

## CONFLICT RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR LEBANON



# Donor Update

## September 2008

### SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- **Clearance and verification of 212,374 m<sup>2</sup> and 1,211 m<sup>3</sup>** 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 432 hazardous Remnants of Conflict<sup>1</sup>** – 424 sub-munitions and 8 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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>st</sup> September 2008:

- **Area 6:** 16 Battle Area Clearance teams continue to operate. They worked in 11 villages: Yohmor, Arnoun, Zawtar East, Zrarieh, Aadchit, Jibchit, Kfar Tibnit, Sejoud, Arab Salem, Kfar Sir, and Habbouche. These teams have used visual and electronic methods of clearance, clearing an area of 208,190 square metres. 432 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, mechanical, and mine dog detection teams worked in the village of Qantara in South Lebanon during the month of August. 4,184 square metres were cleared or verified this month by the mine clearance and mine dog detection teams, while an additional 1,211 cubic metres was processed by the mechanical team.

### **COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)**

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

There were 134 activities during the month, including 14 data collection activities<sup>2</sup>, 51 liaison activities (including 4 site handovers), 2 UXO reports, and 64 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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- Apr 08	May '08	Jun '08	Jul '08	Aug '08	Sep '08	TOTAL
BAC Area Searched (Visual/Hand/ Electronic Check) (m <sup>2</sup> )	7,766,449	46,296	150,435	218,868	328,939	208,190	8,719,177
Mechanical Processing (m <sup>3</sup> )	39,610	1,400	2,607	4,150	2,586	1,211	51,564
UXO Removed/Destroyed	948	42	40	62	5	8	1,105
Bomblets/Sub Munitions destroyed	16,976	100	332	271	445	424	18,548
Mines Removed/Destroyed	6	0	0	1	1	0	8
Minefield Clearance (m <sup>2</sup> )	2,801	45	245	2,692	9,050	1,954	16,787
MDD Area Searched (m <sup>2</sup> )	0	0	529	0	1,350	2,230	4,109
No. of Dangerous Areas Cleared	247	1	5	5	6	5	269

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

## MAG's work is SAVING LIVES...

In Lebanon alone:

- Over 8.7 million m<sup>2</sup> of land cleared and made safe
- More than 19,000 Remnants of Conflict destroyed
- 269 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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