

EVALUATING MINE ACTION WORKSHOP – PFP, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND: 27 SEPTEMBER – 1 October 2010

From 27 September to 1 October 2010, the GICHD delivered a five-day Evaluating Mine Action training workshop in Geneva under the Partnership for Peace (PfP Programme of the Swiss Government, the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports (DDPS) which covered the cost of the workshop. The workshop provided an opportunity for mine action officials, practitioners and donors to develop knowledge on the mine action project cycle for quality and results, and to assume enhanced roles in the evaluation function (e.g. commissioning, designing and/or conducting evaluations). The 23 participants came from the Afghanistan, Algeria, Bosnia, Colombia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Tunisia, Sweden, Switzerland. The objectives of the course were to:



- Equip officials from national mine action organisations, UN agencies and donor countries with the skills required to assess proposals design and monitoring & evaluation frameworks for mine action programmes;
- Enhance capacities of mine action officials to commission and manage evaluations of mine action programmes.

The presentations, discussions and group works covered following themes:

- Project cycle management and the role played by Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) in mine action programmes;
- Designing mine action projects that make sense and deliver results;
- Incorporating M&E frameworks into the design of mine action projects or programmes;
- Implementing a results-based monitoring and evaluation system in mine action programmes;
- Managing the evaluation function for quality & results in mine action programmes.

The presentations were given by Ted Paterson and Vera Bohle from GICHD. The use of concrete mine action examples and exercises was key to ensure that the training is relevant for the participants – most of them coming from the mine action sector.

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