


COMMUNICATING ELEMENTS OF ARTICLE 1

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SCOPE

- BACKGROUND.
- IMPACT OF MINES/UXO ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES.
- GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
- VISION.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF 2007 SURVEY.



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- IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM.
- NORWEGIAN PEOPLES AID (NPA).
- IMPLEMENTATION 2007-2012.
- CONCLUSION.



BACKGROUND

- MINE AND UNEXPLODED ORDINANCE.
- MOZAMBIQUE WAR OF LIBERATION AND CIVIL WAR.
- FORCEFUL DISARMAMENT 1993.
- MALAWI CONSTRAINTS.



IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- MOST AFFECTED ALONG THE LONG BORDER WITH MOZAMBIQUE.
- INCREASED CASUALTIES THOUGH INCOMPLETE RECORDS.
- INCIDENT ORIENTED SENSITISATION. COMMUNITIES WOULD EASILY VENTURE BACK.



IMPACT ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- LAND PRESSURE FOR AGRICULTURE AND SETTLEMENT.
- MINES ONLY ALONG MOZAMBIQUE BORDER ON INGRESS /EGRESS ROUTES OF REFUGEES / COMBATANTS IN 16 CAMPS
- REQUIRES THOROUGH SURVEY



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- NATIONAL MOD HEADED COMMITTEE.
- MINE ACTION OFFICE IN MOD.
- HOSTED UN ASSESSMENT MISSION AUGUST 2003 AND 2 OTHER MEETINGS 2007



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE contid...

- SUBMITTED 2 REPORTS PREVIOUSLY:
2003, 2004 & THIS ONE.
- BETTER INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION, TASKS & POLICY GUIDING TO LEGISLATION.
- PROACTIVE BY SIGNING ALL CONVENTIONS .



VISION

- FREE FROM MINE/UXO, CONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION OF CASUALTIES.
- POLICY, LEGISLATION, CIVIC EDN FOR GOVT PERSONNEL STAKEHOLDERS & GENERAL PUBLIC. (LAXITY WOULD ERODE GAINS).



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2007 SURVEY

- IDENTIFY ALL MINED AREAS BY NOV 2007.
- SURVEY ALL SUSPECTED AREAS.
- MINE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.
- MARK & CLEAR ALL AFFECTED AREAS.
- IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE.



