

# COLLABORATION BETWEEN MINE ACTION CENTRES AND HUMANITARIAN DEMINING ORGANIZATIONS

**Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) Capacity Development Approach To National Mine Action Authorities (NMAA) or Mine Action Centres (MACs)**

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# NPA Mine Action and Disarmament

*“Protecting civilians from Explosive Weapons”*

NPA has been involved in Mine Action and Disarmament work for 32 years having started clearance work in Cambodia in 1992. NPA is now one of the world's three largest and leading NGOs in the sector.

NPA has taken a forward-leading role in **civil society's push for states to negotiate, adopt, adhere to, and implement international weapons treaties** such as the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Treaty (APMBT), the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

NPA also plays a leading role in capacity development (CD) in mine action partnering and collaborating with National Mine Action Authorities (NMAA) and Governments globally and importantly on the African continent.



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# What we do!

## Clearance:

NPA clears landmines, cluster munitions and other EO left after war and conflict. Application and promotion of good land release (LR) methodology is core to NPA's Mine Action work.

## Protection:

**Conflict Preparedness and Protection (CPP):** Empowering civilians in war zones with basic safety and survival skills.

**Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE):** Conduct EORE alongside LR in mine-affected communities to ensure human safety until contaminated land has been cleared.

**Environmental and Gender Mainstreaming:** Taking lead on environmental protection and gender mainstreaming in the mine action and disarmament sector, fully embracing the 'do no harm' model of humanitarian aid.



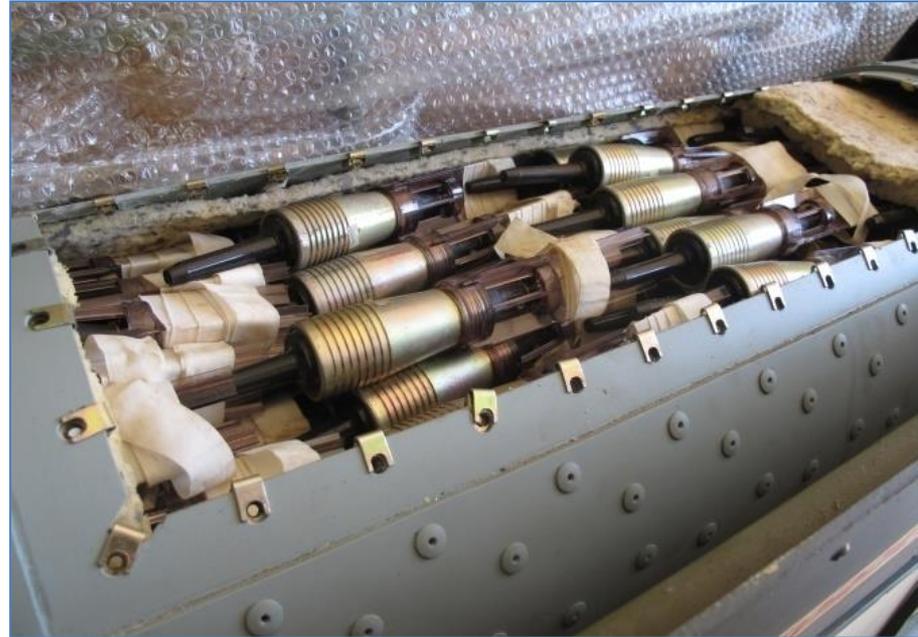
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# What we do!

**Stockpile Destruction:** NPA assists states in the management and safe destruction of ageing, unserviceable, obsolete, or prohibited arms.

Through our Arms Management and Destruction (AMD) projects, NPA's goal is to assist national authorities and governments with projects aimed:

- Safe destruction of surplus and dangerous explosive ordnance
- Demilitarization of obsolete or seized weapons
- Effective management of Arms stockpiles



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# What we do!

**Policy:** NPA has taken a strong voice in processes to develop and strengthen international policies, rules, and norms to better protect civilians and the environment from unacceptable harm. We also champion the adoption and use the available policies within countries in which we have mine action Programmes.

