



SOUTH SUDAN MINE ACTION PROGRAM

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- ▶ South Sudan have made some progress in the implementation of demining program. The total number of areas known or suspected to contain Anti-Personnel Mine as of April 2018 is 211 hazards. The total amount of areas known or suspected to contain AP mine is 78,361,161 Square meters in all the ten (10) of South Sudan
- ▶ With the outbreak of conflict, further ERW contamination are more likely to increase.
- ▶ In land release process, a total amount of areas of 1,270,561 square meters of land by April 2018 and cumulative total of 39,035,781 square meters of land were released in accordance with the relevant land-release standards, policies and methodologies, in line with the NTSGs and International Mine Action Standards(IMAS)

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- ▶ It's expected that by 2021, 100 opened hazard will be closed with a total area of 35,262,522 square meters and 111 opened hazard with a total area of 43,098,639 square meters remaining. These will require an extension period of 5 years to enable South Sudan comply with Article 5 of the APMB. A formal request is yet to be made officially by NMAA to the Government of South Sudan
- ▶ MRE is mainstreamed into Nursery and primary school curriculum. However, 105 school have been trained and 319 teachers trained (244 male, 75female). There is an on-going MRE activities to community at risk that supported survey and clearance operations. Up to April 2018, 3,784,388 persons received Mine Risk Education (boys1, 277,588, girls 941,075, men 872,116 and women 693,609.

CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD.

Challenges:

- ▶ Lack of funding to carry out survey and clearance operations
- ▶ Lack of institutional and personal capacity development to carry out the transition of mine action programme in South Sudan
- ▶ Volatile insecurity and political situation in south Sudan hinder MA operations

Way forward :

More funding and support for clearance is needed from international community and the government to enable south Sudan meets it
Article 5

ALLEGATION OF LAYING NEW AP MINNES

- ▶ On 24th November 2017, a four person investigation team travelled to Nassir, Upper Nile State, to investigate the allegation of the laying of Anti-Personnel mines in March 2015.
- ▶ The three day investigation involved formal interviews with an SPLA Officer, SPLA (IO) Officer, and the Police Commissioner; a physical inspection of the ground around the SPLA barracks was also conducted.
- ▶ The Key finding was that there is no evidence of landmines being laid in the vicinity of Nassir – on or around the alleged date in 2015.
- ▶ The report was formally submitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan to be forwarded through its mission in Geneva in order for the Committee to consider the report and move forward towards considering closing the case on this matter.



THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS