



Incorporating Mine Action in National Development Planning Processes and Organisations

Regional Workshop

**Hotel Sheraton,
Sana'a, Yemen
5-6 November, 2007**

Workshop objectives

The objectives of this workshop would be to:

- Deepen understanding about the need to link mine action and development
- Learn how to incorporate mine action into national, provincial or sector development programmes
- Share experiences, good practice, lessons learnt and key challenges of how to ensure mine action is aligned with national, provincial and sector development priorities
- Review draft programming guidelines on how to integrate mine action with development

Target audience

This workshop is intended for mine action and development practitioners from mine-affected countries in the Middle East, North Africa and the Horn of Africa, particularly those working at the national and provincial levels. To ensure workshop discussions are participatory, the number of participants will be limited to 30.

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

Outputs

- Practical recommendations on how to incorporate mine action in national, provincial and sector development planning processes and organisations
- Stimulate further efforts to link mine action and development in the region

Outcomes

- Good practice and lessons learnt from the region incorporated in programming guidelines for mine action and development practitioners, official development agencies, government officials and donors

Workshop structure

The workshop will consist of a mix of presentations, plenary discussions and smaller group discussions. Participants are expected to come prepared with information on their efforts to link mine action and development at national, provincial and/or sector levels within their country.

Agenda

Day one	Session
9:00 - 10:00	Welcome, workshop objectives, introductions
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to discuss why mine action should link with development. This session will describe the evolution of events and debates on this issue from an international perspective and describe the importance of linking mine action with development at all levels.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:45	<p>Mine action architecture</p> <p>This session will describe the main mine action stakeholders operating within a mine-affected country and highlight the types of linkages/relationships which can and should exist between them to ensure mine action is aligned with development. In groups, participants will assess the extent to which these linkages exist in their own countries.</p>
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>National development planning processes and organisations</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of the key processes and organisations involved in national development planning, which will include examples from several countries, e.g. Mozambique and Yemen (tbc). In groups, participants will then assess the key development planning processes and organisations in their country.</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Incorporating mine action in national development plans and programmes</p> <p>This session will highlight the importance and benefits derived from incorporating mine action in national development plans and programmes, and provide practical information about the process involved, including important milestones to consider, potential challenges and opportunities and how to monitor progress. The discussion will then focus on sharing experiences from the region and elsewhere.</p>
Day two	Session
8:30 – 10:30	<p>Mapping development actors</p> <p>This session will describe which specific actors (organisations and individuals) are likely to be active in a country and how the relative importance of those actors may change over time (illustrated by the mine action programme life cycle). In groups, participants will assess the key development actors in their own countries in terms of which ones should be approached and the feasibility of engaging them.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Mapping development actors (cont'd)</p> <p>Groups report back and plenary discussion.</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch

13:00 – 14:30	<p>Influencing strategy</p> <p>Following on from the previous session, the purpose of this session is to examine key methods and messages to convince national development organisations to incorporate mine action in national, provincial and/or sector plans and programmes. Through presentation and group work, this session will review the key principles involved in developing an influencing strategy and clarifying main messages for key organisations.</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Break</p>
15:00 – 17:00	<p>LMAD programming guidelines</p> <p>The purpose of this final session is to obtain constructive feedback from participants on draft policy and programming guidelines for key stakeholders on how to better link mine action and development. The session will start with an overview of the purpose and format of the guidelines, and then in groups, participants will discuss and assess the draft guidelines. The session will conclude with groups reporting back and a plenary discussion.</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Summing up, thanks and close of workshop</p>