Jordan Case Study: From Military to Civilian NGO-led mine action

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What is a Mine Action Partnership?

- Mine Action Partners, in a spirit of cooperation, agree to carry out a mine action program; and contribute to it by combining resources, knowledge or activities; and share its achievements or failures.
History of Mine Action in Jordan

• H.M. King Hussein bin Talal tasked JAF with mine clearance in 1993
• 1 year before peace treaty with Israel
• 4 years before AP Mine Ban Convention
• **Military-led** Mine Action
• **Humanitarian** demining aim
Challenges faced by Military-led Mine Action

- Limited resources (Funds, Machinery, Equipment, PPE ...)
- No capacity development
- No access to international advancements in mine clearance
- Limited support from International Community
- Productivity slow
- Article 5 Mine Clearance Deadline Approaching
A New Approach

• National Program
• Local Ownership
• Clear & Committed Leadership
• Establish NCDR as National Mine Action Center (NMAC)
• NCDR Law No. (34)
The Role of NCDR as NMAC

✔ Overall Management

✔ Planning & Coordinating

✔ Supervising & Liaising

✔ Government Support - Under Prime Minister’s Office

✔ Focal Point for International and Domestic Stakeholders

✔ Working Relationship with Key Line Ministries:
  (Foreign Affairs, Planning, International Cooperation, Finance, Defense)
Key Points for Cooperation Between Military and NCDR

- Communication
- Involvement in planning
- Coordination in clearance activities
- Regular updates to REC Chief of Staff
- Support work of REC: resources, equipment, training
- Hire former REC officers
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Role
- Tasked with North Shuna Mine Clearance Project
North Shuna Mine Clearance Project:

- Retained Demining Role
- Guidance and Supervision from NCDR
- International & National Mine Action Standards
- Increased credibility
- Safer working environment
- Increased resources through NCDR
- Building trust
- Completed ahead of schedule and under budget
Key Ingredients for Success

• Determination
• Ownership
• Leadership
• Vision

• Confidence
• Momentum
• Success!
Planning & execution of Mine Action projects is easier and more predictable with multi-year commitments from donors
Network of Partnerships

- Gov’t of Jordan
- International Partners
- Local NGOs
- Military
- Financial
- Political
International Partnerships

Capacity Development Objective:

• To develop key policy and strategic planning instruments that were limiting mine action's partnership base.
• Identify Mine Action as development and humanitarian issue not engineering issue
• Broad partnership base needed

✓ Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
✓ UNDP
How to Increase Partnership Base

✓ Lobbying
✓ Explaining Mine Action
✓ Bigger Issues:
  More than demining
✓ Address the pillars of Mine Action to reduce poverty and suffering:
  ➢ SVA
  ➢ MRE
  ➢ Universalization
National Mine Action Plan
2005 - 2009

• First time for integrated national plan
• Broader development and international legal obligations
• Mine Ban Convention
• Mine Action was clear for potential donors

✓ Expanded International partners base
✓ Mobilized funds doubled in 2 years
✓ Greater domestic support from Government and Civil Society as a result
International Technical Partners & NGOs

- UN Agencies: UNDP, UNICEF
- Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)
- Implementation Support Unit (ISU)
- James Madison University (JMU)
- ICRC
- Norwegian People’s Aid
- Royal Engineering Corps
- Mines Advisory Group
- Other countries’ Militaries (Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, France...)
- Centre for Disease Control (CDC)
- Cranfield University
Domestic Partners

• Survivor Corps
• Royal Medical Services
• Jordan Red Crescent Society
• Hashemite Commission for Disabled Soldiers
• Higher Council for the Affairs of Persons with Disabilities
• Lifeline for Consultancy and Rehabilitation
5 Key Things for Successful Mine Action Partnerships

• Strong local leadership
• Political will
• Bureaucratic Support
• Clear vision and robust coordination
• Transparency
Thank You for Your Attention