Mine Action Investments: an Overview

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History / Status

January 1999: Canada offers assistance to UNMAS.

November 1999: Launching of the database.

May 2001: 17 donors have entered data into the system.

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- EU
- Germany
- Ireland
- Japan
- Korea (Rep. Of)
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK

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Objective

To track net donor countries’ contributions to mine action

- by recipient country/region
- by area of activity
- by year

Total investments

• Almost US$ 200 million a year is now invested in mine action in 45 different countries:
  . 1999: US$ 185 million recorded in the database
  . 2000: US$ 225 million (estimated investments)

• Historical data indicates that, overall, funding for mine action has regularly increased over the past four years, and indeed continues to increase
  . 1998/1999: +26% (data provided by 11 donors)
  . 1999/2000: +21% (data provided by 14 donors)
Donors

Donor Investment (1999)

- USA: 57
- EC: 24
- Norway: 22
- Canada: 15
- Japan: 12
- Netherlands: 10
- UK: 9
- Germany: 9
- Denmark: 8
- Australia: 8

Recipients

Multi-year Funding for Mine Action by Recipient (1993-1999)

- Bosnia: 66
- Cambodia: 66
- Afghanistan: 61
- Angola: 50
- Mozambique: 38
- Laos: 26
- Yugoslavia: 25
- Zimbabwe: 24
- Iraq: 14
- Croatia: 8
Donors / Recipients

- In 2000, 7 countries/regions have received two thirds of all investments
  Kosovo (FRY)   Bosnia & Herzegovina   Cambodia
  Afghanistan   Angola       Mozambique
  Laos

- In each of these recipients countries, more than 80% of all investments have come from core groups of no more than 4 donor countries

Recipients by region

Multi-year Funding for Mine Action by Region
(1993-1999)

- Europe: 23%
- Middle East/ North Africa: 7%
- Africa: 31%
- Americas: 3%
- Asia/Pacific: 36%
Activities

Multi-year Funding for Mine Action by Activity
(1993-1999)

- Mine Clearance: 56%
- Integrated Mine Action: 21%
- Victim Assistance: 7%
- Advocacy & Prevention: 2%
- Information: 2%
- Research & Development: 2%
- Coordination: 4%
- Mine Awareness: 6%

Mine Action Investments and UN Assistance Programmes
UN mechanisms to mobilise investments

- Portfolio of mine-related projects
- Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP)
- Country/programme-specific appeals
- Round table meetings
- Ongoing liaison with donors, through the MASG in particular

Sources of UN mine action investments

- Voluntary financial contributions through
  - The Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (UNMAS VTF)
  - General and country-specific trust funds (UNDP and OCHA)
  - United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)
  - Adopt-a-minefield
- In-kind contributions to country programmes
- Assessed contributions
- Costs sharing arrangements and Management Service Agreements
Mine action investments in UN assistance programmes

- Total mine action investments in 1999 and 2000 have amounted to approximately US$ 200 million a year.

- Of this total, about 40% is estimated to have been channeled through the UN system
  - US$11 million/yr through the VTF
  - US$60 million/yr through country-specific trust funds
  - US$10 million/yr through other UN funds.

Investments vs/ Requirements

- While mine action investments have increased significantly over the past few years, the requirement for international assistance has grown even faster.

- Assistance projects in UN portfolio:
  - 15 countries/regions in 1998 (total portfolio: US$ 133 M)
  - 20 countries/regions in 1999 (total portfolio: US$ 150 M)
  - 27 countries/regions in 2000 (total portfolio: US$ 117 M)
  - 30 countries/regions in 2001 (total portfolio: US$ 151 M)
Total UN mine action requirements in 2001 amount to about US$ 151 million:

- Integrated l.t. programmes: US$ 63 million (42%)
- Programmes under UN auspices: US$ 57 million (38%)
- Mine awareness / victim assistance: US$ 16 million (10%)
- Coordination, surveys, studies: US$ 15 million (10%)

Of this total, an estimated US$ 77 million remains unfunded as of April 2001, or 51% of the estimated 2001 requirement.

Conclusions

Challenges for the UN and the donor community:

- To meet a growing demand for assistance in mine action with limited resources.
- To strike the right balance between operational requirements and coordination requirements.
- To reconcile voluntary funding and long-term planning.
- To reconcile accountability and management flexibility.