

CONFLICT RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR LEBANON



Donor Update

October 2008

SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- **Clearance and verification of 273,581 m² and 447 m³** 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 southern Lebanon affected primarily by cluster submunitions, as well as mine clearance in the Chouf region of central Lebanon
- **Removal and destruction of 477 hazardous Remnants of Conflict¹** – 375 sub-munitions and 102 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 October to 31st October 2008:

- **Area 6:** 16 Battle Area Clearance teams and the mechanical team continue to operate. They worked in 8 villages: Yohmor, Zrariah, Aadchit, Sejoud, Arab Salem, Kafar Sir, Aadchit, and Kafar Tibnit. These teams have used visual and electronic methods of clearance, clearing an area of 269,898 square metres and 447 cubic metres. 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 and mine dog detection teams returned to the Chouf region during the month of October, and worked at three minefield sites in the villages of Jleliye and Mtolleh. 3,683 square metres were cleared or verified this month by the mine clearance and mine dog detection teams.

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)

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

There were 210 activities during the month, including 22 data collection activities², 55 liaison activities, 6 site handovers, 10 UXO reports, and 98 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- May 08	Jun '08	Jul '08	Aug '08	Sep '08	Oct '08	TOTAL
BAC Area Searched (Visual/Hand/ Electronic Check) (m²)	7,812,745	150,435	218,868	328,939	208,190	269,898	8,989,075
Mechanical Processing (m³)	41,010	2,607	4,150	2,586	1,211	447	52,011
UXO Removed/Destroyed	990	40	62	5	8	102	1,207
Bomblets/Sub Munitions destroyed	17,076	332	271	445	424	375	18,923
Mines Removed/Destroyed	6	0	1	1	0	0	8
Minefield Clearance (m²)	2,846	245	2,692	9,050	1,954	1,883	18,670
MDD Area Searched (m²)	0	529	0	1,350	2,230	1,800	5,909
No. of Dangerous Areas Cleared	248	5	5	6	5	6	275

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

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MAT 16 conducting Battle Area Clearance at CBU 681 in Yohmor, October 2008

MAG's work is SAVING LIVES...

In Lebanon alone:

- **More than 9 million m²** of land cleared and made safe
- **More than 20,000** Remnants of Conflict destroyed
- **275** 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.**

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- 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)

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