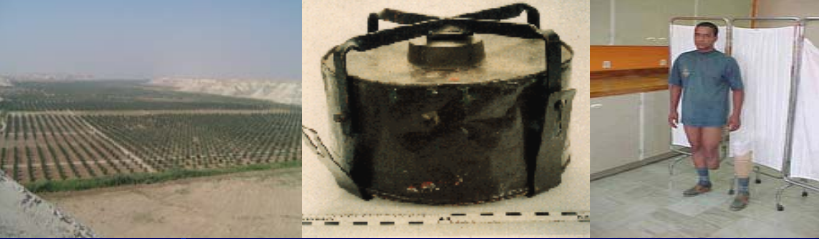




Experiences from a Mine Affected Country

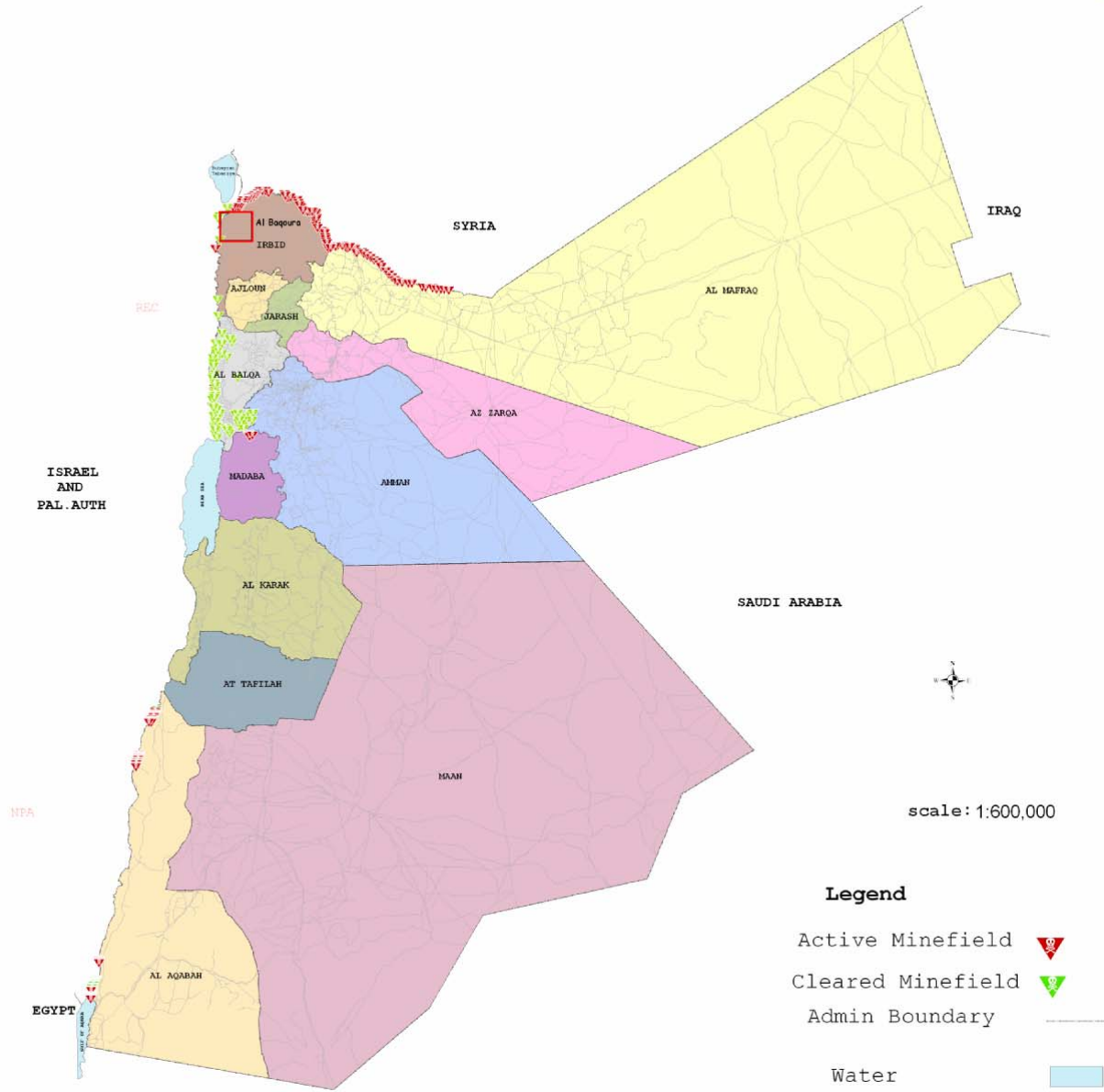
The Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan

