



INCORPORATING MINE ACTION IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESSES AND ORGANISATIONS

On 5-6 November, the GICHD co-organised a regional workshop with the Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) in Sana'a, Yemen, which focused on strengthening the understanding of the importance and benefits of ensuring mine action is reflected in national, provincial and/or sector development plans and budgets, where relevant. The workshop brought together representatives from mine action and development organisations from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Lebanon, Mauritania, Puntland, Somaliland, Sudan and Yemen.



The discussions emphasised the need for mine action to ensure it is contributing to broader priorities (e.g. human security, reconstruction, development), and engage in a programme of outreach to key sector ministries and regional government authorities, as well as with a broader range of development and peace-building actors. Some of the examples discussed during the workshop included: how mine action was included as a key component within Ethiopia's Emergency Rehabilitation Programme; how mine action is supporting priority reconstruction efforts in South Sudan, e.g. the reconstruction of the Babanusa Wau railway linking North and South Sudan; and the Danish Demining Group's experiences of working in Somaliland with Haqsoor, a local conflict resolution NGO, to strengthen trust between mine action organisations and local communities/clans and encourage the handover of ERW.

The workshop also provided an opportunity for development organisations in Yemen to meet with YEMAC to discuss the follow-up to the post-clearance livelihoods analysis which was undertaken in 2006, particularly in terms of improved coordination between mine action and development actors and the provision of post-clearance livelihoods support to mine-affected communities.

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