



Government of Mozambique

Extention Request Process 2009-2014

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Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti- personnel Mines and on their Destruction



Convention Signature,
December 2-3 1997

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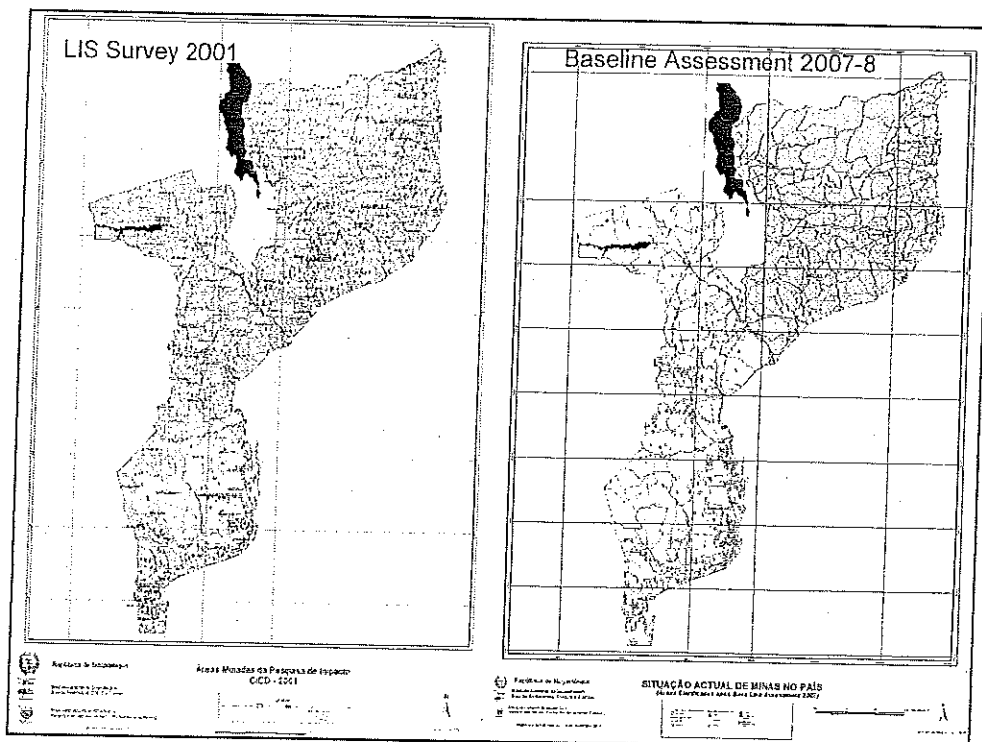
Current Situation

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4 Northern Provinces

- Post clearance evaluation by the IND and local authorities indicated remaining EOD tasks that need further survey;
- Provincial committees to co-ordinate any residual clearance: to be carried out by the police.

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Goals of NMAP 2008-2012(14)

- Ensure coordination of the de-mining programme through monitoring, quality control and assurance, information management, advocacy and resource mobilisation.
- Clear all known mined areas, conduct surveys and clear all new identified areas.
- Consolidate all mine/UXO-risk reduction activities in affected communities, and update the country data base on mine victims.
- Strengthen mine action mainstreaming into Social and Economic Plans (PES) and ensure effective budgeting by all key development sectors.
- Ensure the sustainability of national capacity to deal with residual landmines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).

The Convention Deadline (Art.5) Extension Request Process

1. Evaluation of 2002-2006 Plan indicated:
 - additional areas had been discovered and reported;
 - data was inaccurate and dimensions of affected areas were overestimated in the LIS;
 - Mozambique will not fulfill its obligation under article 5 by 2009.
2. Impediment factors:
 - Overestimation of the mine problem;
 - Limited mine records;
 - Poor economic situation of the country;
 - Vast territory;
 - Natural disaster
3. Baseline assessment conducted:
 - record additional areas requiring clearance
 - update mine-fields database
 - to estimate dimensions of affected areas
 - define time-frame and resources required for clearance
4. National Mine Action Plan 2008-2012(14) approved;
5. Submission of the Extension Request for 5 year period, from March 2009 to March 2014.

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Rationale and Strategic Vision of the Extension Request

- Planned annual mine clearance based on existing technical capacity;
- Realistic estimated annual financial support;
- Co-ordinated deployment of demining assets as per priorities, among all mine action implementing partners;
- Clear roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders putting communities at the centre;
- Stipulated monitoring mechanism to consolidate efforts and assess accomplishment of objectives;
- Overall Government commitment to achieve its obligations under the convention regardless of any potential constraints that may arise.

Present Challenges

- Insufficient flow of resources to MA sector;
- Mine problem should be properly addressed as a development issue by all stakeholders;

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Expected result

Mozambique: A Mine Free country by March 2014

- Population security improved, enabling rural development and poverty reduction (MDG);
- Cleared borderlines will increase regional access through cross-border initiatives (SADC)
- Contribution to disarmament and to the enhancement of humanitarian law.

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Collective support is needed
in order to reach Ottawa Obligations in
Mozambique by 2014

Therefore the Government of
Mozambique herewith presents its
extension request. We are confident
that our request will be granted.
Thank you all for the support and
confidence bestowed to us.

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Thank you and Obrigado

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