Enhancing the Capacity of the Lebanon Mine Action Center
Project 00098899

General Information

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Target Groups /Beneficiaries

- Lebanese Citizens
- Lebanese Mine Action Center

Project Details

Background

Decades of internal and external conflict in Lebanon have resulted in the contamination of vast swathes of land by mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). It was estimated that contaminated land amounted to 60 million square meters at the end of 2014, of which around 75% could be used for agriculture. Despite the obvious humanitarian and emergency nature of mine action, significant developmental concerns brought on by the emerging refugee crisis and the concurrent decline in socioeconomic conditions in Lebanon have resulted in a strategy shift towards an increased focus on the development potential of mine action. With the pressures of population growth since the onset of the Syrian crisis felt largely by rural agricultural communities, the need to enable and enact comprehensive mine clearance is perhaps more pressing than ever. This project contributes towards the Lebanon Mine Action Strategy 2011-2020 strategic objective; “The humanitarian and development impact posed by mines is reduced to a point where minimal residual risk can be sustainably addressed by a national capacity, which is fully integrated in regular government structures”. On the long-term, the project aims to reduce the impact of mines on the security and livelihood of the population in Lebanon and the region through the promotion of sustainable government structures. Concurrently, it will contribute to the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) 2015-2016 third strategic objective which aims at reinforcing Lebanon’s economic, social, environmental, and institutional stability by promoting security and livelihood of residents in Lebanon specifically through integrated humanitarian mine action and supporting the capacity building of the authority responsible for mine action.

Achievements & Expected Results

The pillars of the LMAC strategy focus on achieving:
1. Affected communities enabled to better manage risks posed by mines (reference to Article 4 of the CCM)
2. The full realization of the rights of mine victims guaranteed (reference to article 5 of the CCM)
3. Mine Action contributes to socio-economic use through land release (re. Article 4 of the CCM)
4. Compliance to and promotion of the universalisation of the CCM and other relevant international instruments (reference to article 6 and 7 of the CCM)
5. A sustainable capacity to manage residual risks is established

Through the proposed project UNDP continues to support the LMAC to end up with the below outcomes:

Result 1: National capacity reinforced to document and prioritize clearance operations and the resulting socio-economic impact (As linked to Strategic Output-SO 1 and Strategic Output-SO 3)

Result 2: Impacted communities empowered and equipped to deal with the residual risk of mines (As linked to SO 1)

Result 3: Victims enabled to socially and economically reintegrate into their communities (As linked to SO 2)

Result 4: LMAC’s institutional capacity strengthened to enable the LMAC to meet its national, regional, and international obligations as well as transfer its expertise to support stability, security, and territorial cohesion (As linked to SO 4 and 5)
Issues & Difficulties
- Survivors and victims’ reintegration into the society is difficult to achieve due to financial constraints and limited access to livelihood and employment opportunities.
- Lack of international funding obstruct the opportunity to completely clear Lebanon from cluster munitions as originally planned.
- Lack of comprehensive national legislation.