Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action

Advocating Mine Action to Government of Azerbaijan

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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: MINE/UXO PROBLEM

- Total area: 13,6 K sqkm
- Extent of the problem is not known
- Estimated:
  - 350-500 sq. kilometers mined
  - 50-100 thousand mines suspected
  - High level of UXO contamination
INTRODUCTION TO ANAMA

- Established in July 1998 by Presidential Decree

- UNDP and GOA Joint Project Document signed on April 02, 1999 giving a start for Azerbaijan Mine Action Program jointly with UNDP

- ANMAS was developed and approved on May 25, 2001.

- National Capacity building process in line with Donor Confidence and Resource Mobilization

- Nationalization of the Program

- Strengthening National ownership
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- General Survey conducted in 2001
- Timely Monthly Consolidated reports submitted to the relevant Ministries and Committees of the Government of Azerbaijan

- Countrywide Landmine Socio-Economic Impact Survey conducted in 2002 aimed at identifying the scope of the problem existing in the country and its economic cause (by Survey Action Center)

- Mine Victims Needs Assessment conducted in 2004

- Annual Work Plans Published and distributed to all stakeholders including Donor States’ Embassies and the Government institutions

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NETWORKING AND ALLIANCE BUILDING/LOBBYING

• Strong and direct support of UNDP Country office in Azerbaijan

• Active networking through UNDP Country Office, EC, ICBL and other international organisations on the ongoing MA related activities and timely requests on update of the situation with mines/UXO from the Government of Azerbaijan

• Bilateral cooperation with US DOS

• Letters of appreciation for effective cooperation by high officials of International Organizations to the Government of Azerbaijan

• High Officials visiting ANAMA had following meetings with the Highest Officials (President and PM) of the Country where an appreciation of huge Humanitarian Efforts was highlighted

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• Bilateral Cooperation between several Mine Action Centers brought to highest level of the State Recognition and integrated into Government to government cooperation context

• Close cooperation with local communities and raising awareness over the mine/UXO threat in the regions

• Active involvement of Local executive Authorities and Municipalities in the overall MA activities conducted in particular regions

• Meeting Decision Makers and briefing them on the humanitarian cause of mine/UXOs

• Participation in Defence Exhibitions
• Organization of Seminars/briefings in Local executive Houses

• Annual Donor Meetings organized in high profile level with the participation of Members of Donor states and High Government Officials of the Republic of Azerbaijan

• Being represented in interministerial meetings on Social-Economic Development plans

• Organizing specific Seminars on the Importance of humanitarian Mine Action and its aspects such as Mine Risk Education and Mine Victims Assistance
ORGANIZING BRIEFINGS AND SITE VISITS IN AFFECTED COMMUNITIES WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF DIFFERENT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES

MEETING WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

VISUALIZATION OF THE SITUATION OF PEOPLE EXPOSED TO THE THREAT OF MINE/UXOs

ORGANIZING OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES OF REGIONAL OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING BASES WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF DIFFERENT STATE AND NON STATE ACTORS
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CAMPAIGNING AND MEDIA WORK AND WEBSITE

• Celebrating Mine awareness Day (April the 4th) at Regional level

• Short movie clips highlighting the humanitarian cause of mine/UXOs and the threat with which affected communities are to live with

• Active involvement of Media in all seminar and briefings organized by ANAMA

• Press Conferences organized during Official visits by Embassies and Different guests visiting ANAMA

• Mine awareness campaigns in all the operational regions

• Maintaining an updated website covering all the spheres of Humanitarian Activities ran by ANAMA as well as all the related events
ACHIEVEMENTS

- ANAMA integrated into State Socio-Economic Development Program since 2004
- 90% of mine action work is funded from the State Budget
- Five IDP settlements constructed following mine clearance where more than 2200 IDP families were provided with houses and all the necessary infrastructure
- Mine risk education integrated into School curriculum in Mine Affected regions of Azerbaijan
- Ministries of Interior and Emergency situations report to ANAMA of any mine/UXO related emergencies
- ANAMA is represented at the State board on Emergency Issues
- Implemented several UXO Clearance and Training Projects within the framework of Azerbaijan and NATO Cooperations
- Establishment of sustainable national capacity including all the instruments of humanitarian mine action
- Acting with minimum outside financial support
- As Azerbaijan is acting as a Donor State since 2009 the Mine Action included in the Foreign aid programs within non-military support
APPRECIATION

NATIONS CONTRIBUTED TO MINE ACTION PROGRAMME SINCE 1999

Azerbaijan
SO THAT OTHERS MAY WALK THE EARTH IN SAFETY

QUESTIONS?