MINE ACTION PROGRAMME OF SERBIA

STATUS AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION

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ARTICLE 5 CHALLENGE

- **GROUPS OF MINES** 2,240,940 sqm
- **CLUSTER MUNITIONS** around 2,500,000 sqm
- **UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO) ON LAND** around 18,500,000 sqm
- **AIR BOMBS – ROCKETS** around 150 DIFFERENT SUSPECTED LOCATIONS ON LAND
- **SUNKEN GERMAN FLEET (WWII) NEAR PRAHOVO PORT**
- **UNDER WATER UXO-12 DIFFERENT SUSPECTED LOCATIONS ON SAVA RIVER AND DANUBE RIVER**

S e r b i a n  M i n e  A c t i o n  C e n t r e
OVERALL CLEARANCE RESULTS

- 11,258,195 sqm
- 7,909,826 sqm
- 5,380,060 sqm

Cluster Munitions
Mines
Other UXO

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MINE CLEARANCE WITH RESULTS

- 2009 ORIGINAL CONTAMINATION:
  - Groups of mines in Municipalities of Bujanovac and Preševo, area of around 3.300.000 sqm

- COMPLETED:
  - Area of 434.635 sqm cleared (Preševo, Bujanovac)
  - Land released area by an integrated approach, area of 1.179.000 sqm (Bujanovac)

- PREŠEVO MUNICIPALITY MINE FREE

- IN 2015, SERBIAN GOVERNMENT ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR DEMINING OPERATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME

- CLEARANCE OPERATIONS FUNDED:
  - Through ITF - USA, Germany
  - Matching funds programme (National Funds and US Funds)

- IN 2017/2018, TECHNICAL SURVEY PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED, AREA OF 389,400 SQM (Bujanovac)

- TECHNICAL SURVEY FUNDED:
  - Through ITF - Serbian National Funds matched with US Donation

- METHODS APPLIED:
  - Non Technical/Technical Survey
  - Manual Demining
  - Canine Demining
  - Mechanical Demining

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BENEFITS OF DEMINING

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REMAINING MINE CONTAMINATION IN SERBIA

- SERBIA SEEKING EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2023
- GROUPS OF MINES CONTAMINATING AREA OF 2,240,940 SQM IN THE BUJANOVAC MUNICIPALITY
- MOSTLY HILLY AND MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN OF IMPORTANCE TO CIVILIANS CONCERNING:
  - Safety of people
  - Cattle breeding
  - Exploitation of woods
  - Mushroom picking
  - Tobacco production

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CHALLENGES

- Vicinity of settlements: Threat for locals who
  - cultivate their nearby land
  - pass by the area on a daily basis
CHALLENGES

- Climactic conditions: Contaminated areas are inaccessible during some periods of the year causing operation delays; most of the suspected area is not appropriate for the use of mine detection dogs or machinery.

- Unregistered mine contaminated areas (groups of mines): The remaining mine contaminated areas do not have registries and have not been planted in specific patterns, which aggravates demining efforts, namely survey results are subject to alterations (increase of SHA).

- Lack of donor funds: Funding from donors for mine action activities has severely diminished through the years. Furthermore, certain donors insisting on funding solely cluster munitions clearance and UXO clearance.

- Contamination other than mines: Unexploded cluster munitions, air bombs – rockets and other UXO on land and underwater

  Priority given to: residential buildings, ski paths, airport runway, electricity transmission network, factories.

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DEMINER AT WORK – VIDEO SHOT WITH A DRONE
COOPERATION

SMAC has been working closely with Donor Embassies in Belgrade and ITF to implement demining projects

Donors 2004-2009

- US
- Germany
- Norway
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Spain
- Japan
- Korea

2012

- Germany

2014, 2015, 2017

- US

2018

- Japan
- Korea

(Series of meetings with Old/Potential Donor Embassy representatives resulted in a slight increase of donors in 2018)

Huge thanks to: US; Germany; Norway; Canada;
Czech Republic, Spain, Japan, Korea

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COOPERATION

● INTERNATIONAL (GICH – ISU, NATIONAL MINE ACTION AUTHORITIES, ITF)

● REGIONAL (BHMAC, CROMAC, RCUD, AMAE, SEEMAC)

● STATE AUTHORITIES—MINISTRY OF INTERIOR—SECTOR FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, ETC.

● LOCAL AUTHORITIES

● PUBLIC COMPANIES

● DEMINING ORGANIZATIONS

● MEDIA
NEEDS

PROJECTS FOR CLEARANCE AND TECHNICAL SURVEY DEVELOPED PENDING ON FUNDS (~2,500,000 EUR NEEDED)

NATIONAL FUNDS (~ 600,000 EUR) still pending

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (~1,900,000 EUR) still pending

Donations through ITF and other available funding

In 2018, Serbian Government allocated 200,000 EUR, double amount on an annual basis than previously

In 2018, donations, through confirmed by:

US
Japan
Republic of Korea

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ADDRESSING FUNDING RELATED CHALLENGE

PROJECTS FOR CLEARANCE AND TECHNICAL SURVEY DEVELOPED BY SERBIAN MINE ACTION CENTRE (SMAC) TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

SMAC project submitted to ITF to apply to donors for funds and conduct tender procedures for selection of a Contractor in accordance with the SMAC project and relevant laws of the Republic of Serbia.
QUESTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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