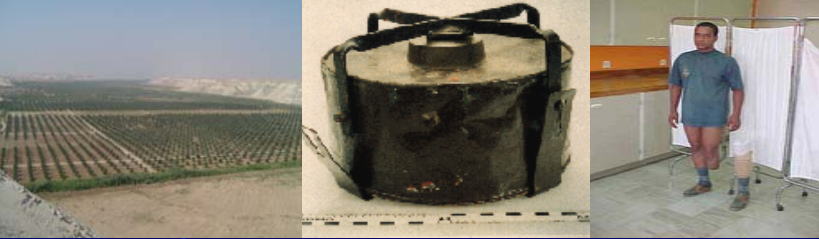
Background & Facts



- ❖ Landmines planted in Jordan in three periods: 1948, 1967 & 1970
- ❖ 500 minefields, approx. 300,000 mines, area of 60 million m² (Suspected Hazardous Area) along Jordan Valley, Wadi Araba and Syrian border
- ❖ 1993 His Late Majesty King Hussein ordered the military to begin demining
- ❖ 1998 Jordan - Mine Ban Convention
- ❖ 2000 NCDR established
- ❖ **Presently approx. 170,000 landmines been demined**
- ❖ **27.5 million m² of SHA has been cleared**

Minefields in Jordan





Challenges Encountered

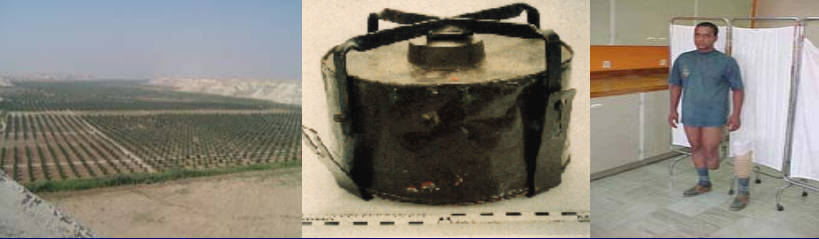
- ❖ Bureaucracy & red tape
- ❖ Limited national resources
- ❖ Initially low capacity



The National Committee for Demining & Rehabilitation (NCDR)

- ❖ Quasi-governmental organization (civilian)
- ❖ Responsible for all 'Mine Action' in Jordan
- ❖ Coordinates with Donor Countries,
Int'l Organizations, NGOs & Local Stakeholders

Mine Clearance

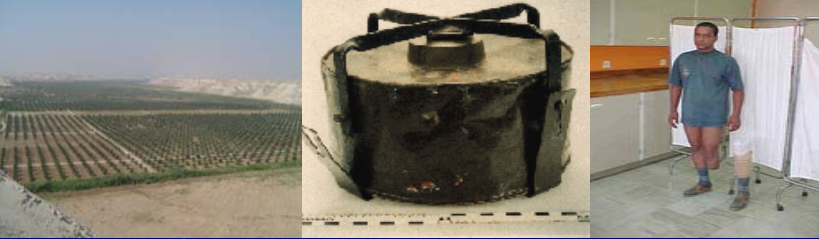


Major Activities

- ❖ EU Funded 'North Shuna Mine Clearance Project'
 - ❖ Implemented: Royal Engineering Corps

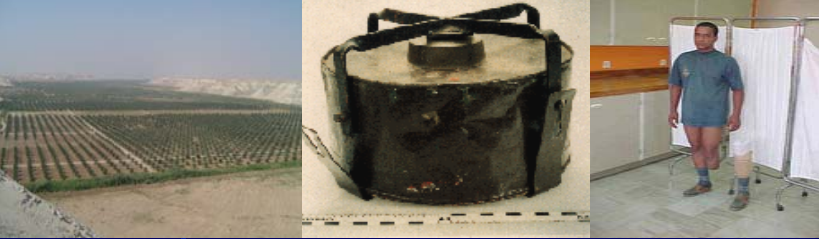
- ❖ Jordan Valley
 - ❖ Implemented: Royal Engineering Corps

