



GICHD Update: Current and Upcoming Activities

MASG Meeting September 5th 2012

Country-specific activities

- Afghanistan – training of trainers for Evaluating Mine Action. Early Oct (funded by Australia)
- Cambodia
 - On-going operational efficiency assessment of the survey and clearance activities including an analysis of the IMSMA database (funded by Australia). A workshop will be held at the end of September to present initial findings (This is a key area of programming for 2013 and topic of side event at 12MSP). Conducted in Sudan, Laos and now Cambodia.
 - Discussion underway with UNDP for GICHD to undertake evaluation of Clearing for Results in early 2013
- Chad – ISU mission during July and an analysis of the Chad IMSMA database is underway as part of an assessment of survey efforts to date. Final report to be submitted to the Chad NMAA, UNMAS, UNDP, MAG and ISU-APMB later in September.
- Lao PDR: The GICHD, with UXO Lao, has been asked by the NRA to manage a trial of UXO metal detectors – six manufacturers will test equipment in accordance with international test protocols (funded by DfID)
- Vietnam (all funded by DfID)
 - Pilot project on new survey and clearance approaches for UXO (with Engineering Command, BOMICEN, NPA and VVAF) – Extension of this project into a further province planned for 2013
 - Assessment of Vietnam's national mine action programme – about to start
 - Meeting to review draft national mine action standards 10-11 Oct

Training workshops

- Evaluating Conflict, Security & Development workshop: 24-28 September in Geneva, in partnership with IPDET, Small Arms Survey, DCAF & GCSP. For more information, contact Ted Paterson at t.paterson@gichd.org
- Upcoming Regional Information Management workshops:
 - Cedars, Lebanon – 17-21 September. For more information, contact Anne-Li Nauclicr at a.nauclicr@gichd.org.
 - Future workshops planned in Peru, Mozambique and Benin
- Partnership for Peace training workshops: 15-19 October in Geneva (for more information, contact Frank Abel at f.abel@gichd.org):
 - Humanitarian Mine Action and the Role of the Military
 - Information Management in combined Humanitarian and Military Operation
 - Quality Management in Mine Action



- Two Evaluating Mine Action workshops for UNMAS in New York (for more information, contact Ted Paterson at t.paterson@gichd.org)
 - 15-19 Oct
 - 12-16 Nov
- Balkans Regional Quality Management in Mine Action workshop: 19-23 Nov (funded by Germany) For more information, contact Vera Bohle at v.bohle@gichd.org.
- Regional Mine Action Contracting Workshop in South East Asia, Siem Reap 19-23 Nov (funded by Australia)– A similar workshop is planned for Latin American in mid-2013. For more information, contact Pehr Lodhammar at p.lodhammar@gichd.org.

Other workshops

- Fourth Mine Action Technology Workshop: 4-6 Sep For more information, contact Erik Tollefsen at e.tollefsen@gichd.org.
- Arabic-language Outreach workshop: Dubai: 6-8 Nov 2012. The deadline for registration is 10 September. More details are available on the GICHD website.

Studies

- Mine action and Armed Violence Reduction: The GICHD is undertaking a study on how mine action organisation support Armed Violence Reduction (AVR) at an operational level, aiming to develop a guide for national mine action authorities and centres, operators, UN TAs and donors. Case studies will be published profiling different operators/programmes.
- The GICHD, in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, has produced a short Frequently Asked Questions document for mine action organisations that outlines practical guidance on how to better respond to and potentially prevent land-related conflict in mine/ERW affected areas. A country specific version has been prepared for Afghanistan, and others are planned for Somaliland, South Sudan and Cambodia, all of which are facing land-related conflict.
- Strategic planning in national mine action programmes: The GICHD will carry out desk-based as well as in-country research to produce at least five country case studies, a policy brief, and a Guide to Strategic Planning for Mine Action.
- The GICHD is currently completing a feasibility study on the use of Mini Aerial Photography Planes (MAPP) as well as a study on the use of precise geodetic measurements in the field.