



Area of operations- the Chouf Mountains, central Lebanon



MAG searchers in typical terrain in south Lebanon

Reporting period: 1 September 2010 – 30 September 2010 (Ramadan stand down from 11 August- 12 September)

Summary of outputs:

- **Clearance, confirmation, and processing of 39, 929m² and 1, 100m³** 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.
- **18, 648 direct beneficiaries** and 15, 465 indirect beneficiaries
- **Removal and destruction of 251 hazardous Explosive Remnants of War** – 42 sub-munitions, 14 items of unexploded ordnance, 195 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 six villages: 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 deployed to the Mtolleh minefield in the Chouf for training accreditation to commence demining. 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. Ramadan continued during this month and most teams were on operational stand down until 13th September.

The areas where MAG Lebanon works are rocky, mountainous and are often heavily vegetated or are in 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 September MAG cut **25, 255m² of vegetation** and removed **40, 544 items of Explosive Ordnance scrap** and a further **49, 892 items of scrap metal**. MAG Lebanon carries out manual and mechanical sub-surface clearance and excavation to 20cm depth on its sites; during September **94% of activities included subsurface verification**.

Community Liaison (CL) activities continued during the operational period, at the pre-clearance, clearance, and post-clearance stages of MAG's work. There were 88 CL activities conducted during the month. Information collected by the CL teams demonstrate that **26, 767 m² of cleared land has been used for agricultural development and 3, 417m² for the development of 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, liaison with local authorities, and emphasizing public safety messages to communities undergoing clearance.

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