



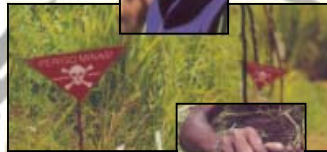
# **International Mine Action Standards (IMAS)**

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*International  
mine action standards*



***IMAS***



# What is an International Standard?

**A document, established by consensus and approved by UNMAS, that provides for common and repeated use, guidelines or characteristics for mine action activities or their results.**



# Purpose of standards

- ❑ **Provide common, agreed levels of performance in mine action.**
- ❑ **Demonstrate agreement and consensus in mine action community**
- ❑ **Facilitate the exchange of information.**
- ❑ **Enhance cost effectiveness and safety.**



# Brief History

- ❑ **No standards until 1997**
- ❑ **Jul 1996**      **Copenhagen conference**
- ❑ **Mar 1997**      **First Standards issued**
- ❑ **Sep 1999**      **Start of UN-led review and revision of standards**
- ❑ **Mar 2001**      **Draft Version 6.0 of IMAS Issued**
- ❑ **Sept 2001**      **23 IMAS approved by UN**



# **New IMAS in the pipeline**



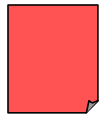
**Mine detection dog standards (approval)**



**Management of mine action programmes**



**Information systems and communications**



**Guide for drafting contracts**



**Mechanically assisted clearance**



**..... and more**



**Guidelines for mine risk education**



**Guidelines for victim assistance**



**Training needs of mine action managers**



**Evaluation of programmes**



# **Aim of “OUTREACH” programme**

- ❑ **Discuss and explore the practical application of the proposed IMAS.**
- ❑ **Identify further changes that may be needed.**
- ❑ **Assist national mine action authorities to develop or amend their own national standards and SOPs to reflect the requirements of IMAS.**
- ❑ **Develop a broad consensus for IMAS - at a political as well as a technical level.**





# OUTREACH Statistics

- ❑ **14 formal briefings**
- ❑ **29 mine affected countries**
- ❑ **6+ NGOs**
- ❑ **3+ commercial companies**
- ❑ **4 regional organisations**
- ❑ **337 individuals**



**Any Questions ?**



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