

CONFLICT RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR LEBANON



Donor Update

August 2008

SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- **Clearance and verification of 341,925 m²** of land using a toolbox approach, including visual clearance, electronic detectors, mine detection dogs and mechanical processing. This tally includes Battle Area Clearance of areas in South Lebanon affected primarily by cluster submunitions, as well as Mine Clearance in the village of Qantara in South Lebanon.
- **Removal and destruction of 451 hazardous Remnants of Conflict¹** – 445 sub-munitions, 5 items of unexploded ordnance, and one anti-tank mine.

BATTLE AREA CLEARANCE AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL

The continued focus of clearance for this month has moved towards clearance of agricultural and pastoral areas for the recovery of livelihoods.

MAG worked in the following areas and achieved the following outputs from 1st August to 31st August 2008:

- **Area 6:** 16 BAC teams and one mechanical team continue to operate. They worked in 14 villages: Yohmor, Arnoun, Zawtar East, Aadchit, Jibchit, Kafar Tibnit, Al Nabatieh al Tahta, Sejoud, Arab Salem, Kafar Sir, Zawtar East, Jibchit, Habbouche, and Zrariah. These teams have used visual and electronic methods of clearance, clearing an area of 331,225 square metres. 450 Remnants of Conflict were found and destroyed.

All teams are contributing to the **social and economic recovery and development** of South Lebanon through the safe, efficient, and effective clearance of Remnants of Conflict.

MINE CLEARANCE

The mine clearance team and Mine Dog Detection teams worked in the village of Qantara in South Lebanon during the month of August. 10,400 square metres were cleared or verified this month, while an additional 300 square metres was processed by the mechanical team. One anti-tank mine was found.

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)

All Contact Officers have continued to undertake community liaison activities at the pre-clearance, clearance, and post-clearance stages.

There were 198 activities during the month, including 21 data collection activities², 34 liaison activities (including 4 site handovers), and 117 other activities that support clearance work by providing control point locations and storage areas, securing land owner's approval for using their house/fields for clearance activities, liaison with local authorities, and emphasizing public safety messages to communities undergoing clearance.

¹ MAG uses the term *Remnants of Conflict (RoC)* to describe all items recovered and destroyed as part of its humanitarian disarmament activities, which include Anti-Personal and Anti-Vehicle mines, Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), abandoned and unexploded ordnance (UXO) and SA/LW. This term has been developed to reflect more accurately the broad range of clearance activities undertaken by MAG.

² Data collection includes population, socio-economic data, village services and beneficiary details. If the teams discover a minefield/dangerous area then information is collected specific to the dangerous area/minefield in addition to the general information form.

TOTAL OUTPUTS OF THE MAG EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SOUTH LEBANON

	Aug 06- Mar 08	Apr '08	May '08	Jun '08	Jul '08	Aug '08	TOTAL
BAC Area Searched (Visual/Hand/Electronic Check) (m ²)	7,370,830	395,619	46,296	150,435	218,868	328,939	8,510,987
Mechanical Processing (m ²)	36,050	3,560	1,400	2,607	4,150	2,586	50,353
UXO Removed/Destroyed	813	135	42	40	62	5	1,097
Bomblets/Sub Munitions destroyed	16,668	308	100	332	271	445	18,124
Mines Removed/Destroyed	6	0	0	0	1	1	8
Minefield Clearance (m ²)	1,980	821	45	245	2,692	9,050	14,833
MDD Area Searched (m ²)	0	0	0	529	0	1,350	1,879
No. of Dangerous Areas Cleared	242	5	1	5	5	6	264

Area searched 15th-31st August 2006 not recorded due to rapid emergency clearance (cessation of hostilities on 14th August 2006)

MAG's work is SAVING LIVES...

In Lebanon alone:

- Over 8.5 million m² of land cleared and made safe
- More than 19,000 Remnants of Conflict destroyed
- 264 dangerous areas cleared
- Assisting 450,000 people at risk from death or injury from Remnants of Conflict
- Helping humanitarian agencies to deliver emergency and rehabilitation aid **free from the risk of death and injury**

...AND MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

Improved Safety of Communities

By removing the threats of Remnants of Conflict, and increasing vulnerable groups' awareness of these threats, a tangible **improvement of the safety of communities** affected by conflict is being achieved.

Rebuilding Communities

By removing the threat of Remnants of Conflict, communities can return to areas previously vacated or re-establish themselves elsewhere. As such, the quality of life of a population can be increased and a **more stable and productive environment created**.

Supporting the Recovery of Sustainable Livelihoods

The presence of Remnants of Conflict restricts community recovery and development. Once a community has been able to re-establish itself in a physical location, it also must develop a livelihood upon which it can sustain itself. The presence of Remnants of Conflict limits the land available for economic use such as farming and agriculture, business, and tourism, and acts as a barrier to natural resources. **By removing Remnants of Conflict MAG allows vital land to be utilized and for communities to improve their livelihoods.**

Key Contribution to National Recovery Efforts

By creating a safe environment, MAG is supporting the reconstruction of Lebanon's primary infrastructure, including schools and medical facilities, which is **vital for the mid-to-long-term recovery and development of the country.**

DONORS

- Adopt A Minefield
- DFID
- European Commission
- German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- US Department of State, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

For more information on MAG's work in Lebanon, or any of its programmes across the world, please visit www.maginternational.org or contact:

David Horrocks, Country Programme Manager,
MAG Lebanon, PO Box 140, Villa Geara, Kfar Joz, Nabatieh 170002020, Lebanon
Tel/ Fax: +961 7530 727 Mobile: +961 70 994 567
Email: david.horrocks@maglebanon.com
Rebecca Cardy, Regional Desk Officer,
MAG, 47 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1FT, United Kingdom
Tel: +44 161 236 4311 Fax: +44 161 236 6244
E-mail: rebecca.cardy@maginternational.org