

CONFLICT RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR LEBANON



Donor Update

June 2008

SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- **Clearance and verification of 153,816 m²** of land using a toolbox approach, including visual clearance, electronic detectors, mechanical processing, and mine detection dogs. This tally includes Battle Area Clearance of areas in South Lebanon affected primarily by cluster submunitions, as well as Mine Clearance in the Mount Lebanon region.
- **Removal and destruction of 372 hazardous Remnants of Conflict¹** – 332 sub-munitions and 40 items of unexploded ordnance

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 June to 30th June 2008:

- **Area 6:** 20 BAC teams and one mechanical team continue to operate. They worked in 11 villages: Yohmor, Arnoun, Zawtar West, Aadchit, Jibchit, Al Nabatieh Al Tahta, Sejoud, Zawtar West, Arab Salem, Kafar Tibnit, and Kafar Sir. These teams have used visual and electronic methods of clearance, clearing an area of 153,042 square metres. 372 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

MAG continued to search and clear land in the Mount Lebanon region, where work has been ongoing since 2007. The major achievement this month is the accreditation of two Mine Detection Dog (MDD) teams, which will add to MAG's toolbox of clearance techniques, and raise the productivity potential of the one mine action team already at work. 774 square metres cleared this month.

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)

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

There were 276 activities during the month, including 18 data collection activities², 35 liaison activities, 5 CBU handovers, 5 site cancellations, 4 UXO tasking requests, and 164 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- Jan 08	Feb '08	Mar '08	Apr '08	May '08	Jun '08	TOTAL
BAC Area Searched (Visual/Hand/ Electronic Check) (m ²)	6,770,044	313,531	287,255	395,619	46,296	150,435	7,963,180
Mechanical Processing (m ²)	29,900	2,050	7,911	3,760	1,400	2,607	47,628
UXO Removed/Destroyed	788	14	12	135	42	40	1,031
Bomblets/Sub Munitions destroyed	16,176	273	219	308	100	332	17,408
Mines Removed/Destroyed	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Minefield Clearance (m ²)	1,412	139	429	821	45	245	3,091
MDD Area Searched (m ²)	0	0	0	0	0	529	529
No. of Dangerous Areas Cleared	223	15	4	5	1	5	253

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:

- Almost 8 million m² of land cleared and made safe
- More than 18,000 Remnants of Conflict destroyed
- 253 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
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA)
- US Department of State, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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