



## EVALUATING MINE ACTION WORKSHOP, TBILISI, GEORGIA, 27-31 JULY 2009

From 27-31 July 2009, the GICHD co-organised a five day Evaluating Mine Action training workshop in Tbilisi in association with the ITF and the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET, [www.ipdet.org](http://www.ipdet.org)). The workshop was part of the EC evaluation project package, and was for national mine action officials, representatives from local and international mine action operators, as well as technical advisors/program officers nominated by UN agencies. The purpose of the workshop was to:



- Develop basic knowledge of evaluation concepts, processes and methods
- Assist mine action officials and practitioners in assuming enhanced roles in the evaluation functions (e.g. 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

32 participants attended the workshop from the Caucasus/Central Asia region, Cambodia and Europe. One trainer from IPDET, Ray Rist, delivered the training; supported by Ted Paterson and Vera Bohle from the GICHD. The course was held in English and Russian with simultaneous translation; but this did not prove a problem due to the work of excellent translators, along with suitable technical arrangements.

The presentations, discussions and group work focused on the following issues:

- Evaluating development programmes and special issues when evaluating mine action
- Building a results-based monitoring and evaluation system
- Understanding the evaluation context

- Designing and evaluation (for commissioning organizations)
- Implementation planning for an evaluation (evaluation teams)
- Presenting results
- Managing the evaluation function for quality & results

The content of the workshop was dense and, for some topics, on a high academic level. Overall, participation remained high and participants' feedback was very positive. The GICHD plans to co-organise another workshop, together with ITF and IPDET training, aimed at mine action operators from the Balkans region and planned for the beginning of February 2010.

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