



South Sudan Mine Action Program

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Introduction

- The Republic of South Sudan (RSS) got its independent on the 9th of July this year (2011) after extensive and damaging war.
- Every weapon was used including landmines, the indiscriminate killer.
- Mine Action Program existed since 1997 much more early before the signing of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) January 2005



vision

- A prosperous South Sudan free from impact and fear of landmines and other ERW whereby, people live in peace and achieve above all a meaningful development.



Prosperity in Progress



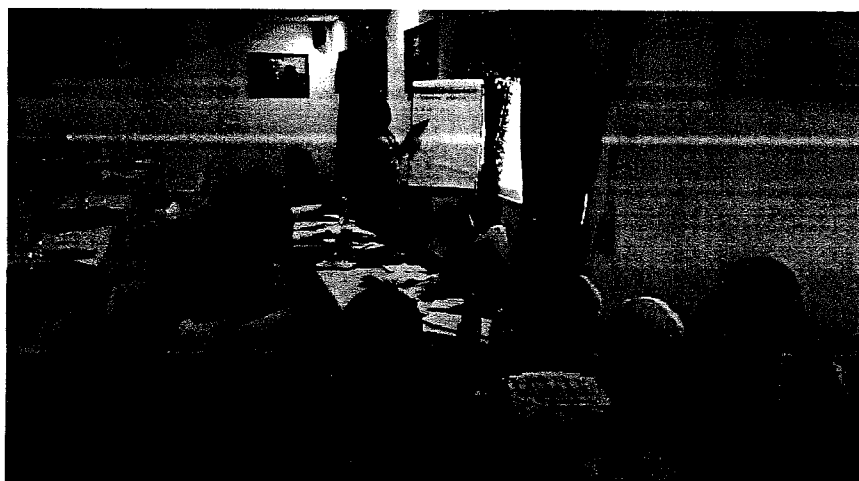


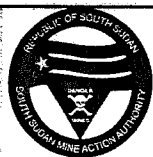
Aims and objectives

- Reduction of AP landmines impact on the communities
- Clear AP landmines in the contaminated areas
- Identification of all suspected hazardous areas through landmines survey
- Provide MRE to the affected communities
- Give support to landmines victims



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Aims and objectives continued:

- Destroy all stockpiles as it is required by the AP Mine Ban treaty.
- Advocacy continuous.



priorities

- Clearance of Main roads connecting major towns to each other and allow movement of people and goods and facilitate development.
- Clearance of agricultural farms.
- Clearance of water points e.g. boreholes and suspected river sites.
- clearance of areas around town' s.
- And personnel training managerially and operationally



Infrastructure Clearance



Areas cleared and Released

Year	Mined Areas Cleared in Sq. m	Battle Areas Cleared in sq. m	Total Areas Released sq. m
2,004	22,481	146,097	168,578
2,005	479,237	520,684	999,920
2,006	1,160,073	5,437,509	6,597,582
2,007	2,226,633	3,014,547	5,241,180
2,008	3,133,570	5,453,703	8,587,273
2,009	8,859,388	4,307,176	995,691,252
2,010	17,788,100	3,426,414	42,736,735
2,011	2,302,930	4,709,832	7,412,822
Total	35,972,412	27,015,961	1,067,435,342

Known Areas Contaminated with AP Landmines according to States

State	Estimated Area (Sq. m)	No of Suspected MFs
Central Equatoria	11,263,139	250
East Equatoria	29,098,680	45
Jonglei	31,744,292	35
Lakes	23,500	2
Unity	13,252,160	4
Upper Nile	76,865,446	32
Warab	13,016,436	1
West Bahr El Ghazal	3,119,245	8
West Equatoria	3,795,473	50
Total	182,178,371	427

