



Searching in built up area, Zawtar West



Vegetation cutting preparation, Zawtar West

Reporting period: 1st – 31st October 2010

- **Clearance, confirmation, and processing of 96,241m² and 1,977m³** of land using a toolbox approach, including visual clearance, electronic detectors, and mechanical processing. This tally includes Battle Area Clearance of areas in southern Lebanon affected primarily by cluster sub munitions, as well as mine clearance on the Blue Line.
- **50,749 direct beneficiaries** and 20,245 indirect beneficiaries
- **Removal and destruction of 627 hazardous Explosive Remnants of War** – 39 sub-munitions, 44 items of unexploded ordnance, 544 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 seven villages: Al Khiam, Babeleyeh, Jibchit, Mayfadoun, Qaaqaiyet El Jisr, Yohmor and Zawtar Al Gharbiyah. MAG's manual Mine Action Team (MAT) continued to work on the minefield site in Houla, on the Blue Line. The second MAT worked in the Mtolleh minefield in the Chouf supported by the Japanese-funded mini vegetation cutter specifically modified for the area by MAG. MAG Lebanon uses 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 Remnants of Conflict.

The terrain where MAG Lebanon works is rocky, mountainous and often heavily vegetated, or 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 October MAG cut **49,131m² of vegetation** and removed **38,823 items of Explosive Ordnance scrap** and a further **131,064 items of scrap metal**. MAG Lebanon carries out manual and mechanical sub-surface clearance and excavation to 20cm depth on its sites; during October **75% of activities included subsurface 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 171 CL activities conducted during the month. Information collected by the CL teams demonstrate that **36,929m² of cleared land has been used for agricultural development and 6,290m² for the development of medium and large infrastructure**, additional land use included shelters/ settlements and public services. 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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