

UNDP Mine Action Programming: Eritrea

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I. UNDP Approach to 'Development and Mine Action'

UNDP's 2014-17 Strategic Plan provides clear guidance on helping countries achieve the simultaneous eradication of extreme poverty and reduction of inequalities and exclusion. The Strategic Partnership Cooperation Framework (SPCF) prepared through a consultative process by the Government of the State of Eritrea (GoSE) and United Nations System is contributing to the well-being of the people of Eritrea, particularly the most vulnerable population. The SPCF among others include support to improve livelihoods of poor and vulnerable populations through provision of agricultural and fishing inputs, supplies, trainings and support to clearing of land mines; unexploded ordinances and invasive *prosopis juliflora* tree species to free and cultivate more farm and grazing lands and provide farmers with mine risk education and disaster preparedness and mitigation in collaboration with government and other UN agencies. Strengthening national institutions and human capacity will accelerate the implementation of the UNDP's 2014-17 Strategic Plan and the SPCF 2013-2016 and achieve the wellbeing of the poor and vulnerable people of the country.

II. Mine Action Context/Objective

The project will support the Government of Eritrea in increasing capacity to develop and implement effective coordinated services for mine victims using an integrated approach in affected areas of the country utilizing a community-based socio-economic model, in line with UN policy on victim support and other human rights declarations.

III. Key Activities

- Set up Information Management System to monitor reintegration process of landmine survivors to enhance IMSMA.
- Establish pilot vocational training and seed money loans for victims.
- Enable and train communities in affected areas to rehabilitate victims through Community Based Rehabilitation.
- Awareness and sensitization campaigns implemented on services available.
- Coordinate with other Ministries and integrate into other development programmes and services.

IV. Challenges

The country has limited donor base and the national authorities lack capacity to provide victim assistance in the mine affected areas of the country. Like other agencies, UNDP faces lack of resources to support national authorities to help implement victim support programs effectively and efficiently.

V. Budget

UNDP mine action activities in 2016	Budget projected for 2016 (USD)	Funding shortfall 2016 (USD)
Set up MIS, establish vocational training and seed money/loan for victims, rehabilitation through CBR, awareness and sensitization, coordination and integration into development programmes and services	545,700	545,700