

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

On 13 April 2004 Commission under the Government of Tajikistan on Implementation of International Humanitarian Law has considered and approved Strategic Five Year Plan on Mine Action and Plan on Mine Action for 2004.

According to these documents mine action teams has conducted initial and additional survey in central part of Tajikistan. During this activity 38 UXO were find and destroyed.

Since beginning June this year under supervising of FSD demining team 1 is starting technical survey and demaining in northern part of country in a region where water pipe should be installed. Demining team 2 also under supervising of FSD continuing technical survey and demining in central part of Tajikistan where mine fields were determined during last year survey.

Additionally with support of FSD two other demining teams were trained and organized which included medical personal.

With support of ICRC National Red Crescent Society is realizing a program on mine awareness in 13 region of Tajikistan. But practice shows that this program is need to be more wide and informative, especially in border areas with Uzbekistan. Existing program does not contributing for the security of people. In mentioned areas people still suffering from anti personnel mines, mostly children. Taking into account, that demining process in tajik-uzbek border depends on bilateral negotiation on delimitation and demarcation of state border, that could takes long time, we need strengthen activity on mine awareness in northern part of Tajikistan. It could be useful to place signs in danger areas with information about mines along border. For realization of this plan we require assistance and support and we are working with UNDP on this issue.