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Practitioners' Workshop on Linking Mine Action and Development: Sharing Experiences, Lessons Learnt and Good Practice

Borei Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia
12-14 June, 2007

Workshop objectives

The purpose of this meeting is bring together mine action and development practitioners from the region to:

- Deepen understanding about the need and rationale for strengthening the links between mine action and 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

It is anticipated that this workshop will result in the following:

Outputs

- Practical recommendations on how to strengthen coordination between the mine action and development sectors at key levels
- Identification of key areas for further research
- Prompt further dialogue and future action on linking mine action and development in the region

Outcomes

- Good practice and lessons learnt from the region mainstreamed into programming guidelines for mine action and development practitioners, official development agencies, government officials and donors
- Good practice guidelines for strengthening capacity within national mine action programmes, coordination and regulatory authorities to link mine action and development

Workshop structure

The workshop will consist of a mix of plenary and group discussions. Participants are expected to come prepared with information on their efforts to link mine action and development at community, regional and/or national levels within their country. Arrangements will be made for participants to visit integrated mine action projects in Banteay Meanchey on 14 June.

Preparation

As this workshop will seek to maximise the sharing of participants' experiences and lessons learnt from linking mine action with development within the region, we would greatly appreciate that you come to the workshop prepared to share experiences from your country about the following:

1. Mine action and development planning

- To what extent is mine action a priority (national level or for specific provinces) in your country? Is it incorporated in development plans and budgets (and at which levels – national, provincial, local)?
- If so, how has this been achieved? Who has been involved in this process?
- If not, is it clear why the links between mine action & development have not been made?

2. Demining and community development

- Are their mechanisms in place to inform mine action authorities and/or demining operators about local needs and priorities for demining? If so, what are these mechanisms precisely, and how well do they work?
- Once land is cleared, is it used for development activities? If so, please share examples. If not, please clarify why.

3. Coordination

- To what extent do mine action and development agencies, government officials and donors coordinate their work in your country - at national, provincial and local levels?
- Do formal or informal mechanisms exist so this coordination takes place and, if so, how effective are they?
- If coordination is limited or non-existent, is it clear why?

Provisional agenda

Day One Tuesday, 12 June	Session
8:00 – 8:30	Welcome, workshop objectives, introductions, agenda
8:30 – 10:00	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p>To purpose of this session is to situate discussions on linking mine action and development within the broader context. This session will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief description of the evolution of key events and debates on this issue from an international perspective • Agreeing common terms/definitions • Overview of key frameworks and models
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Mine action and development planning</p> <p>To emphasise the importance of incorporating mine action into development planning frameworks and budgets, and share regional experiences of what has been achieved (and how) and key lessons learnt. This session will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale for why it is important to incorporate mine action in development planning, resource allocation and priority-setting processes, who should be involved and when • Experiences from the region
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Demining and community development</p> <p>To examine how demining approaches have become more developmental, highlight programmes/projects in the region which link mine clearance to development activities at the community level, and share experiences and lessons learnt from the point of view of development agencies, mine operators and national mine authorities. This session will include discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting community participation during the mine action project/programme cycle: assessment, planning and design, and monitoring and evaluation stages • Post-clearance challenges and opportunities, e.g. ensuring that once land is cleared, it is used for development activities • Development implications of land release / risk management
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	Demining and community development (cont'd)
17:00 – 17:15	End Day One

Day Two, Wednesday 13 June	Session
8:15 – 8:30	Recap day one and overview of day two
8:30 – 10:30	<p>Closing the gap: Improving linkages between mine action and development</p> <p>As insufficient coordination between key mine action and development actors is commonly cited in many mine-affected countries, the purpose of this session is to share experiences and lessons learnt, and outline practical recommendations for how to improve coordination and cooperation. This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture of mine action: actors, arenas and linkages • Where better coordination is needed and why; what works and what doesn't • Who needs to be engaged, by whom, useful entry points
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Closing the gap: Improving linkages between mine action and development (cont'd)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Closing the gap: Promoting sustainable funding for mine action</p> <p>To discuss the need to ensure longer term funding for mine action through the integration of mine action in donor development funding. This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of funding trends for mine action and rationale for greater integration in development funding channels • Life-cycle of an average mine action programme – from emergency to development • Specific recommendations for donors/development agencies, including key principles e.g. integration, alignment, aid harmonisation, partnership • Agreeing key messages for donors/national authorities
15:30 - 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Summary of main messages and recommendations</p> <p>Next steps</p> <p>Thanks and close</p>

Day Three Thursday, 14 June	Session
7:00am	Depart hotel to visit Integrated Mine Action project sites in Banteay Meanchey
10:30am	Estimated arrival time
	Depart Banteay Meanchey for return to Siem Reap