Experiences from a Mine Affected Country

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Background & Facts

- 500 minefields, approx. 300,000 mines, area of 60 million m² (Suspected Hazardous Area) along Jordan Valley, Wadi Araba and Syrian border

- 1993 His Late Majesty King Hussein ordered the military to begin demining
- 1998 Jordan - Mine Ban Convention
- 2000 NCDR established

- Presently approx. 170,000 landmines been demined
- 27.5 million m² of SHA has been cleared
Challenges Encountered

- Bureaucracy & red tape
- Limited national resources
- Initially low capacity
The National Committee for Demining & Rehabilitation (NCDR)

- Quasi-governmental organization (civilian)
- Responsible for all ‘Mine Action’ in Jordan
- Coordinates with Donor Countries, Int’l Organizations, NGOs & Local Stakeholders
Mine Clearance

Major Activities

- EU Funded ‘North Shuna Mine Clearance Project’
  - Implemented: Royal Engineering Corps

- Jordan Valley
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- Wadi Araba
  - Implemented: Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA)
Funded by Canada and Norway

Implemented by NCDR and NPA

Custom-designed to address the specific needs of Jordan

Will be completed in June 2007
Landmine Retrofit Survey

- Systematic Survey of hazard tasks
- Information on MRE activities
- Information on land use
- Defining clearance priorities
- Monitoring tool for Mine Action activities
- Recommendations on clearance requirements
- Information on accidents
Major Activities

- National Mine Action Strategy
- National MRE Standards
- NCDR project funded by USA
  - Expected to commence June 2007
Survivor & Victim Assistance

Current Initiatives

- The National Rehabilitation Center for Amputees
- The Hashemite Charitable Society for Soldiers with Special Needs
- Landmine Survivor Network
Universalization

Ongoing Activities

- Draft Law
- Regional Efforts
Why is 2007 8MSP significant?

- 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the MBC
- First time in the Middle East

Initial Ideas
- To reinvigorate the MBC
- To encourage countries in the region to accede to the MBC
Thank You