

## LINKING MINE ACTION TO DEVELOPMENT (LMAD) PRACTITIONER'S WORKSHOP IN CAMBODIA

In June 2007, the GICHD co-organised a two day workshop in Cambodia, in cooperation with Austcare and UNDP, bringing together around 40 mine action and development practitioners from the region. The aim of the meeting was to:

- Deepen understanding about the rationale for, and benefits of, linking mine action with development cooperation;
- Share experiences and lessons learnt from relevant programmes/projects in the region;
- Discuss what is needed to further strengthen those linkages, and to examine the feasibility of and opportunities for replication and scaling up;
- Identify the main obstacles for successful cooperation and linkages in the past, and what needs to be changed, improved or done differently in future, and how.

Following the workshop, a number of participants went on a day-long site visit to a village covered by the Austcare 'Integrated Mine Action & Development' (IMAD) project (Svay Chek district in Bantey Meanchey).

The discussions and presentations at the workshop emphasized the need for an evidence base, and the importance of demonstrating and advocating for greater linkages between mine action and development to key target audiences. Also a couple of specific regional issues were identified:

- Aligning mine action with development planning, resource allocation and priority-setting processes
- Community participation in mine action
- Post clearance challenges and opportunities
- Promoting sustainable funding for mine action

For the full workshop report, click [here](#)

For more information about the work of the LMAD practitioners network more generally, click [here](#)

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