



Investment in Integrated Demining through Development Cooperation towards Sustainable Development

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A lot of words but what for?



- ▶ Is humanitarian demining such a “sexy” topic?

2015 – A Year of Change in the International Arena for Development Cooperation

- ▶ 13 – 16 July **Addis Ababa Agenda for Action**
- ▶ 25 September **Transforming the World – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- ▶ 30 November – 12 December **United Nations Climate Change Conference**

Addis Ababa Agenda for Action

- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Infrastructure
- ▶ Social Protection
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises
- ▶ Foreign Aid
- ▶ A package of measures for the poorest countries

Transforming the World – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



United Nations Climate Change Conference

- ▶ Mitigation: Reducing Emissions
- ▶ Transparency and Global Stocktake
- ▶ Adaptation
- ▶ Loss and Damage
- ▶ Support

So What does Integrated Demining have to do with Sustainable Development?

States/areas with mine/ERW casualties in 2014

Angola	Mozambique	Tunisia	Cambodia	Sri Lanka	Azerbaijan	Egypt	Libya
Chad	Namibia	Uganda	Western Sahara	Thailand	Belarus	Iran	Morocco
Congo, DR	Niger	Zambia	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iraq	Palestine
Côte d'Ivoire	Senegal	Zimbabwe	Myanmar	Albania	Serbia	Lebanon	Syria
Guinea-Bissau	Somalia	Chile	Nepal	Armenia	Tajikistan	Yemen	India
Kenya	South Sudan	Peru	Pakistan	Turkey	Ukraine		
Mali	Sudan	Afghanistan	Philippines	Kosovo	Algeria		

Financial Costs of Mines / Returns of Development Cooperation

- ▶ Mines are very affordable – anywhere from \$3 to \$50
- ▶ Removal of mines more whilst to remove the same landmine it could cost 50 times as much
- ▶ Other unseen costs: infrastructure, social protection, health
- ▶ 1USD invested in development cooperation leads to a positive return of at least of 7-10 USD
- ▶ 1 USD invested in humanitarian demining activities leads to a positive of probably in excess of 5,000 USD

Humanitarian costs – Land vs. Air

Land Delivery



Air Delivery



Financial Burden to Government Finances



- ▶ 3,678 Casualties
- ▶ 39% Children
- ▶ 12% of casualties were women and girls

Integrated Demining as a Cross-Cutting Sector



- ▶ Integral part of rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in development cooperation projects
- ▶ Demining components should never be independent but complimentary
- ▶ Integrated within specific framework conditions
- ▶ Can include: mine risk education to populations, mapping of minefields or even mine removal actions

Why, What and How



- ▶ Reduce the number of accidents
- ▶ Reduce permanent threat to life and health
- ▶ Create freedom of movement
- ▶ Increase self-help structures
- ▶ Reduce dependencies for food aid
- ▶ Participation at national, regional and local levels – Government, NGOs, schools...
- ▶ Participatory and coordinated planning and distributions of tasks
- ▶ Use of adapted technologies

Why, What and How - cont.

- ▶ In emergency assistance should comprise of all measures, initiatives and responses to emergency situations in crises
- ▶ Preventative activities in these fields and it takes action before, during and after crises, conflicts and disasters
- ▶ Key dual areas of prevention and recovery
- ▶ Cooperation with all stockholders – Government, NGOs, scientific and academic institutions and the private Sector

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The answer to the development cooperation community is

YES