



MINE ACTION IN TAJIKISTAN

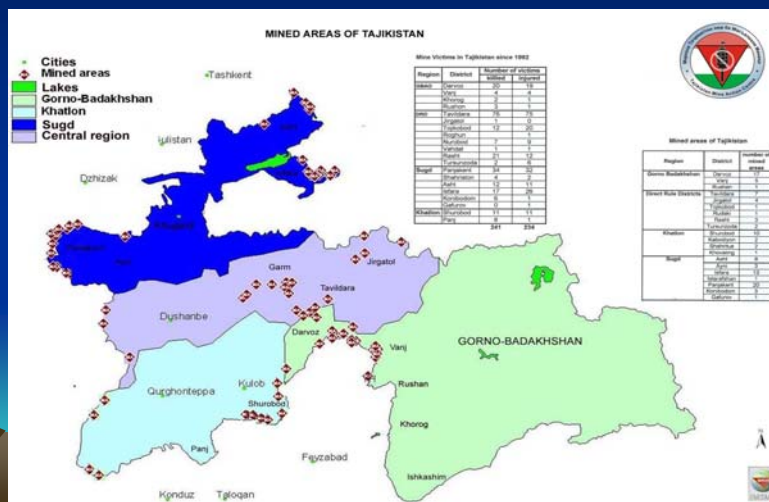
CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND REGIONAL
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LANDMINE PROBLEM

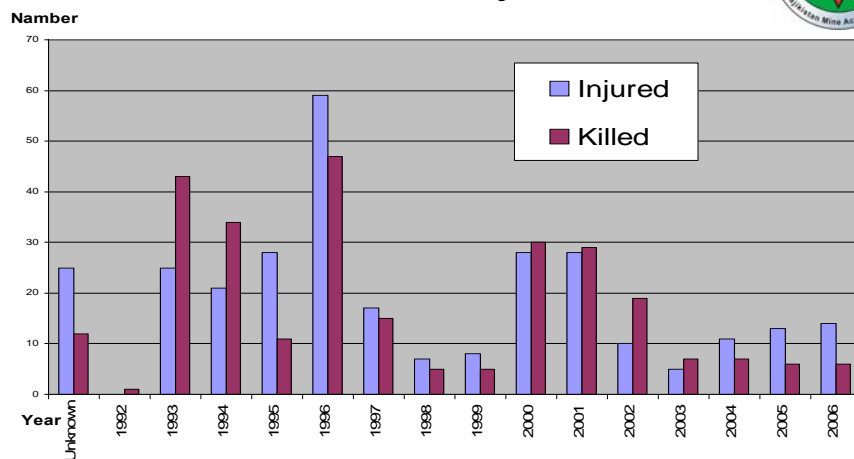
1. AP mines laid by Uzbek authorities along Uzbek-Tajik border
2. AP mines laid by Soviet forces (by Russian forces) along Tajik – Afghan border
3. AP mines Mine/UXOs laid in the Central Area during the civil war years



Mines/UXOs victims



Mine victims in Tajikistan



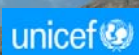
Totally there are 277 deaths and 299 injuries from the mine accidents.

Out of this statistics:

