



Mechanical vegetation cutting using mini excavator with flail



Manual vegetation cutting, Zawtar West

Reporting period: 1st – 31st March 2011 (Average 14 working days)

- **Clearance, confirmation, and processing of 78,549m² and 2,394m³** of land using a toolbox approach, including surface and sub surface clearance, electronic detectors, and mechanical processing in Battle Area Clearance work in southern Lebanon affected primarily by cluster sub munitions, as well as mine clearance on the Blue Line and in the Chouf mountains.
- **46,751 direct beneficiaries** and 20,495 indirect beneficiaries
- **Removal and destruction of 52 hazardous Explosive Remnants of War:** 3 AP mines, 29 sub-munitions and 20 items of unexploded ordnance

Rain continued into March affecting team activity, however teams continued to work in as many areas as safely possible for national investment in agriculture and infrastructure to provide livelihoods and basic services to the people of south and central Lebanon. MAG deployed seven Battle Area Clearance (BAC) Teams, to continue on-going BAC in five villages: Al Khiam, Jibchit, Mayfadoun, Yohmor and Zawtar Al Gharbiyah. One MAG Mine Action Team (MAT) completed minefield clearance sites in Houla and Wazani before moving to Wardeniyeh for new tasks. The second MAT worked in the Mtolleh minefield in the Chouf with mechanical support. MAG Lebanon used its mechanical assets to support manual clearance around destroyed buildings and construction sites; the Mechanical Team worked to support minefield clearance in Dellafeh.

All teams are contributing to the **social and economic recovery and development** of Central and South Lebanon through the safe, efficient, and effective clearance of Explosive Remnants of War. In addition 24,445m² (31%) were subject to Quality Assurance of clearance/ verification activities. The terrain where MAG Lebanon works is rocky, mountainous and often heavily vegetated, or built up areas which contain a lot of miscellaneous items, which give the same reading as EO scrap. All items need inspection to confirm an area is free from ERW. This month MAG cut **38,940m² of vegetation in preparation for clearance and verification activities** using manual and mechanical methods; equivalent to 49% of total activities. The teams removed **27,141 items of Explosive Ordnance scrap** and a further **58,868 items of scrap metal**. MAG Lebanon carries out manual and mechanical sub-surface clearance and full excavation to 20cm depth on its sites; during this month **71% of activities were manual subsurface clearance and 8.6% manual full excavation work**.

Community Liaison (CL) activities continued during the operational period, at the pre-clearance, clearance, and post-clearance stages of MAG's work. There were **148 CL activities** conducted during the month. Information collected by the CL teams demonstrate that **985m² of cleared land has been used for agricultural development**, primarily olive and fruit groves and horticultural greenhouses and **290m²** for the building of houses and other shelters for the people of south Lebanon.

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