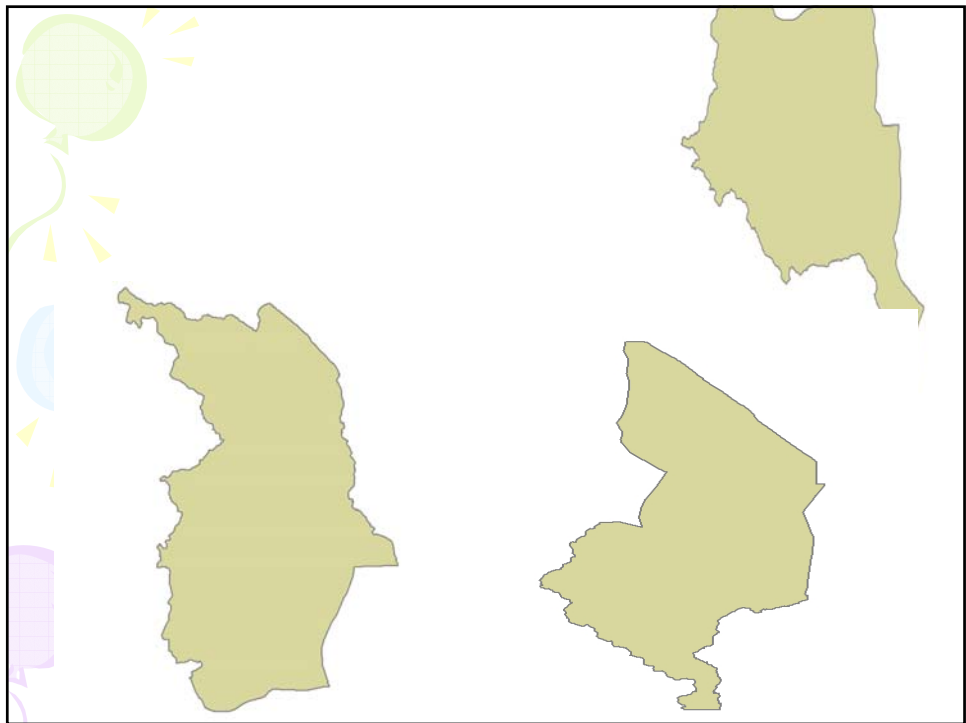
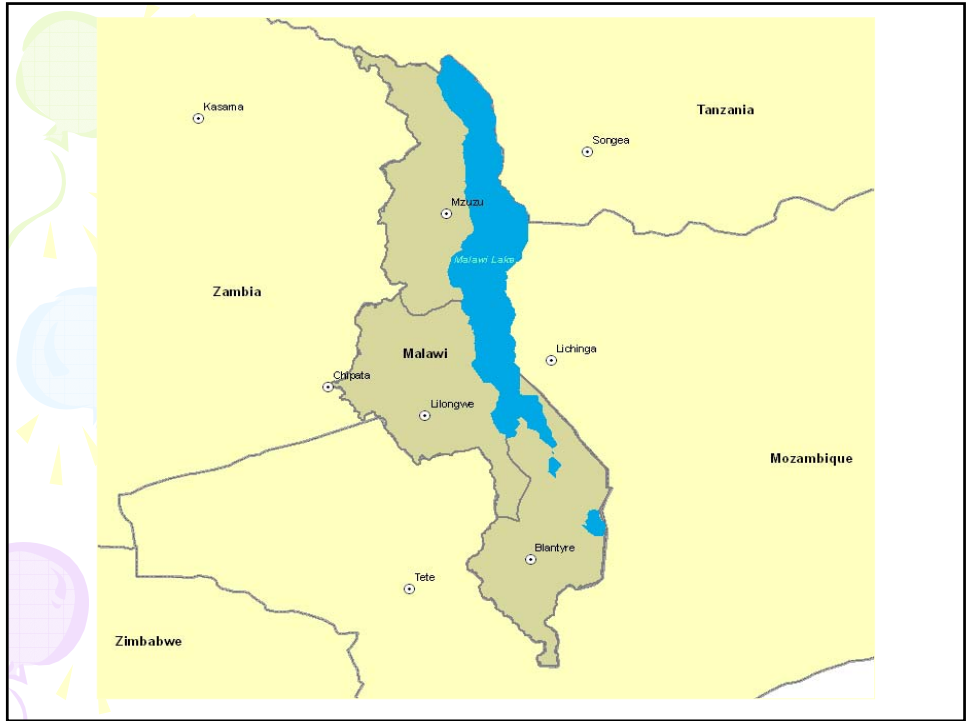
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2007 SURVEY contid....

- DEVELOP POLICY ON LANDMINES/
UPO.



IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

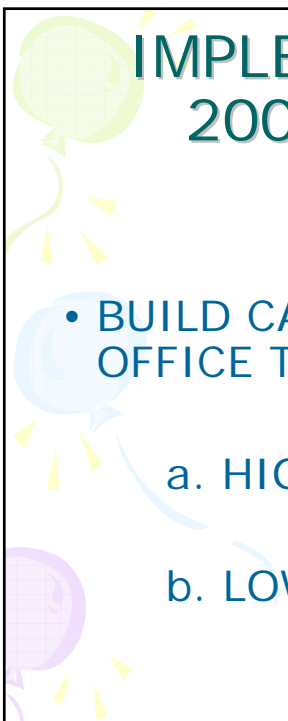
- COORDINATION MECHANISM.
- RESOURCE MOBILISATION.
- NORWEGIAN PEOPLES AID (NPA).
- CURRENT SITUATION





IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2007-2009

- IDENTIFY ALL MINE/UXO INFESTED AREAS BY NOV 2007.
- SURVEY ALL KNOWN AREAS BY NOV 2007
- MINE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.
- CLEAR/MARK ALL MINE INFESTED AREAS.



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2007-2009 contid....

- BUILD CAPACITY IN MINE ACTION OFFICE TO COORDINATE: -
 - a. HIGH IMPACT AREAS
 - b. LOW IMPACT AREAS



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2007-2009 contid....

- TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN MINE INJURY MX.
- MEDICAL CARE ie SURGICALLY, ORTHOPAEDICS, PROSTHESES.
- REHABILITATION OF VITIMS.
- INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PERSONS INCLUDING TRG FOR IGA's.



CONCLUSION

- MALAWI IS PROACTIVE BUT EFFORTS ARE HAMPERED BY INADEQUATE RESOURCES.
- MINE AWARENESS SHOULD BE BOTH TOP BOTTOM AND BOTTOM UP TO BE EFFECTIVE.
- IN MALAWI WE BELIEVE IN WORKING TOGETHER THUS NPA IS MOST WELCOME AT THIS OPPORTUNE TIME.
- REQUEST FOR EXTENSION WILL BE BASED ON EVENTS IN THIS REPORT.

