National Mine Action Center
Sudan

Victim Assistance Department

Micro finance initiative for Mine ERW victims in Sudan

Partnership between NMAC & Bank of Khartoum

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Introduction

• Since 2007 NMAC & UNMO started providing services to Mine/ERW victims & PWDs through national NGOs.

Services focused on:

• Capacity building
• Physical rehabilitation
• Psychological support
• Socio Economic reintegration
• 7 projects were funded from HSTF (Japanese Fund) in the north implemented by national NGOs in 2007 – 2008
  Number of beneficiaries: 364

• 17 projects funded from CIDA in North since 2008
  Number of beneficiaries 487

• A total of 851 beneficiaries received socio-economic reintegration programs including Income Generating Projects (activities) under those projects.

Types of IGAs

• Live stock
• Metal Work/Welding
• Donkey cart
• Coiffeur – Hair dressing
• Fridge/Freezer
• Mobile phone shop
• Bakery
• Computer
• Grinding mill
• Grocery
• Generator
• Electrical repair
• Potery
• Ceramic Tiling
• Other
Photos
• So far, all support provided to mine/ERW victims and PWDs, has been in the form of direct grant from CIDA & HSTF.

• After this successful experience, and following the transition of the mine action programme to local authorities and hence requiring sustainable interventions, NMAC though about shifting to loans & micro-financing program.

• This will enhance the beneficiaries behavior to be more responsible and independent.

• Cost contribution will sensitize the beneficiaries to pursue their interest and seek the success of their projects.

• The initiative of micro finance was adopted by the Bank of Khartoum who signed a MOA with NMAC to provide micro finance projects to mine/ERW victims and PWDs individually or collectively.

• Group projects are highly recommended since the bank pears most of the assets liabilities.
NMAC and BOK signed a Memorandum of understanding which creates partnership through contract to achieve the strategy related to projects and programs development.

Micro finance projects can ensure social integration and – economic empowerment using the capacity of partners efficiently and effectively.

Project Goal

To initiate economic empowerment social reintegration & social protection to mine/ERW victims and PWDs through micro finance credit in North Sudan.
Project objectives

- To build the capacity of the beneficiaries in small business management (SBM).
- To provide the necessary supports to promote socio-economic participation of landmine survivors in both public and private sectors.
- To build national capacities and institutional capabilities for integrated Policies and programs in the disability field.

Project Activities

- Identify partners and beneficiaries.
- Conduct awareness about the concept of micro finance credit to concern partners.
- Conduct training in SBM
- Establish coordination mechanism among all concern partners.
- Liaise between the bank and all partners.
- Conduct field visits to the beneficiaries.
- Monitor on the project activities and follow up the IGAs progress.
- Conduct an evaluation for the project.
Role of BOK in microfinance project

• Provide all technical and administrative staff to ensure the success of socio-economic developmental projects for the NMAC/NGOs beneficiaries.

• To fund the developmental individual and/or group projects of beneficiaries selected by NMAC according to the requirements.

• Participate in monitoring and evaluation of all operations and levels of implementation including performance, finances, and procedures.

• Provide technical support and training during the implementation phase.
Role of NMAC

• Introduce the Micro finance concept to the national organizations working in victim assistance, and potential beneficiaries.

• Coordinate with organizations in selecting the candidate beneficiaries and preparing their project proposals and feasibility studies.

• Offer information, guidance and reference services for beneficiaries who will be included in MF projects.

• Conduct Small business Management training course to the selected group of beneficiaries.

• To establish an enabling environment to support the developmental projects for socioeconomic reintegration in the target areas through MF

• To promote advocacy towards the importance of MF in socioeconomic reintegration and empowerment of mine/ERW victims.

• To participate in monitoring and evaluation of all operations and levels of implementation including performance, finances, and procedures
Expected out comes

• Opening Chances of local funding employment.
• 50 beneficiaries trained in small business management.
• Network of NGOs capable of running microfinance project.
• Expand jobs opportunities for landmine victims and people with disabilities.
• Raise awareness on the importance and suitability of micro-finance is one of means of income for mine/EWR survivors and other persons with disabilities.

Thank you