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Kuando Kubango - Landmine Information Management System Installed

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A landmine action and information development system (IMSMA), aimed at boosting the management of essential information on the demining process in Angola's southeastern Kuando Kubango province, was installed Monday, Angop learned.

The information was released Wednesday in Menongue by the information management system official of the National Inter-sectoral Commission on Demining and Humanitarian Assistance (CNIDAH), Pedro Toko Ribeiro.

Pedro Ribeiro was addressing an informative meeting being attended by national commission partners for demining in the region.

The system has been installed on the premises of the CNIDAH and comprises a computer that, in a first phase, will permit the processing of all demining data from landmine zones.

IMSMA is a management information tool designed for activities associated with landmine actions, such as planning, management, reporting and connecting related activities.

It is also designed to convert information into knowledge, transmitting actions to the population and register and connect information on landmine victims to socio-economic information on each region.

At the meeting, the official is informing the representatives of the Angolan Armed Forces (FAA), of the National Police, education, INAD, Halo Trust and others, on the methods and advantages of demining data management.

Pedro Ribeiro said the ongoing work is part of the actions CNIDAH has been carrying out with a view to decentralising the use of data on the impact of demining carried out by the US agency (SAC), on UN, EU and Angolan Government financial support.

The said agency is facilitating the assessment of demining data in the provinces of Bengo, Zaire and Uije, before moving on to Cabinda and other regions of the country, so an idea can be obtained about the impact of landmines within the communities.

IMSMA started to be implemented centrally in January 2005 and has so far led to the collection of information concerning the demining process.

According to the source, CNIDAH intends to decentralise the data management activity, in order to facilitate the strategic work on the process.

