Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA)
Colombia Assistance Plan
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Briefing Agenda

- USSOUTHCOM Supported Strategic Objectives/Goals
- DOD HMA Assistance Authority
- HMA Assistance Process Overview
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Supported Strategic Goals/Objectives

- Ensure Security
- Enhance Stability
  - Ensure cooperative US/Partner Nation Relationship
  - Sustain Humanitarian Assistance Funding
  - Training
- Enable Prosperity
  - Assist partner nations develop efforts to remove anti-personnel mines
  - Return land for economic activities
  - Support construction and other activities utilizing local vendors
- Transform the Enterprise
HMA Assistance Authority

- USC Title 10, Section 407
  - Provides guidance on DOD HMA assistance
  - Authorizes type of expenses to support Partner Nations HMA programs
  - Establishes requirements for US military forces to prepare for train the trainers missions

- Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC)
  - An interagency organization responsible to analyze and determine countries requests for USG assistance
  - If approved to receive assistance, DOD and DOS are the primary USG agencies to support HMA programs
  - USSOUTHCOM can request to assist non PCC approved countries bilaterally

- USSOUTHCOM works in support of the OAS and DOS HMA efforts in this Hemisphere
  - DOD program complements those of DOS and the OAS
  - Training is coordinated with the OAS based on the country plans

DOD HMA authorities do not authorize from the ground-up (New) construction of facilities. The program; however, allows for upgrades of existing structures!
HMA Process Overview

- Country assistance coordination (determine requirements)
  - Equipment (demining, computers, etc.)
  - Facility upgrades
  - Training
- Coordination with DOS, OAS, and Military Groups
  - Determine training dates
  - Coordinate requirements to prevent duplication
  - Coordinate logistical requirements
- Mission coordination
  - Identify supporting units
  - Develop requirements purchase plans
  - Plan soldiers training plan
  - Provide funding for training, equipment, projects
  - Coordinate coordination and site visits
  - Conduct training mission

Average planning and execution cycle is 12 - 18 months prior to training mission

Mission Planning and Development Process for Current and Next Fiscal year:
- Budgeting,
- Troops,
- Equipment,
- Contracting,
- Training,
- Construction,
- Other

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Assistance to Colombia

Training

2 year Costs

Training: Over $125,000
Equipment: Over $80,000
Facilities: Over $400,000

Mine Action Center
Land Mine Victims Rehab Center

Facility Upgrades

On-Going:
PPAICMA Offices
Assistance to Colombia: Planned

FY 09

• Training
• Equipment

Estimated Cost:
Equipment: $450,000
Training: 75,000

FY 10

• Training
• Equipment
• Facilities Upgrades?
  • Training Center?

Estimated Costs: ???

Colombia must develop 1-5 year plan to help us plan support
Way Ahead

- USSOUTHCOM plans to continue supporting Colombia’s HMA Program
- Colombia must develop a 1 to 5 year requirements plan to support USSOUTHCOM plan and develop effective budgeting and training process
  - Plan must be realistic and achievable
  - Should include list of equipment requirements and estimated costs
- Synchronization of assistance plans is of paramount importance
  - Department of State
  - OAS
  - International community
  - USSOUTHCOM
Questions