A roadmap to bring appropriate and improved technologies into operational use:

Definition of a test-case

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Aim of the roadmap

To bring as soon as possible appropriate mine action technologies into operational use, taking into account real needs of end-users, priorities and the state of maturity of technologies.
How should technologies be applied?

- Increased application of existing technologies (mechanical test-case)
- Modification of operational procedures using combination of existing technologies
- Development of new technologies

Why?
- To increase safety
- To increase productivity (more sq meters) and efficiency (less money)
Test-case definition

- To demonstrate the feasibility of the roadmap
- To convince mine action actors about the need of involving existing organisations (GICHD & ITEP) in the complete process of bringing appropriate mine action technologies into operational use
- To involve end-users in the complete process
- To demonstrate the efficiency of the roadmap

Selected test-case: *mechanical clearance equipment*

Croatian approach

Croatia is a good example of the *positive effect* that the use of appropriate technologies can have on Mine Action Operations:

- Currently CROMAC is using 42 demining machines as the first method of clearance in 80% of projects in Croatia.
- Typically the mechanical clearance is followed up by the use of Mine Detection Dogs as the second method of clearance.
- The Annual Clearance Capability in Croatia has increased from 10 sq km (2000) to 40 sq km (2004)
- The average cost of clearance per sq metre has been significantly reduced from 2.13 EUR (1998) to 0.9 EUR (2003)
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Roadmap: mechanical clearance equipment

Defining & Prioritizing Operational Needs for a given scenario

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Portfolio

GICHD

ITEP Work plan

Pre-trial assessment
Performance of equipment
Survivability
Acceptance trials in country

Technology action plans

Appropriate technologies into operational use
Technology action plan

- Standard based tests (CWA developed by technologists and end-users)
- Collaborative project and shared resources

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Collaborating countries: CA, UK, SE, US
Summary

• Test-case results will be available at the 5MSP in NAIROBI
• Recommendations to donors:
  – To increase cost-efficiency by choosing appropriate technology (more sq metre at lower cost)
  – To improve sustainability by securing long-term capability of equipments (Training and maintenance)
• Recommendations to technologists
  To continue to investigate existing technologies, combination of technologies and new technologies.
• Recommendations to end-users
  – To participate to the complete processes
  – To support and/or conduct in-country tests

Conclusions

• Technology has made significant progress in the field of mine action.
• Improvements in technology have been evolutionary in nature and new operational procedures have been developed.
• The challenges that remain to be solved are in the areas of close-in detection and area reduction.
• This could be achieved by using a combination of existing or improved technologies and by developing new technologies.
Thank you to all members of the informal group of experts on mine action technology, and especially to end-users!