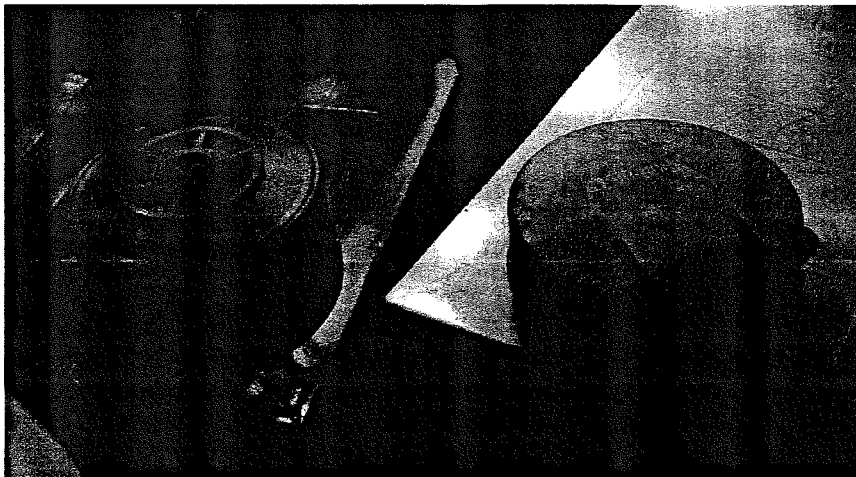


Unknown Areas

- Some Areas are not covered in any sort of the survey due to inaccessibility reasons.
- Latest clashes might have created more landmines laying.
- Recent skirmishes and aerial bombardments may have left some hazards in the Northern border areas.
- Undiscovered stockpiles

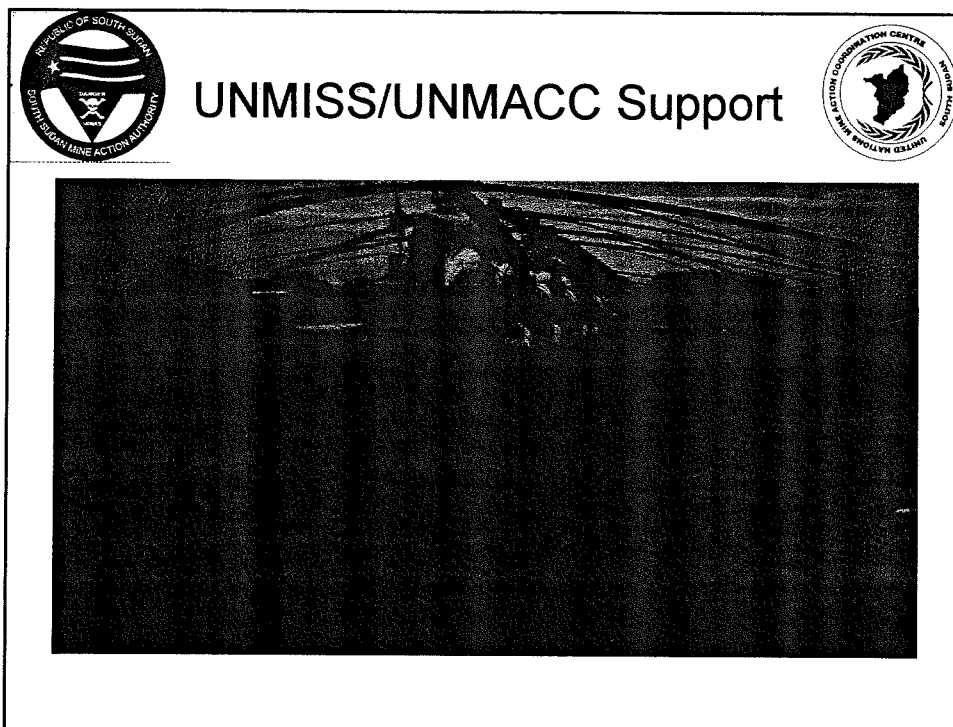


Newly Laid Mines Recovered from Roads in Unity State



Future Plan

- Capacity building of the national authority for supporting long term mine action program.
- Use the UNMISS facilities and services to address the priority area clearance.
- Continue with mine clearance in the affected areas
- Provision of MRE to the communities that have not yet received it.
- Support landmine victims
- Continue with initial landmines destruction once they are found



Main Challenges

- Inaccessibility to some areas due to the lack of infrastructure.
- Insecurity in some areas.
- Lack of funding to the national NGOs.
- Insufficient operational capacity.
- Climatic conditions like long rainy season
- Lack of managerial and operational capacities
- Vastness of the Country and lengthy war fought had resulted to serious contamination



Thank you

