MINE ACTION IN TAJIKISTAN

CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH MINE ACTION
25 – 27 March 2007
Almaty, Kazakhstan

Parviz Mavlonkulov, TMAC, Operations Coordinator

LANDMINE PROBLEM

1. AP mines laid by Uzbek authorities along Uzbek-Tajik border
2. AP mines laid by Soviet forces (by Russian forces) along Tajik – Afghan border
3. AP mines Mine/UXOs laid in the Central Area during the civil war years
Mines/UXOs victims

Mine victims in Tajikistan

Out of this statistics:
- 20% children
- 10% women

Implementing agencies

Key structures

- The Commission of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on implementation of international humanitarian law (CIIHL) - legal institutional authority
- Tajikistan mine action centre (TMAC) - the executive body
- Ministry of Defense;
- Ministry of Education/UNICEF;
- Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence;
- Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Of The Population;
- Ministry of Health;
- The State Committee for Protection of the State Border;
- The Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD);
- The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan / ICRC;
- Local NGO “Harmony of the World”.

Totally there are 2277 deaths and 299 injuries from the mine accidents.
TMAC structure

Chief Technical Advisor

TMAC Manager

Operations Coordinator

Finance Assistant

QA Inspector

Administrative assistant

IMSSMA Database Management Officer

Translator

Victims Assistance Officer

MRE Coordinator

Drivers(2)

TMAC major responsibilities

• Gather and analysis of all the data related to mine action;
• Assist in VA and MRE;
• Develop NMAS;
• Priorities
• GMAA and mine clearance of the mined areas;
• Handover of the cleared land to local authorities for use;
• Quality Assurance and investigate accidents;
• Coordination of all the agencies to implement Ottawa Convention.
• Data base in accordance with IMSMA;
• Submit reports in accordance with Article 7 of Ottawa Convention to UN;
• Implement other obligations in accordance with Ottawa Convention.
Donors’ support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>US $</th>
<th>EURO</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>530,700</td>
<td>509,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>1,974,722</td>
<td>540,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>424,500</td>
<td>1,120,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>1,820,000</td>
<td>360,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total in all period</td>
<td>4,749,222</td>
<td>2,529,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Destruction of landmine stockpiles

On 31 March, 2004 the last stockpiles (3029 AP mines) were destroyed

So, Tajikistan fulfilled its obligation according to Article 4 of Ottawa Convention.
On-going projects

- Survey and manual clearance
- MDD project
- Mine Risk Education
- Mine Hazard Warning Signs Project
- Income Generation
- Assistance to Ortho centre
- Safety Playgrounds for children
- Summer camps for landmine survivors

Handover of the cleared land to local authorities

6 cleared sites have been handed over to local authorities for future safe use and 4 cleared sites are ready for handover.
The Regional Conference “Progress towards the Ottawa Convention’s aims in Central Asia” was held on 15-16 April 2004 in Dushanbe

Regional cooperation
Exchange of experience and trainings
Problems and tasks ahead

The deadline for completion of Tajikistan mine clearance is 1 April, 2010. We have less than 3 years to complete clearance and this period is not sufficient. So, we need to increase the capacity of the programme in order to speed up the productivity.

Future plans

Mechanical mine clearance machines

It is also anticipated to obtain mechanical mine clearance machine and we hope to cooperate with the government of Japan and USA on this issue.
The major task in 2007

The main task in 2007 is to provide the Tajikistan mine action programme with the necessary financial resources (more than $5.5 million) in time.

Completion Initiative strategy

In order to implement the UNDP Completion Initiative strategy by 2010 Tajikistan mine action programme needs $12 million

Article 5 of Ottawa Convention requires to clear all the mined areas within 10 years and the deadline for Tajikistan is 1 April, 2010.
Thank you for your attention!

www.mineaction.tj