



*MAG CL staff delivering MRE to a group of women in Shiladize IDP camp, Dohuk*



*MAG MAT conducting clearance operations in a cluster-munitions contaminated area in Dohuk*

**Reporting period: 01 – 30 November 2010**

**Summary of outputs:**

- MAG teams **released 586,199 m<sup>2</sup>** of land through a combination of electronic, hand mechanical, MDD clearance and area reduction
- MAG teams **removed and destroyed 1,001** hazardous items
- CWD response teams **completed 203 tasks** to **safely remove and destroy 4,629** Conventional Weapons (CW)
- MAG and national partner NGO's CL teams **conducted 278 Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions** targeting **3,728 beneficiaries** and **5 Small Arms and Light Weapons Risk Education (SALWRE) session** targeting **52 individuals**

MAG Iraq MATs completed clearance operations in eight prioritized clearance tasks in Dohuk, Kirkuk and Sulimaniyah governorates directly benefiting more than 4,000 individuals and supporting village rehabilitation, agricultural and socio-economic development in the region. In Baghluja village of Dohuk governorate, MAG MATs had cleared two cluster-munitions contaminated areas releasing land to be used by local shepherds for grazing. In Yahyawa village of Kirkuk governorate, MAG MATs cleared two minefields releasing land to be used by local communities for farming wheat and barely.

MAG MATs deployed to demarcate two newly identified minefields in Sulimaniyah and Diyala governorates. In total, 39,500 m<sup>2</sup> of suspected hazardous land was demarcated to IMAS<sup>1</sup>.

Coordination meetings were held with both regional Mine Action authorities, the Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency (IKMAA) and the General Directorate of Mine Affairs (GDMA). Activities, plans and priorities were the main points of the meetings agenda. Meetings were held with GDMA for the arrangements of handing over ceremonies of nine cleared minefields to local communities in Kirkuk governorate. The handover ceremonies will take place in December 2010 with attendance of GDMA representatives, members of local communities, representatives from the local authorities, mayors of Qarahanjir, Layla and Perde sub-districts as well as MAG Iraq representatives.

17 MATs deploying from the programme's 3 operations bases in Sulimaniyah, Chamchamal and Dohuk continued clearance operations in different clearance tasks that, when completed, will support agricultural, tourism and socio-economic development and conflict recovery. MATs were deployed to 6 new prioritized clearance sites in Qaradagh area of Sulimaniyah, Shwan and Qarahanjir areas of Kirkuk, and Zommar and Fayda areas of Ninewa (Mosul). Clearance sites were prioritized through the community assessment survey conducted by MAG Community Liaison (CL) teams.

11 Community Liaison (CL) teams continued to deploy on daily a basis to deliver MRE and SALW RE, conduct training of trainers for community leaders and teachers, primary school follow up visits, leaflet distribution, and identifying and reporting unguarded stockpiles of CW. Teams visited 197 different

<sup>1</sup> International Mine Action Standards

villages in Kirkuk, Sulimaniyah, Diyala, Dohuk and Ninewa (Mosul) governorates. CL teams continued to liaise with land owners and local authorities to secure their approval for clearance activities.

CL teams completed the community assessment survey for 2 villages in Dohuk and 1 village in Ninewa (Mosul) governorates interviewing 193 individuals to gather vulnerable contamination data. CL staff in Sulimaniyah delivered capacity building training sessions in MRE delivery to 13 primary school teachers in Sulimaniyah and Diyala governorates.

Local partner NGOs, Al Ghad and Work for Peace. CL staff delivered 81 MRE sessions to 1,287 individuals from 25 different villages of Kirkuk and Diyala governorates. Teams were deployed to gather information and collect data in 9 dangerous areas in Diyala and Kirkuk governorates interviewing 75 individuals. Teams started conducting Community Assessment Survey in 2 villages of Diyala and 4 villages of Kirkuk governorates.

MAG's Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) teams deployed to 88 different villages completing 203 emergency tasks to safely remove and destroy 4,629 CW. Highlights included the removal and safe destruction of 8 stockpiles of 2,598 hazardous items in 3 villages of Chwarta area of Sulimaniyah and the safe removal and destruction of 2 CW stockpiles of 111 hazardous items in Domez collective town of Ninewa (Mosul). These items were posing significant threat to the local communities.

MAG's 2 mechanical teams and 2 manual support teams worked in 5 prioritized minefields in Sulimaniyah, Diyala and Kirkuk governorates to support MATs in achieving operational efficiency.

Mine Detection Dogs (MDD) and manual support teams continued their activities in 2 prioritized minefields in Kirkuk governorate undertaking clearance operations in low and medium risk areas of the minefields supporting MATs in achieving operations' efficiency and quality.

The programmes' Training, Monitoring and Evaluation unit (TMEU) started preparing for the upcoming annual refresher training. The annual training will be conducted for all MAG Iraq teams in January 2011 after the Christmas and New Year's close down.

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