20 % - children

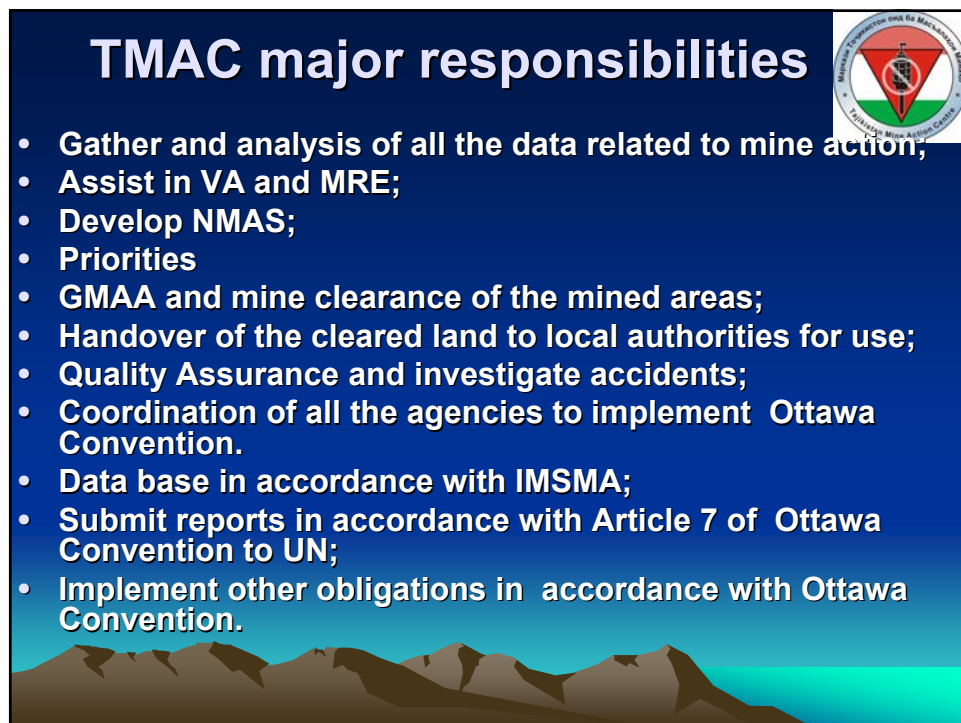
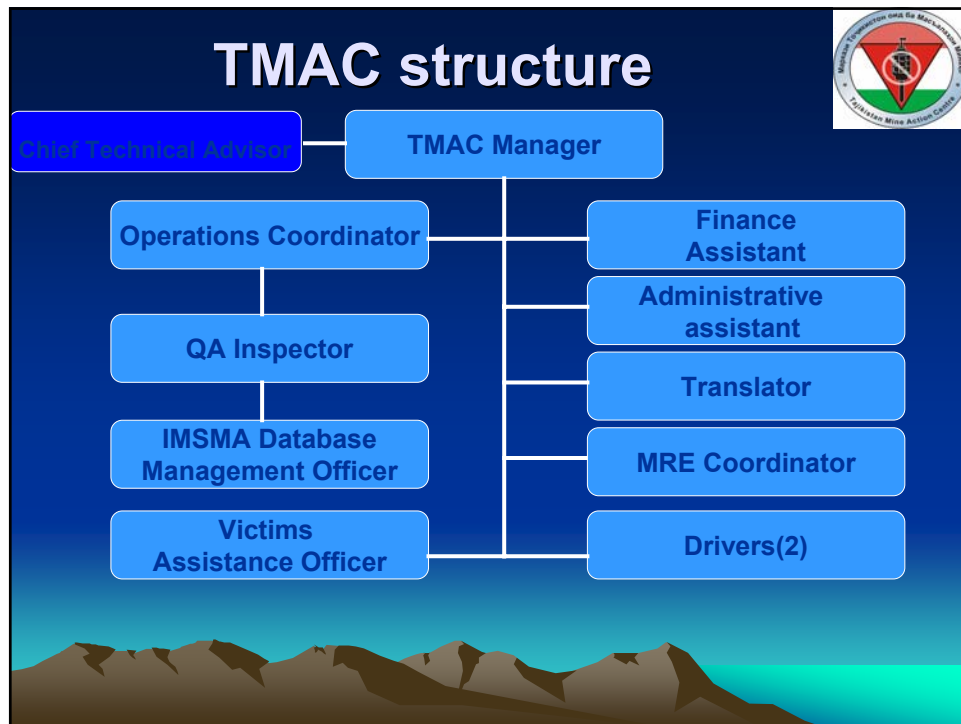
10 % - women

Implementing agencies



Key structures

- > The Commission of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on implementation of international humanitarian law (CIIHL) - legal institutional authority
- > Tajikistan mine action centre (TMAC) – the executive body
- > **Ministry of Defense;**
- > **Ministry of Education/UNICEF;**
- > **Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence;**
- > **Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Of The Population;**
- > **Ministry of Health;**
- > **The State Committee for Protection of the State Border;**
- > **The Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD);**
- > **The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan / ICRC;**
- > **Local NGO “Harmony of the World”.**



Donors' support



Year	US \$	EURO
2003	530,700	509,000
2004	1,974,722	540,000
2005	424,500	1,120,000
2006	1 820,000	360,000
Total in all period	4,7499,22	2,529,000

Destruction of landmine stockpiles



On 31 March, 2004 the last stockpiles (3029 AP mines) were destroyed



So, Tajikistan fulfilled its obligation according to Article 4 of Ottawa Convention.

On-going projects



- Survey and manual clearance
- MDD project
- Mine Risk Education
- Mine Hazard Warning Signs Project
- Income Generation
- Assistance to Ortho centre
- Safety Playgrounds for children
- Summer camps for landmine survivors

Handover of the cleared land to local authorities



6 cleared sites have been handed over to local authorities for future safe use and 4 cleared sites are ready for handover



The Regional Conference “Progress towards the Ottawa Convention’s aims in Central Asia” was held on 15-16 April 2004 in Dushanbe



Regional cooperation

Exchange of experience and trainings



Problems and tasks ahead



The deadline for completion of Tajikistan mine clearance is 1 April, 2010.

We have less than 3 years to complete clearance and this period is not sufficient.

So, we need to increase the capacity of the programme in order to speed up the productivity.



Future plans Mechanical mine clearance machines



It is also anticipated to obtain mechanical mine clearance machine and we hope to cooperate with the government of Japan and USA on this issue.



The major task in 2007



The main task in 2007 is to provide the Tajikistan mine action programme with the necessary financial resources (more than \$5,5 million) in time.

Completion Initiative strategy

In order to implement the UNDP Completion Initiative strategy by 2010 Tajikistan mine action programme needs \$12 million

Article 5 of Ottawa Convention requires to clear all the mined areas within 10 years and the deadline for Tajikistan is 1 April, 2010.



**Thank you for
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