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# MAG Sudan Programme Update May / June 2010



Above: MAG mechanical operator (centre) with the two JIDU trainees standing next to the Bozena IV mini-flail in Kassala, Northern Sudan

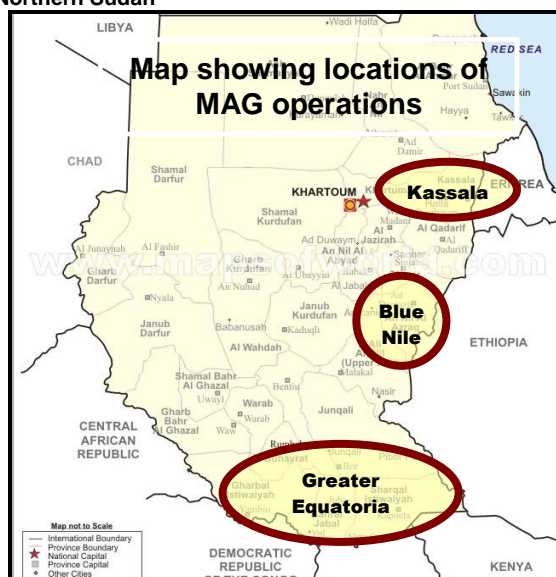
## Reporting Period May/June 2010

### Activities:

- 36,058sqm manually cleared
- 113,837sqm mechanically prepared
- 679,277sqm of land release
- 10,710 direct beneficiaries of clearance activities.
- 27,425 items of ERW removed/destroyed including 187 landmines
- 220 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Spot Tasks completed, 100% of which were generated by MAG and OSIL teams
- 413 Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions delivered to 16,030 beneficiaries of which 46% were female

### Funding Update:

- Funding secured through the Common Humanitarian Fund in Sudan to support the mechanical survey/clearance in Kassala
- Funding secured through Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement to continue Threat Reduction activities in Kassala and Blue Nile; and EOD and Small Arms and Light Weapons Disposal in Greater Equatoria
- Proposal was submitted with GOAL to USAID for rapid response survey and MRE in Kassala
- Proposal submitted to Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration to fund CL activities in Eastern Equatoria and Jonglei
- Proposal submitted to GOAC to support costs for one ambulance in Kassala
- Concept Note submitted with ARC to CIDA to support clearance in support of livelihoods activities in Eastern Equatoria
- Concept Note submitted to Stichting Vluchteling to fund CL activities in Eastern Equatoria and Jonglei



**MRE for NGOs:** MAG launched a “Working and Living Safely in Sudan” initiative offering all NGOs in Sudan targeted Mine Risk Education (MRE) for their staff. In May, MAG provided MRE to GOAL, Danish Refugee Council, UN Joint Logistics Centre, Concordis International, CAFOD and Action on Disability for Development (ADD), during a session held in Khartoum. MAG will provide more MRE to staff of GOAL and Samaritan’s Purse in Kassala during August. MAG has provided MRE to GTZ at the Yei base mine/UXO recognition garden, and to Merlin in Juba, with future sessions planned for Mercy Corps, Non Violent Peace Force, CHF International, American Refugee Council and further sessions for GTZ. During the MRE session, participants learn how to identify potentially dangerous areas, recognition of international and local warning signs, and safe behaviours. MAG is delighted to support other NGOs in this way, and will continue to offer complimentary MRE to all organisations in MAG’s geographic areas of operations in Sudan.



**GTZ receive MRE at the MAG mine/UXO recognition garden in Yei, June 2010**

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**National Capacity Building:** In May MAG signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Integrated Demining Units (JIDUs), a combined government unit created to support the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. MAG is training two JIDU members in mechanical clearance in Kassala, and a team of nine JIDU members on manual clearance in Blue Nile. MAG is the first NGO to work with the JIDUs in Sudan and is pleased to be able to support national capacity building in this sustainable manner.



**MAG Project Manager signs the JIDU MoU in Khartoum, May 2010 alongside Khalid Abdin Director of NMAC**

CLM Justina Demetriades and National CLM Flora Tukwaje conducted a CL, MRE and Gender training workshop with senior staff members from the South Sudan Demining Authority (SSDA). As the UN Mine Action Office are expected to handover primary HMA coordination responsibilities to SSDA in June 2011, MAG is pleased to be able to assist SSDA in gaining the knowledge and skills that will contribute towards this exciting goal.

**Handover Ceremony:** MAG was delighted to return 26,679sqm of land to the Injili community in Morobo, Central Equatoria on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The community was prioritised for clearance through the use of MAG’s Impact Assessment Tool in July 2009, and underwent mechanical and manual clearance between June and November 2009. During the handover ceremony, SSDA remarked how “*this is mine action as it should be*” and then signed the handover documents on behalf of the community, and thanked MAG for taking the time to conduct the community handover.

**EOD Training:** MAG is organising an EOD Level 3 Training Course in Juba from 05 – 31 July, with 37 participants confirmed to be attending from SSDA, UNMAO, JIDU, SPLA, and MAG. It will be a momentous event for the HMA sector in Sudan.

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- US Department of State, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement
- US Department of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration
- UN Mine Action Office
- Actiefonds Mijnen Ruimen

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