



Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA)

Mine Action for Sustainable Development
Are we utilizing/referring to what is there in the tool box?



Azerbaijan

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BACKGROUND OF MINE ACTION IN AZERBAIJAN

- ❖ Humanitarian Mine Action is an idea presented to the higher Government officials (new word to be included in the Government's dictionary)
- ❖ New born Azerbaijan facing the problems of mines and ERWs that do not seem too important as those of development/post war recovery in the overall state priority list.
- ❖ No Technical or Institutional capacity for implementing Humanitarian Mine Action Activities
- ❖ Lack of state funds to support such processes
- ❖ No International Partner to follow the long and hard path
- ❖ Internally displaced people desperate to get settled in war affected and newly liberated areas immediately yet not their own villages.
- ❖ Known and unknown areas of massive concentration of formerly used ammunition depots of Soviet time mostly turned into AXO graveyards.



ANAMA STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

- ❖ ANAMA integrated into State Socio-Economic Development Program since 2004.
- ❖ Mine Awareness program is handed over to the Ministry of Education as part of school curriculum in war affected and regions of military existence.
- ❖ Mine Victims Assistance has been advocated to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection through various pilot projects.
- ❖ 90% of the MA work is funded from the State Budget.
- ❖ Recognized as local partner in HMA for International Actors of State Importance.
- ❖ Provides platforms for regional cooperation/shares its expertise.



Opening ceremony of the Zobjug settlement with participation of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev





IS HUMANITARIAN DEMINING JUST ABOUT DEMINING? ADVOCACY MATTERS!

- ❖ Considered as a serious and reliable partner in the region for implementing national capacity development processes .
- ❖ **Active cooperation with local executive authorities.**
- ❖ Member of the Inter-ministerial body for drafting the State Socio-Economic Development Program (Basis for Sustainable Development Goals).
- ❖ **Military/Suspicious items reported for further investigation by ANAMA through the hotline of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Internal Affairs „102”/„112”. (157 calls in 2017 where 7,528 ERW removed, 811 calls in 2016, where 5,404 ERWs removed from civil facilities)**
- ❖ Acts as a member of State Emergency Board.
- ❖ **State body to deal with Mine and ERW related issues/activities (separate from all ministries).**





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MAJOR OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Training of Georgian Army engineers for establishment of humanitarian mine action capacity to function under DELTA (NATO tender).
- ❖ Provision of nonmilitary support for Afghanistan under s State Program of the President of Azerbaijan (MRE materials in local languages and train the trainers courses).
- ❖ PfP Trust Fund Projects with NATO/NSPA within NATO-Azerbaijan Partnership context „Saloghlu“ and „Jeyranchel“.
- ❖ Several training curses under OSCE, NATO, UN tenders for teams from Ukraine, Georgia, Turkey, Afghanistan.
- ❖ State projects for facilitating a safe conditions for construction of IDP settlement, provision of infrastructures and agricultural facilities. IDP settlements for 2119 families under „Zobjuq“ project, 150 families under „Jojuq Marjanly“ projects.
- ❖ Sub-contracted for implementation of demining operations under Eastern Border Mine Clearance project in Turkey (April*November 2017).
- ❖ MDD breeding facility established and functional.
- ❖ Training Internal Troops for humanitarian Demining.
- ❖ Geophysical survey, technical survey and visual search in 4,000 hectares of a former air bomb testing range in Samukh region As part of food security program under the state initiative for Agricultural development in particular in extending the crop plants.
- ❖ Emergency UXO clearance housing and infrastructure facilities heavily contaminated as a result of Ammunition depot explosion in 2017 in Khizy.





ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- ❖ Bilateral Cooperation between several Mine Action Centers brought to highest level of the State.
- ❖ Recognition and integration into Government to government cooperation context.
- ❖ National Ownership.
- ❖ Government support/dedication to the obligations.
- ❖ Reliable and Skilled Partners.
- ❖ Dedicated Team.
- ❖ Devoted Donors with long term Goals
- ❖ Technical Support from UNDP and other Mine Action Actors.
- ❖ Having a strong and continuous support of UNDP from the early stages of its establishment both in technical and in managerial levels and accessing through its networks to the relevant International Institutions ANAMA strengthened its advocacy in national and international level.
- ❖ Determined deadlines .
- ❖ International Best Practices to apply.





WHAT WENT WELL?

- ❖ Advocating into both National and International context.
- ❖ Bilateral Cooperation between several Mine Action Centers brought to highest level of the State Recognition and integrated into Government to government cooperation context.
- ❖ Close cooperation with local communities and raising awareness over the mine/UXO threat in the regions.
- ❖ Active involvement of Local executive Authorities and Municipalities in the overall MA activities conducted in particular regions.
- ❖ Meeting Decision Makers and briefing them over the humanitarian cause of mine/UXOs.
- ❖ Visualization of the situation of people exposed to the threat of mine/UXOs.
- ❖ Strong and direct support of UNDP Country office in Azerbaijan.
- ❖ Active networking through UNDP Country Office on the ongoing MA related activities and timely requests on update of the situation with mines/UXOs from the Government of Azerbaijan.



**CLEARANCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE IN AZERBAIJAN
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ANAMA AND NATO/NAMSA JOINT SALOGLU PROJECT**

On July 2011 an official Saloglu Closing Ceremony held in Baku at Hyatt Regency Hotel with the participation of Mr. Abid Sharifov, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Gabor Iklody, NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, Mr. Khazar Ibrahim, Head of the Azerbaijan Mission to NATO, Ambassadors of Diplomatic Mission to Azerbaijan and representatives from NATO/NSPA.



A CONTRACT SIGNED BY ANAMA AND NATO/NSPA ON PROVISION OF EOD TRAINING

ANAMA has been awarded a contract by the NATO /NSPA as part of NATO's project to train and Equip a Georgian Military EOD Company.

The internationally competitive awarded contract envisaged provision of explosive ordnance disposal training to Georgian Military officers at the ANAMA Regional Training Base at Goygol, Azerbaijan and QA/QC, methods of instructions, site supervisor and info management trainings in Georgia for 6 and 3 months respectively.



SUCCESS IS A PRODUCT OF TEAM WORK, APPRECIATIONS TO PARTNERS & DONORS



NATIONS CONTRIBUTED TO MINE ACTION PROGRAMME SINCE 1999





HOW MINE ACTION RELATES TO THE SDGS?

SDG 2030 (where ERW Action gives a hand)

Goal 1: Reduction of Poverty

Goal 2: Food security

Goal 3: Healthy life and well being

Goal 4: Quality education and lifelong learning

Goal 5: Gender equality (gender mainstreaming)

Goal 6: Water and sanitation management

Goal 7: Access to energy resources

Goal 8: Economic growth and decent work and employment

Goal 11: Make the places safe for human settlement

Goal 16: Development of peaceful and inclusive societies access to justice (MVA/Reintegration of Mine Survivors into Society)

Goal 17: Strengthening the means of implementation and global partnership (South-South Cooperation and Regional Cooperation Efforts)





OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: MINE/UXO PROBLEM

- ❖ Total area: 13,6 K sqkm
- ❖ Extent of the problem is not known
- ❖ Estimated:
 - ❖ 350-500 sq. kilometers mined
 - ❖ 50-100 thousand mines suspected
 - ❖ High level of UXO contamination





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Questions ?

