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The Journal invites government/nongovernment organizations, field/research practitioners, policy advisors, and technical experts working in humanitarian mine action/conventional weapons destruction to contribute their challenges, experiences, and lessons learned in the form of practice-based article submissions.



Men wait to be fitted for new prosthetics in Vietnam.
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CALL FOR PAPERS

COVID-19 and HMA

Already struggling with nonexistent or insufficient essential services and infrastructure, post-conflict environments are at risk of facing even greater challenges compounded by COVID-19. Months into the pandemic, how have HMA organizations responded to the pandemic and in what ways have they adapted their operations both in and out of the field?

Battle Area Clearance/Urban Clearance

In areas known to be free of landmines, how are organizations mitigating the challenges of battle area and urban environments to remove explosive remnants of war and other munitions from hazardous areas while ensuring the safety and security of their clearance teams? What lessons learned can organizations share in regards to surface/subsurface search, marking, and disposal techniques; rapid response, training, and operational support capacities; and security, site management, and rubble removal concerns?

Prosthetics

Specialist organizations and individuals working with prosthetics in HMA are encouraged to submit articles on the use of prosthetics for landmine and UXO survivors. Topics may include the latest technological advances, prosthetics within the context of mine action legislation, effects of decreased funding for victim assistance, and integration of disability support services in HMA.

Mobile and/or Efficient Data Collection Methods

Collecting data via handheld devices such as mobile phones and tablets has become the industry standard. How are organizations ensuring data collection forms actually improve the efficiency and efficacy of personnel to record and manage data?

Ukraine

Contamination in Ukraine continues to affect populated areas, infrastructure, civilians crossing contact lines at checkpoints, and IDPs and returning refugees. *The Journal* seeks submissions from organizations conducting survey, clearance, risk education, victim assistance, and battle area clearance.

Environmental and Weather Challenges of HMA/CWD

As different regions of the world experience diverse environmental and weather hazards ranging from extreme temperatures; extensive rainfall, flooding, and ensuing mudslides; sandstorms; snowstorms; and areas with dense vegetation (jungles and forests), barren landscapes (deserts), and steep terrain (mountainous regions), what conditions are HMA organizations facing? How are organizations specializing their operations to adapt to such nuanced environmental factors while working in areas confirmed or suspected of being contaminated? What policy-related actions should be considered now for future work in the HMA sector to maximize sustainable programs and limit their impacts on the environment? What should HMA operations consider and what role can donors play in ensuring environment-/climate-related issues are addressed in future work?

Commercial Off-the-Shelf Tools for Mine Action

Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) products requiring minimum adaption for HMA save on development costs while providing practitioners with a steady supply of new technologies. What COTS products or systems are your organizations repurposing, and how have these improvised uses enhanced your work?

Research and Development

The Journal 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.