


GUINEA-BISSAU MINE ACTION CENTRE
**Standing Committee Meeting on Mine Clearance,
 Mine Risk Education and Mine Action
 Technologies**
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Estimated Area of Minefields

Sectors	Location of Minefield	Estimate Area (m ²)
S.Domingos	Barraca Mandioca	131.874,28
S.Domingos	Barraca Ponta Rose	36,000
S.Domingos	Baraca Lugar	42,200
Cacheu	Binhinda	234.000
Bigene	Bissabur	
Oio	Canjambari	400.000
Quinara	Tumana	114,000
Tombali	Ponta Baiala	354,240
Tombali	Guiledge	42,000
Total		1.354.314,28

The famous UXO/ERW-affected area of Paiol de Bra is now free from explosives remnants of war since last 25th May as a result of work conducted by NGO Cleared Ground Demining (CGD) with the European Union fund support.

We can say that Bissau city is now free from mines and explosives remnants of war.

Results of clearance activities in Guinea-Bissau, May 2009 to May 2010 by HUMAID and LUTCAM

Square m ²	A/P	A/T	A/SHIP	UXOs	FUSES
1.301.840,30	304	17	0	97.777	83

Summary Since January 2000 to May 2010

Square m ²	A/P	A/T	A/SHIP	UXOs	FUSES
4.184.324,10	3.202	157	149	140.783	5.642

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- ▶ The Government of Sweden (SIDA);
- ▶ UNDP;
- ▶ The Government of the United States of America.
- ▶ European Union (European Commission)



✓ In Guinea-Bissau we cannot talk only of the fight against Anti-Personnel mines, but at the same time we are clearing all types of munitions and Explosive Devices found in the fields, including Bombs and Cluster Munitions.



Mine Ban Policy

Guinea Bissau submitted its initial Article 7 Report in June 2002, attended all Meetings of the States Parties since Managua (Nicaragua) in 2001, first and second Review Conference in Nairobi (Kenya) in 2004, and Cartagena (Colombia) in 2009. Our delegation has been attending all Intersessional Meetings of the Standing Committees in Geneva since 2002.

Guinea-Bissau, under CAAMI coordination, continues the fight against landmines using manual clearance method only, which makes clearance slow and difficult.



The capacity in place for manual clearance has been significantly reduced since last August, when LUTCAM interrupted its operations due to fund shortage.

Due to this capacity reduction and reporting of new affected areas in a considerable number we decided to present our intention to request extension on Art.5 implementation.

HUMAID, which is still operating has 55 field staff, while LUTCAM has 44. In the meantime efforts to bring to Guinea-Bissau another NGO with self resources are being made.

NPA is expected to implement survey and clearance as from July.

Guinea-Bissau is a State Party of CCW Convention. And we are actively participating in Oslo process and negotiation of Cluster Munitions Convention as a signature state and **3 weeks ago our National Parliament approved this Convention.**



MINE RISK EDUCATION

Since 2006, MRE activities were increasingly concentrated outside of Bissau where clearance activities had been completed.

Livelihood activities, usually farming, are the main reason for risk-taking behavior. Despite the information they receive, people give more importance to the income-generation activities and minimize or make a personal judgment of the risk. Men are believed to be most at risk, as they traditionally work the land. People using unclear or secondary paths are also at risk. Scrap metal collection is an increasing problem, particularly among men and children

And ammunition storage areas are the areas when casualties are most likely to occur.

MRE has been undertaken together with a number of International and National NGOs.

Summary of MRE 2009/2010

Number of training teachers and activists	Total Number of Beneficiaries for gender			Number of villages for provinces covered			Number of Training Section for provinces		
	M	F	C	N	S	E	N	S	E
1874	750	715	409	07	03	03	12	04	19



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CAAMI's vision is for a Guinea-Bissau Free of Landmines and UXO

Thank for your attention
We thank all our current and past stakeholders