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CONFLICT RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR LEBANON



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SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- **Visual search & clearance of over 229,000 m² of land** through hand, electronic, and visual techniques
- **Removal and destruction of over 540 Remnants of Conflict¹** – 507 sub-munitions and 33 items of unexploded ordnance

BATTLE AREA CLEARANCE (BAC) AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)

After refresher training and training of new teams this month, all 20 MAG BAC teams are undertaking visual search activities, marking, and EOD of Remnants of Conflict that pose a serious risk to life in areas tasked by the MACC SL and NDO.

Priority clearance of access routes, homes, and gardens have been completed by operational teams. The focus of the teams for this month has moved towards clearance of agricultural and pastoral areas for the recovery of livelihoods.

MAG achieved the following outputs from 1st January to 31st January 2007:

- **Area 6:** 12 BAC teams operating in the village of Yohmor, Zaoutar, and Al Qosaybeh. These teams have used visual and electronic methods of clearance, clearing an area of 118,260 square metres and destroyed 176 Remnants of Conflict.
- **Area 7:** 8 BAC teams continue to operate in the villages of Al Smaahieh, Housh, Hayfarhat, Almaya, Batoliya and Rashidiya. These teams have cleared an area of 111,623 square metres and destroyed 364 Remnants of Conflict.

All teams are contributing to the **social and economic recovery and development** of South Lebanon through the safe, efficient, and effective clearance of Remnants of Conflict.

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)

The CL capacity has been further enhanced with 12 month donor funding for 3 additional Contact Officers for 2007, bringing total current capacity to 4 Contact Officers and 1 CLM. Training began in January 2007 and teams will be operational to support both Battle Area Clearance and the resumption of mine/UXO tasks in the north of country. The longer term aim is to sustain funding for this team so that the capacity will provide useful evaluation and impact monitoring of clearance undertaken in order to provide lessons learned for MAG. All Contact Officers will continue to undertake Community Liaison activities at the pre-clearance, clearance, and post-clearance stages. Information is gathered on the location, nature, and **impact** of Remnants of Conflict, as well as the risk taking behaviour of the population.

¹ MAG uses the term *Remnants of Conflict* (RoC) to describe all items recovered and destroyed as part of its humanitarian disarmament activities, which include Anti-Personal and Anti-Vehicle mines, Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), abandoned and unexploded ordnance (UXO), and SA/LW. This term has been developed to reflect more accurately the broad range of clearance activities undertaken by MAG.

TOTAL OUTPUTS OF THE MAG EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SOUTH LEBANON

| | Aug '06 | Sep '06 | Oct '06 | Nov '06 | Dec '06 | Jan '07 | TOTAL |
|---|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Area Searched (Visual/Hand/Electronic Check) (m²) | - ² | 326,116 | 689,655 | 772,016 | 527,459 | 212,498 | 2,527,744 |
| Mines Removed/Destroyed | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| UXO Removed/Destroyed | 39 | 51 | 6 | 47 | 79 | 33 | 255 |
| Bomblets/Sub-munitions destroyed | 2,372 | 2,501 | 2,784 | 3,322 | 1,194 | 474 | 12,647 |
| No. of Cleared Dangerous Areas (EOD/BAC) | 53 | 23 | 21 | 42 | 26 | 0 | 165 |

² Area searched 15th-31st August not recorded due to rapid emergency clearance (cessation of hostilities on 14th August 2006)

MAG's work is SAVING LIVES...

- **Over 2.5 million m²** of land cleared and made safe
- **Over 12,500** Remnants of Conflict destroyed
- **Assisting 450,000 people** at risk from death or injury from Remnants of Conflict
- Helping humanitarian agencies to deliver emergency and rehabilitation aid **free from the risk of death and injury**

...and making a REAL DIFFERENCE

Improved Safety of Communities

By removing the threats of Remnants of Conflict, and increasing vulnerable groups' awareness of these threats, a tangible **improvement of the safety of communities** affected by conflict is being achieved.

Rebuilding Communities

By removing the threat of Remnants of Conflict, communities can return to areas previously vacated or re-establish themselves elsewhere. As such, the quality of life of a population can be increased and a **more stable and productive environment created**.

Supporting the Recovery of Sustainable Livelihoods

The presence of Remnants of Conflict restricts community recovery and development. Once a community has been able to re-establish itself in a physical location, it also must develop a livelihood upon which it can sustain itself. The presence of Remnants of Conflict limits the land available for economic use such as farming and agriculture, business, and tourism, and acts as a barrier to natural resources. **By removing Remnants of Conflict MAG allows vital productive land to be utilized and for communities to improve their livelihoods.**

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