GICHD Update

Mine Action Support Group
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The GICHD

> Independent, impartial and neutral expert organisation founded in April 1998

> Deals with all aspects of landmines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war

> Financed by voluntary contributions and through commissioned work (governments, international organisations, NGOs)
The GICHD

> Centre of expertise
  o Total: 42 posts (including 25 in Programmes)
  o Implementation Support Unit APMBC: 5
  o Support : 5
    (Conferences, publications, communication and sponsorship programmes)

> Council of Foundation
  o 22 States (9 mine and ERW-affected countries)
  o European Union & UNMAS

> Advisory Board
  o 20 members
  o National Authorities, UN, ICRC, ISU APMBC, OAS, Operators, Research
> Key Roles Played by the GICHD

> Host the secretariat for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
  > Will host a similar secretariat for the Convention of Cluster Munitions

> Hosts many of the key international meetings for the mine action field

> Maintains the International Mine Action Standards on behalf of the UN

> Designs, distributes & supports the Information Management System for Mine Action

> Conducts research and provides training & advisory services for Operations, Strategic Management, & Quality Management
GICHD Governance and Organisation

- COUNCIL OF FOUNDATION
- ADVISORY BOARD
  - GENDER AND MINE ACTION*
- DIRECTOR
  - Ext. Relations | Policy | IHL
  - SUPPORT
  - ADMINISTRATION

- STATES PARTIES APMBC
- STATES PARTIES CCM

- STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
- OPERATIONS
- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
- ARABIC-LANGUAGE OUTREACH PROGRAMME

- STANDARDS

- ISU APMBC
- ISU CCM

- TREATY IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

* Independent programme hosted by GICHD
GICHD Strategy: 2012-2014 and some key initiatives

Two strategic objectives

1. Global clarity on explosive hazards
   - Land Release – more efficient survey and clearance operations
   - Decision Support – evidence-based decisions at strategic, operations, and task levels
   - Understanding Impacts – e.g. Accident & Victim Information System (AVIS); Landmines & Livelihoods; Landmines & Land Rights

2. High-performing national authorities and national ownership
   - Training – e.g. Contracting & Liability; Quality Management; Evaluating Mine Action
   - Advisory services – e.g. Efficiency assessments of survey & clearance; setting-up national programmes; national mine action standards; Technology
   - Research & evaluation – e.g. Transition to National Ownership; Prioritisation tools; Strategic Planning for Mine Action; Detector trials for UXO