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Children walk on a path beside a mine clearance team in Angola.  
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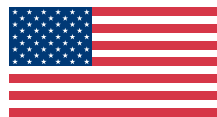
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# CALL FOR PAPERS

### Opportunities for Synergy in HMA: Alternative Finance

For our 25th edition, we are featuring articles on multidisciplinary approaches to HMA, as we turn our attention to alternative finance mechanisms for the fall issue. As funding shifts toward more immediate conflicts and disasters, how can the HMA community maintain funding for legacy contamination and sustainment of HMA programs? What can we learn from other humanitarian and development sectors regarding funding strategies and mechanisms?

### Angola, Nigeria, DRC, Somalia

As contamination from internal strife and border conflicts continues to affect countries in Africa, how are organizations overcoming funding challenges and what area reduction tools are available to operators? How are technical and non-technical surveys being employed to assess and reduce the amount of hazardous areas? In Angola, how have growing urban populations affected prioritization efforts and how have rural areas been affected? In Nigeria and Somalia, how have Boko Haram and al-Shabaab impacted the security situation for mine action programs? In DRC, how does land release align with socioeconomic efforts?

### Culturally-/Gender-Sensitive Explosive Ordnance Risk Education

We are seeking articles on EORE programs as it relates to diverse groups of women, girls, boys, and men from different backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, and religions as well as understanding attitudes and practices that affect behavioral change of MRE beneficiaries. How are EORE programs working with local clearance teams to ensure RE mirrors the actual threats beneficiaries are likely to encounter?

### Improving Local Capacity and Livelihoods

How can organizations working in areas that have experienced conflict and explosive hazards incorporate local community members into their programs to create more comprehensive assistance while also creating sustainable socioeconomic opportunities for landmine survivors and former fighters? What tactics are organizations employing to foster trust and build relationships within communities to ensure sufficient access and support are possible?

### Animal Detection Systems and Solutions

As the effectiveness of animal detection systems remains in dispute for parts of the humanitarian mine action field, what kind of testing parameters should researchers use to better assess the value of animal detection systems? What is the state-of-the-art knowledge of animal-based systems, what developments have there been in how these systems are evaluated, and how are organizations trialing or implementing ADS solutions in their programs?

### Wars of Independence and Regional Conflicts: PSSM

Countries that acquired or inherited munitions from fighting wars of independence or were involved in repeated regional conflicts continue to suffer from the threat of proliferation of weapons and unplanned explosions at munitions sites. We are seeking articles on organizations currently conducting operations in physical security and stockpile management in Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Libya, and the Sahel.

### Advances in PPE

IMAS 10.30 defines personal protective equipment (PPE) as "a last resort to protect against the effects of mine and ERW hazards." What are the practical limitations of current PPE and what recent advances have been made in testing, standards, and performance? What obstacles do programs face in procuring sufficient PPE and how can we facilitate better communication between donors and implementers to ensure those on the ground receive the best equipment available?

### Research and Development

All technical articles on new equipment, technology, trends, and developments in the field of mine action and CWD will be considered. R&D articles are submitted to three experts for anonymous peer review, two of whom must approve the article for publication. Peer reviewers approve articles for publication, suggest revisions, or reject articles for publication.