

Comments on Tajikistan's extension request
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Thank you, Madame President,

The ICBL thanks Tajikistan for presenting its extension request today.

While we welcome the submission, we are deeply concerned that the request was submitted very late and despite its considerable length, is still incomplete.

On a positive note, we are encouraged by the significant decline in landmine and ERW casualties in Tajikistan, which reflects important progress in clearance and risk education. We also recognise the considerable operational challenges, including remote and difficult terrain, harsh weather conditions, limited clearance capacity, and the identification of previously unknown hazardous areas.

However, the request sets out three land-release scenarios for the extension period, yet only one is accompanied by a budget. There is no clarity on whether the current level of funding for land release is secured, nor on how the substantial additional resources required will be mobilised. The options for larger or accelerated clearance are not costed, making their feasibility impossible to assess in the absence of a resource-mobilization plan. Likewise, although EORE activities are described, no budget is provided for them, raising serious concerns about the continuity of these life-saving efforts.

We therefore urge Tajikistan to submit a complete request as a matter of urgency: one that includes full, transparent budgeting for all scenarios, clarifies funding status for land release, and provides a dedicated, costed plan for EORE, as called for by the SRAAP. Only with this information can clearance and risk education effectively protect communities.

Thank you.