## NPA's International Campaign Work

- The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Stop Killer Robots - autonomous weapons systems
- Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA)
- The Mine Ban Treaty
- The Convention on Cluster Munitions



# Global Footprint

NPA is one of the world's leading humanitarian mine clearance operators with 22 ongoing Mine Action and Disarmament Programmes in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, the Balkans, and the Middle East.



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# NPA Collaborations within Africa

## Land Release, cluster munitions and other EO:

South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Botswana, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Sahel Region

## Capacity Development of NMAA:

South Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Somalia, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Botswana

## Arms Management and Destruction:

Botswana, Mozambique, DRC



***Collaborations are vital for effective and meaningful mine action engagements and Mutual Respect and Transparency and Support are important in such collaborations.***



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# An integrated approach to Capacity Development of NMAAs

National Ownership and Solidarity are core principle of our approach. And successful capacity development of national and local authorities enables such ownership.

We support the establishing of realistic plans to achieve the goal of a mine-free world, furthermore, promote the fulfilment of APMBC and CCM obligations, and increase support for the international ban on nuclear weapons.

Through Capacity development we aim at establishing, strengthening and maintaining national capacity at the enabling environment, organisational, and individual levels to support NMAAs to manage and implement mine action Programmes safely and efficiently.



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# Integrated approach Continued

NPA also maintains an integrated approach to our **Land Release Operations**, ensuring that related **protection and development perspectives** are taken into account. This provides **sustainability to the impact or outcomes** land release. (Linking LR to NDPs)

Land Release operations ensure inclusivity of beneficiaries to ensure local priorities are understood and desired impact is achieved.



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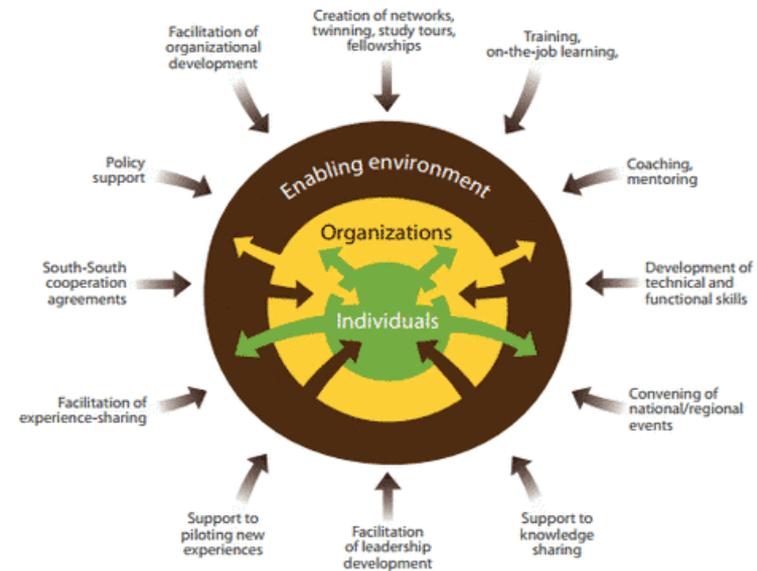
# A Systems Thinking Approach

*For capacity development of NMAAs to be effective and sustainable, it should fit within the larger mine action system and not be implemented in isolation.*

**Enabling environment:** Organisation structure, national strategies and standards, national policies and frameworks, and resource mobilisation strategies.

