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# CALL FOR PAPERS

### Editorial: Empowering Local Capacity in Mine Action

With explosive hazards contamination persisting in spite of dwindling funding opportunities, sustainable solutions are becoming increasingly more important. Similarly, creating mine action programs and centers that can be relied upon to pick up the reins after foreign clearance organizations and contractors have left is of paramount importance. What lessons learned can the community share in regards to building national capacity and employing locals to continue operations after projects have concluded?

### HMA and COVID-19

The world is facing an unprecedented global crisis caused by COVID-19. Already struggling with non-existent or insufficient essential services and infrastructure, unsanitary conditions, and vulnerable populations, post-conflict environments are at risk of facing even greater challenges compounded by COVID-19. How have HMA organizations responded to the pandemic and in what ways have they adapted their operations both in and out of the field? In what ways have organizations leveraged their in-country assets (or resources) to assist regional authorities and local communities? What does the future look like for HMA operations during a global pandemic, what challenges does the sector anticipate facing, and how can we better adapt to these new circumstances?

We are accepting submissions on this topic for the Fall edition of *The Journal* through July 31.

### Humanitarian Opportunities and the New Normal

As the disparities between countries—particularly those suffering from explosive hazards—to address COVID-19 become more apparent, the humanitarian development community has a unique opportunity to leverage its principles. The community is suited to foster trust and build capacity to ensure marginalized communities can develop and grow successfully. What current and future opportunities can be leveraged within the humanitarian mine action sector?

### Balkans

Organizations working in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, and Montenegro are encouraged to submit on their current programs, challenges, and successes.

### Environmental Concerns of Explosives

War and conflict have obvious negative effects on the human communities in which they occur, but the effects that ammunition and explosives can have on the environment are less evident. How does explosive contamination affect the environment, how do explosive detonations affect the physical and chemical properties of ground soils, and what measures can MA operators take to reduce these effects?

### HMA and CWD in the Context of IDPs and Migration

How can HMA/CWD programs better adapt to the return of IDPs, and how are countries/organizations addressing migration as it occurs across mined borders and contaminated areas?

### Demining in Dense Terrain

Freedom of movement remains restricted in some forest and jungle areas of the Balkans, Ukraine, and Colombia, endangering human life, damaging the ecosystem, and increasing the risk of fires. *The Journal* seeks submissions from organizations operating in these areas.

### Management Information Systems and/or On-Site Analytical Tools

Management information systems differ from information management systems in that they are used for decision making as opposed to information storage. How are organizations using decision-assisting technologies to analyze and interpret data and efficiently allocating resources to the field?

### Digital Diplomacy

Despite the connectivity of the internet via technology, accessibility can comprise equal representation within our sector. From the survivor with disabilities to the female deminer, how are organizations ensuring the experiences of various professions, races, genders, ages, and disabilities are represented accurately?

### Research and Development

*The Journal of Conventional Weapons Destruction* seeks research and development (R&D) articles. All technical articles on **current equipment, technology, trends, and developments** in the field of mine action and CWD will be considered. Commercial companies, NGO's, and researchers are encouraged to submit. R&D articles are submitted to three experts for anonymous peer review and two of the three reviewers must approve the article for publication. Reviewers approve articles for publication, suggest revisions, or reject articles for publication.