



## GICHD EVALUATION PROGRAMME

From 1-5 February 2010, the GICHD organised a five day “Evaluating Mine Action” training workshop in Ljubljana in association with the International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victim Assistance (ITF). The workshop was part of the EC evaluation project package, and it was aimed at national mine action officials, representatives from local and international mine action operators, as well as technical advisors/programme officers nominated by UN agencies. It was the third workshop of this kind co-organised by the GICHD. Most of the 40 participants came from the Balkans region. The purpose of the workshop was to:

- develop a basic knowledge of evaluation concepts, processes and methods among participants
- assist mine action officials and practitioners in assuming enhanced roles in the evaluation function (eg commissioning, designing and/or conducting evaluations).

The specific objectives of this workshop were to:

- enhance the capacity and confidence of national mine action officials to influence the mine action evaluation agenda in their countries
- equip managers with the skills required to design and implement monitoring and evaluation frameworks for mine action programmes
- enhance capacities of practitioners to serve as members of mine action evaluation teams
- develop a practitioner’s network for those involved in evaluating mine action.

This workshop was the last to be financed through the EC evaluation project package. However it was part of the broader evaluation capacity development programme of the GICHD, which will continue in the future. This programme encompasses four main aspects:

- Regional training workshops: five days “Evaluating Mine Action Workshops” have been held in Bangkok (Feb. 2009), Tbilisi (July 2009) and Ljubljana (Feb.

2010) in partnership with IPDET and – for the last two – the ITF. We hope to offer similar workshops in 2011, in partnership with the ITF, for the Middle East and North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and, perhaps, Latin America.

- International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) : the GICHD has in past years sponsored 15 mine action practitioners from mine-affected countries to attend the four-week IPDET course, held every summer in Ottawa. We are no longer providing these sponsorships, but already two participants from the GICHD “Evaluating Mine Action Workshops” have received full scholarships from IPDET’s own funds to attend the course in Canada.
- Country specific workshops: there is an agreement with MACCA to hold two country specific workshops for Afghanistan, the first of which may be delivered in Azerbaijan due to the security situation in Afghanistan.
- Engaging local consultants: the GICHD has a policy to engage local consultants – in meaningful roles – as members of evaluation teams, whenever possible.

Through these four components of the evaluation capacity development programme, the GICHD aims to enhance the evaluation capacities of mine affected countries and promote local ownership of the evaluation function.