- ❖ Wadi Araba
 - ❖ Implemented: Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

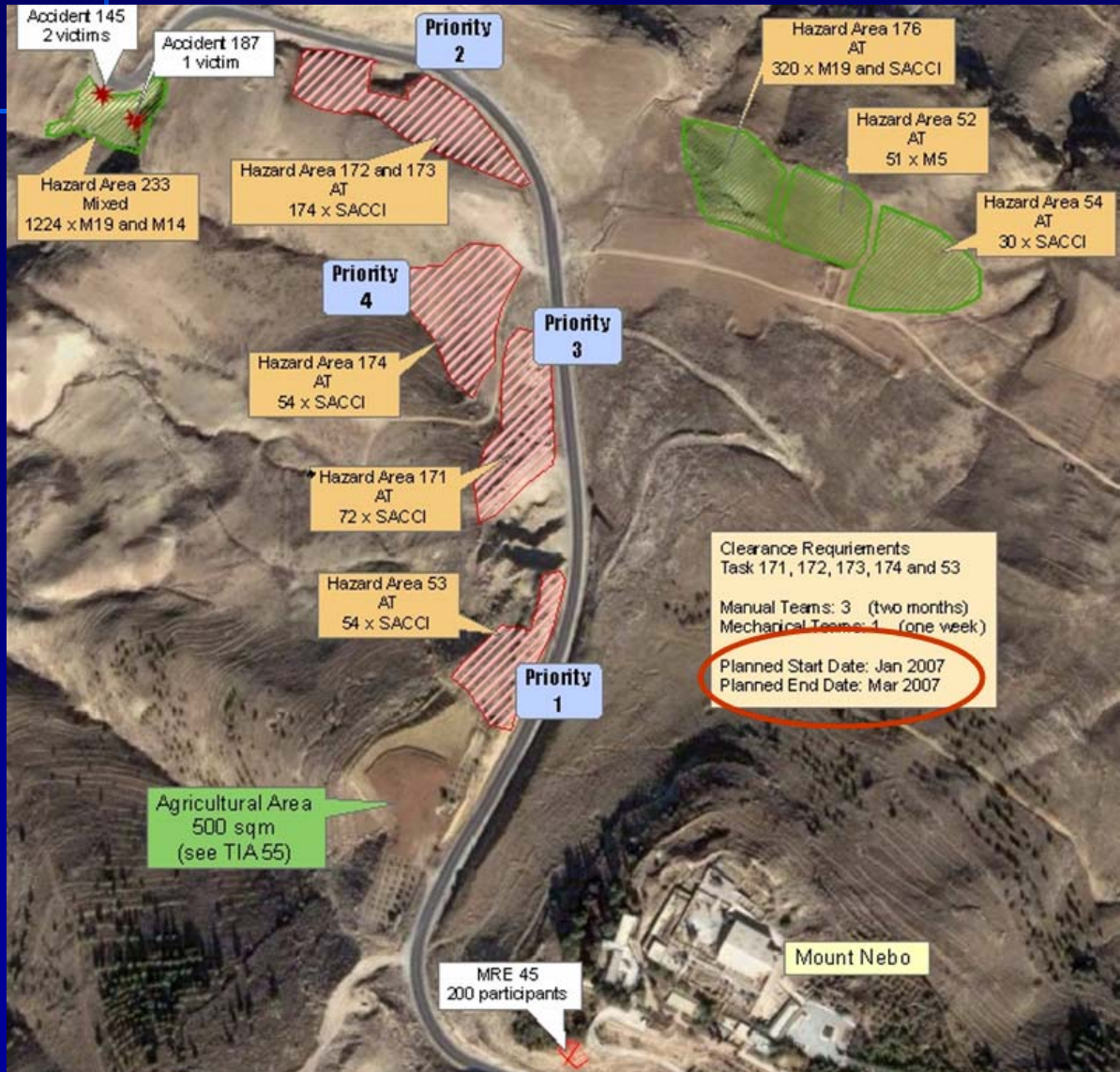


Landmine Retrofit Survey

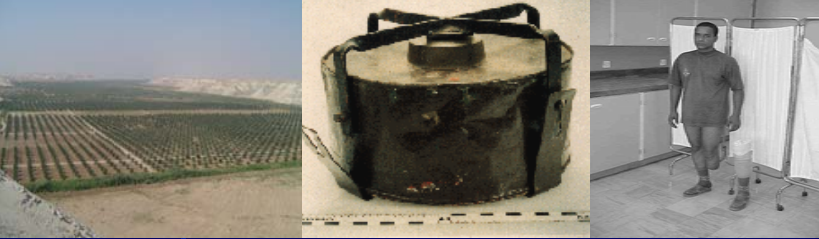
- ❖ Funded by Canada and Norway
- ❖ Implemented by NCDR and NPA
- ❖ Custom-designed to address the specific needs of Jordan
- ❖ Will be completed in June 2007



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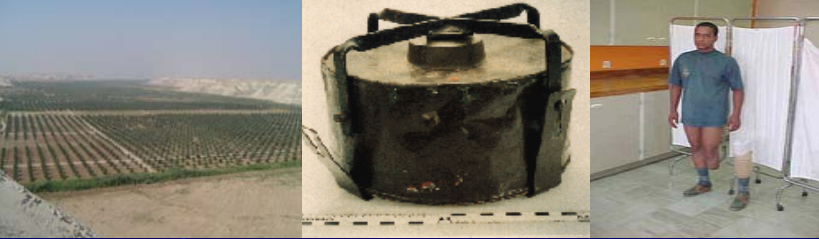
- Systematic Survey of hazard tasks
- Information on MRE activities
- Information on land use
- Defining clearance priorities
- Monitoring tool for Mine Action activities
- Recommendations on clearance requirements
- Information on accidents



Mine Risk Education

Major Activities

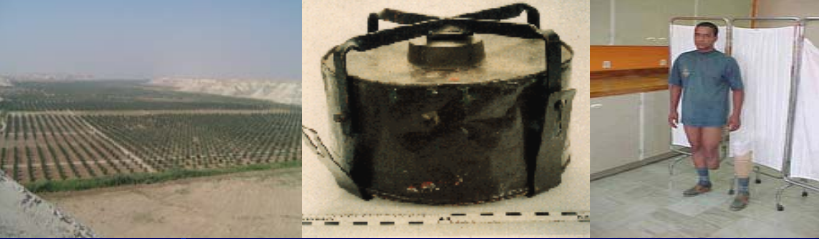