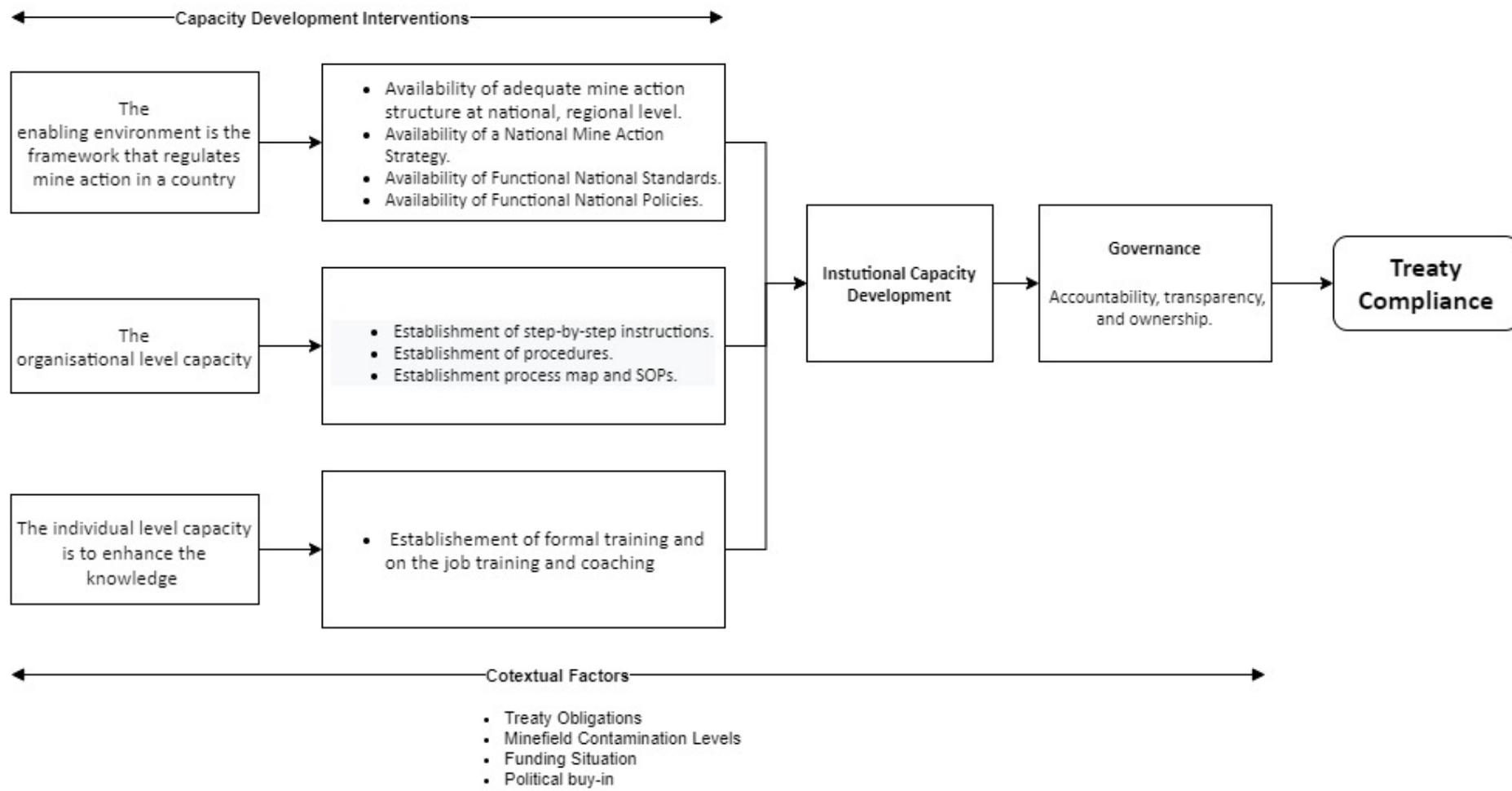
**Organizational:** Includes the establishment of procedures, processes, and computer-based tools (IM)

