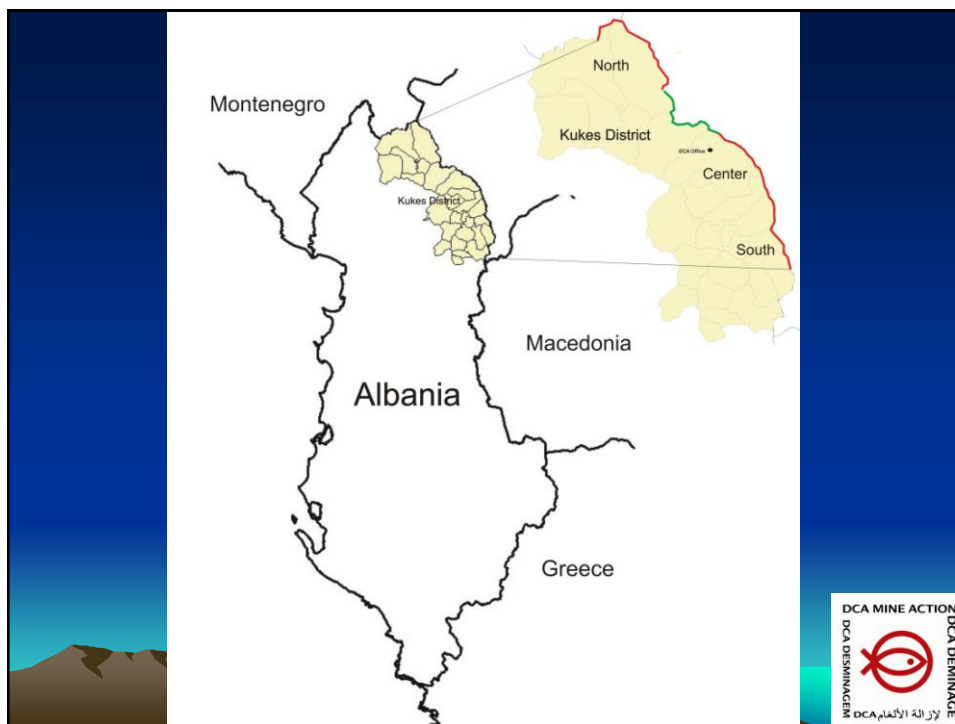




Where do we work ?

- North East Albania along the border with Kosovo
- Regions of Kukes, Has & Tropoje
- Steep, mountainous country with difficult access
- Harsh climate





Figures 2002 to 30-09-2009

- Released by CL: 1,991,770 m2
- Released by AR: 2,825,884 m2
- Released by IS: 7,500,000 m2
- Total: 12,317,654 m2
- Items destroyed: 8,766 AP, 47 AT and 1,880 UXO
- Completed tasks: 148
- Ongoing tasks: 6
- (2009 (to date): 108 AP, 315 UXO, 5 AT, 572,058 m2 released and 13 tasks completed)



Gerdec accident 2008

- Explosion occurred around noon on 15 March.
- 2 Teams were deployed and started work at noon 17 March, staying until the end of March (funded by GFFO, ITF and DCA own funds).
- 1 Team deployed throughout the month of April, funded by GFFO.
- The Teams recovered a total of 606 UXO (mostly subsurface), 12 Fuzes and 1000 SAA. In addition 675 houses, 810.602 m2 land and 12.700 m2 road was surveyed/released.



Post Clearance Surveys

- Trials done in Albania with one man survey team over 10 former minefields– successful
- Implementing with two additional teams (each of 3 persons)
- Training completed and first surveys are being conducted this week.
- Results will be included in “End of Programme” Report

A post clearance survey being conducted at Padesh by DCA staff



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Post Clearance Surveys

- Validate the original priority system and reasons for clearing the area
- Gain feedback from the local community on their confidence of DCA work
- Provide useful information to local authorities on allocation of funding for future improvements to the area
- Provide feedback to the Donors on the effectiveness of their funding

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Beneficiaries of our work

- Approx 25,500 individuals in 39 villages throughout NE Albania directly affected by landmine and cluster munition contamination
- Border management by Albania Police made safer and more effective



DONORS

- US Department of State (via ITF)
- GFFO (via ITF)
- EU (via ITF)
- Czech republic (via ITF)
- UNDP
- Canada
- DCA private contributions
- Albania (in kind – explosives and helicopter support)

In total since 2002 donors contributed just over **10,9 million EUR** for the DCA clearance activities in Albania.



Casualty Evacuation Exercise



Planned activities 2010

- Submissions made as part of the Country Mine Action Portfolio for Abandoned Ammunition and EOD response team in 2010 and beyond
- Reintegration training for National staff
- Stockpile destruction

