

Republic of the Sudan

Mine Action Progress

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Legislative Framework...

1. **National Mine Action Authorities** established at the level of Government of National Unity (GoNU) by Presidential **Decree No. 299** and Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) by Presidential **Decree No. 45**.
2. Mine action included into the **national budgeting process** and funds allocated in **2006/2007** to cover the cost of the national personnel and some running costs.



Legislative Framework....

3. National Mine Action Policy Framework and Mine Action Strategic Framework (2006-2011) developed and passed by the national cabinet.
4. Mine action being linked to reconstruction and development plans/process
5. A transition plan (From UN management to national management) being discussed/ developed in close coordination with concerned UN agencies and other stakeholders.

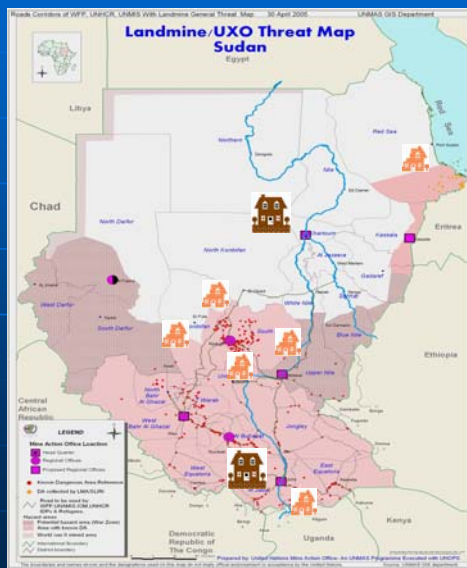
Institutional Framework

- Head office of the National Mine Action Centre (NAMC) equipped, staffed, and functional with funds from the Netherlands, and Italy through UNDP.
- Head office of the Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) being established with funds from the Government of Sweden through UNDP and Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS)
- About 60 staff members for key positions (Operations, IMSMA, Quality Assurance, MRE, VA, Admin/Finance etc) within the head offices of the NMAC and SSDC recruited on the government's payroll

Institutional Framework....

➤ About 20 national staff recruited for the planned six sub offices (Yei, Malakal, Kassala, Kadugly, Damazine, Wau) in key locations to be established with funds from the US DOS through UNDP.

➤ Additional staff being recruited by NMAC and SSDC and training plans prepared by UNDP and UNMAO



Key MA Stakeholders in the Sudan

National Authorities/Institutions:

- Gov. of National Unity and Gov. of South Sudan
- National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) and National Mine Action Center (NMAC)-Khartoum
- Southern Sudan Demining commission (SSDC)-Juba

United Nations Mine Action Involvement:

- UNMAS, UNDP, UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR

Operational Progress...

Area cleared (square meter) by Region/State

State	Prior to 2007	2007*	Total
Ba`hr El Ghazal	1,018,929	208,808	1,227,737
Blue Nile	1,023,957	290,220	1,314,177
Darfur	31,429	0	31,429
Kassala	24,342	204,765	229,107
Equatoria	5,882,638	1,119,568	7,002,340
Kordofan	1,195,677	1,168,370	2,364,047
Upper Nile	711,186	269,811	980,997
Total	9,888,158	3,261,542	13,149,834

Operational Progress...

Road verification in Kilometers

- 12,000 km of roads re-opened through assessment,
- 1,800 km of road cleared of mines/UXO and re-opened.



Operational Progress...

Mines Risk Education Delivered by Target Group

Group	Children		Adults		Mixed	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female		
Total	7,000	5,000	43,000	33,000	1,012,000	1,100,000

Stockpiled AP Mines

- A total of **14,485** different kinds of AP mines is under the control of the Government of National Unity.
- Plans are prepared for the destruction of **9,485** AP Mines.
- The official destruction ceremony of the **first batch of 4,485** various types of antipersonnel mines is scheduled for **30 April 2007** in Khartoum North
- A total of about **5,000** will be kept for training purposes.

Current Demining UN Operations Assets

- Manual Clearance – 10 Teams
- Mine Detection Dog - 6 Teams
- Rapid Reaction Survey – 1 Team
- Survey – 4 Teams
- Route Survey – 7 Teams
- EOD/BAC – 7 Teams
- Mechanical Support – 3 Teams
- UNMIS demining companies:
Pakistan, Cambodia, Kenya,
Egypt, Bangladesh



Mine/UXO Clearance Operations Capacity Development

- 133 deminers trained in humanitarian demining for 8 weeks by International Mine Action Center in Nairobi with funds from UK Government.
- About 110 of these deminers have been deployed on the Babanusa-Wau Railway line with funds provided by the Government National Unity-Sudan



Priorities for 2007

1. Comprehensive training of the recently recruited staff of national authorities in various fields such as Operations management, Information management, survey, Quality Assurance, MRE and VA with support/advice from UNDP/UNMAO inside and outside Sudan.
2. With support from UNDP, establish sub offices in six key locations in Yei, Malakal, Wau, Kassala, Damzine, and Kadugly.
3. Targeted Mine Risk Education to population at risk.

Priorities for 2007....

4. Emergency Survey, Marking and Targeted Clearance/verification of high priority routes and verification of dangerous area reports
5. Continue to manage the deployment of the national deminers on Wau-Babanosa Railway line clearance project in terms of equipment, supplies, running cost, tasking and technical support
6. Finalize to approve national mine action laws by the national legal system
7. Mobilize necessary resources to establish survey/verification, QA, and Monitoring teams.
8. Destruction of stockpiled AP mines

Key challenges

- Logistical difficulties in support to field operations.
- Lack of information/maps on mine affected areas
- Limitation of operational deployment due to climate, long rainy season.
- Very limited local/national mine/UXO clearance capacity developed so far.
- Limited funding for national mine action capacity development efforts.
- Some weakness in coordination and cooperation among all mine action stake-holders/players

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