



## IMSMA IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS INITIATIVE

The GICHD has launched an implementing partners initiative in order to enhance the level and quality of service available to IMSMA<sup>NG</sup> users in the field. This new approach responds to the growing needs of the mine action community for information management support. The pool of IMSMA<sup>NG</sup> experts will be increased through this initiative and long-term capacity-building to mine action programmes will be provided.

As a first step, partner organizations will be used to assist with the installation and maintenance of IMSMA<sup>NG</sup> sites. As a second step these organizations, referred to as implementing partners, will start providing field support, in coordination with the GICHD. This coordinated approach will benefit mine action programmes. One new aspect of these arrangements is the funding and donor reporting independence of the implementing partners.

The first training course was held from 20 to 29 April, 2009 and was a success. Key staff from the partner organizations - iMMAP, HDTC, MSB and NPA - took part in a programme that included both presentations and updates on information management and hands-on practice on IMSMA<sup>NG</sup>. The topics covered were:

- Strategic considerations for information management
- Business processes, charting, business processes reengineering
- Land release concepts and IMSMA<sup>NG</sup>
- Reporting requirements of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention
- Decentralized information management processes

The hands-on practice covered every aspect of the IMSMA<sup>NG</sup> software and provided the participants with training material, exercises and information about troubleshooting. The course concluded with an exercise to demonstrate the integration of different information management practices with the use of IMSMA<sup>NG</sup>.

The implementing partners are now ready for the second step and will start providing field support, in coordination with the GICHD, in May 2009.

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Participants of the training. From left to right in the photo:  
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### Implementing Partners:

#### **iMMAP:**

Is an organization involved in the use of information management practices and principles in the service of humanitarian relief and development. It applies information management practices and new information technologies in service to the humanitarian community, enabling them to solve the pressing global humanitarian challenges.

webpage: [iMMAP](#)

#### **HDTC:**

The U.S. Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Training Center serves as the U.S. government training and information center for humanitarian mine action. Training, emphasis on using IMSMA for Operations. Its operational focus is on handheld tools, equipment support, and on a limited base: direct support to the programmes such as cartography, geo referencing, and report generation.

webpage: [HDTC](#)

**Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB, ex-SRSA)** is responsible for matters related to civil protection, emergency management and civil defense. It is active in several countries.

webpage: [MSB](#)

#### **Norwegian People's Aid**

has commitments in more than 30 countries.

webpage: [NPA](#)