



Deminers searching, Houla minefield



Example of scrap metal found, Khyam

**Reporting period: 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010** (5 stand down days for Adha 16-21 November)

- **Clearance, confirmation, and processing of 75,867m<sup>2</sup> and 1,079m<sup>3</sup>** of land using a toolbox approach, including visual 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.
- **46,274 direct beneficiaries** and 20,425 indirect beneficiaries
- **Removal and destruction of 467 hazardous Explosive Remnants of War** – 52 sub-munitions, 21 items of unexploded ordnance, and 394 anti-personnel landmines.

The primary focus of clearance remains the development of **livelihoods** through access to agricultural areas and provision of public services. MAG deployed seven Battle Area Clearance (BAC) Teams, to conduct BAC in five villages: Al Khiam, Jibchit, Mayfadoun, Yohmor and Zawtar Al Gharbiyah. One MAG Mine Action Team (MAT) continued to work on the minefield site in Houla, on the Blue Line deploying manual and mechanical assets. The second MAT worked in the Mtolleh minefield in the Chouf with some additional 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.

The terrain where MAG Lebanon works is rocky, mountainous and often heavily vegetated, or within built up areas with 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. In November MAG cut **36,682m<sup>2</sup> of vegetation** and removed **19,727 items of Explosive Ordnance scrap** and a further **143,983 items of scrap metal**. MAG Lebanon carries out manual and mechanical sub-surface clearance and excavation to 20cm depth on its sites; during November **78% of activities included subsurface and 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 177 CL activities conducted during the month. Information collected by the CL teams demonstrate that **990m<sup>2</sup> of cleared land has been used for agricultural development**, primarily olive groves and horticultural greenhouses and **290m<sup>2</sup>** for the development of shelters and settlements, including 30 houses. The CL also filed UXO reports; liaised with communities to provide control point locations and storage areas, securing land owner's approval to access their house/fields for clearance activities; liaised with local authorities; and emphasized public safety messages to communities undergoing clearance.

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