- ❖ National Mine Action Strategy
- ❖ National MRE Standards
- ❖ NCDR project funded by USA
 - ❖ Expected to commence June 2007



Survivor & Victim Assistance

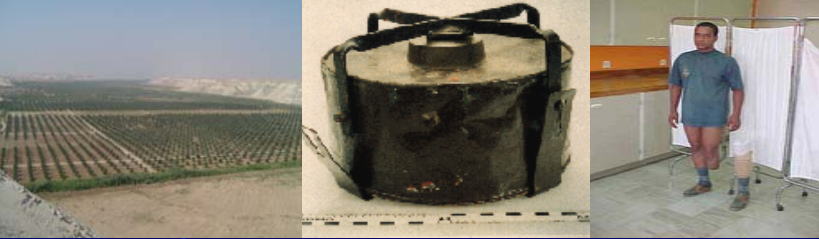
Current Initiatives

- ❖ The National Rehabilitation Center for Amputees
- ❖ The Hashemite Charitable Society for Soldiers with Special Needs
- ❖ Landmine Survivor Network



Ongoing Activities

- ❖ Draft Law
- ❖ Regional Efforts



8MSP



- ❖ Why is 2007 8MSP significant?
 - ❖ 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the MBC
 - ❖ First time in the Middle East

- ❖ Initial Ideas
 - ❖ To reinvigorate the MBC
 - ❖ To encourage countries in the region to accede to the MBC



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Thank You