**Individual:** Includes knowledge, skills, and attitudes of individuals in a given function.



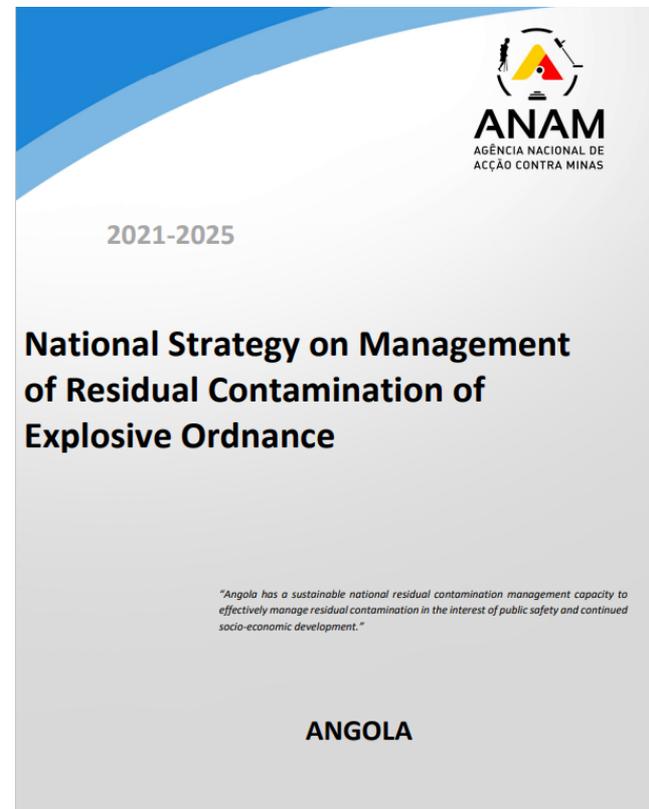
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# Linking Capacity Development and Treaty Compliance



# CD Collaboration Areas with NMAA's

- 1. Enhancing Programme Management Policies And Practices**
  - *National Mine Action Strategies, Article Five Implementations Work Plans, Residual Risk Management Strategies, National Standards, Policies, Advocacy, Resource Mobilization Strategies*
- 2. Enhancing Operations Management Policies And Practices**
  - *Establishment of Contamination Baselines, Tasking and Prioritisation Systems, etc.*
- 3. Enhancing Information Management Policies And Practices**
  - *IM Standards, IMSMA Core/ArcGIS Online, IM SoP, IM Training, Hardware*
- 4. Enhancing Quality Management Policies And Practices**
  - *QM Standards, QM SoP, QM Training, etc.*



# Rationale for Capacity Development of NMAAs

Landmines, cluster munition remnants and other EO pose a serious and ongoing threat to civilian lives, deny access to resources and hinder development. **Reducing their impact requires long-term solutions and the development of competent, accountable and transparent national institutions.**

**CD of NMAAs achieves value for money and a return on investment.** A better-regulated and coordinated national mine action programme ensures efficient planning, tasking, implementation and reporting of mine action operations.



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# A Collaborative and Participatory Approach

NPA approaches its CD and Mine Action and Disarmament interventions in a collaborative and participatory manner which Promotes Ownership and Sustainability of interventions and in turn Increases Awareness, and Understanding of Responsibilities and Treaty Obligations.

The collaborative approach also improves the quality of interventions, acceptability from beneficiaries, and improves the utilisation of resources.



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# Why Capacity Development Matters for NMAAs?

- Oslo Action Plan 2019 – Action # 1 National Ownership
- IMAS – “responsibility for mine action in a country rests with the NMAA”
- Value for money and return on investment
- Capacity Development Contributes to SGD 16 (Peace Justice, and **Strong Institutions**)



# Requirements for Effective CD Collaborations

- Commitment of NMAA and Governments to Treaty Obligations.
- Willingness of NMAAs and Government to cooperate and work alongside with Humanitarian Organisations. (Capacity Development or Landmine Clearance)
- Availability of national legislation and legal frameworks to support the implementation of Treaty Obligation and aid partnerships. (e.g. ZIMAC Legal Framework and inter-Ministry cooperation and coordination)
- Technical expertise of Humanitarian Organisations to support NMAAs and Government.
- Effective and Transparent Coordination between Organisations and NMAA's
- Donor interest to support activities of the NMAA's. The need to support countries that have expressed interest to achieving compliance.



# Benefits of Effective Collaborations with NMAA's

- Accelerated progress to treaty compliance through better understanding of treaty obligations.
- Improved visibility of country level mine action activities.
- Improves Involvement of Governments to Mine Action Sector (Buy In)
- Value for money and a return on investment
- Improved coordination and management of country level mine action sector
- Better utilization of resources (IM, norms, national legislation, etc.)
- Improved approach to key sector activities like NTS
- Allows adequate and ample planning for residual risk and its management



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# Footprint In Africa

In Africa, NPA has had presence in 16 countries;

Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Senegal, Mauritania, Sahel Region, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, and Angola



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