

# National Mine Action Center Sudan



## Victim Assistance Department

### Micro finance initiative for Mine ERW victims in Sudan

Partnership between NMAC & Bank of Khartoum

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## **Introduction**

- Since 2007 NMAC & UNMO started providing services to Mine/ERW victims & PWDs through national NGOs.

Services focused on:

- Capacity building
- Physical rehabilitation
- Psychological support
- Socio Economic reintegration

- 7 projects were funded from HSTF(Japanese Fund) in the north implemented by national NGOs in 2007 – 2008  
Number of beneficiaries: 364
- 17 projects funded from CIDA in North since 2008  
Number of beneficiaries 487
- A total of 851 beneficiaries received socio-economic reintegration programs including Income Generating Projects (activities) under those projects.

## Types of IGAs

- Live stock
- Metal Work/Welding
- Donkey cart
- Coiffeur –Hair dressing
- Fridge/Freezer
- Mobile phone shop
- Bakery
- Computer
- Grinding mill
- Grocery
- Generator
- Electrical repair
- Potery
- Ceramic Tiling
- Other

# Photos





women from Kassala making pottery pots





- So far, all support provided to mine/ERW victims and PWDs, has been in the form of direct grant from CIDA & HSTF.
- After this successful experience, and following the transition of the mine action programme to local authorities and hence requiring sustainable interventions, NMAC thought about shifting to loans & micro-financing program.
- This will enhance the beneficiaries behavior to be more responsible and independent.
- Cost contribution will sensitize the beneficiaries to pursue their interest and seek the success of their projects.
- The initiative of micro finance was adopted by the Bank of Khartoum who signed a MOA with NMAC to provide micro finance projects to mine/ERW victims and PWDs individually or collectively.
- Group projects are highly recommended since the bank bears most of the assets liabilities.

- ❖ NMAC and BOK signed a Memorandum of understanding which creates partnership through contract to achieve the strategy related to projects and programs development.
- ❖ Micro finance projects can ensure social integration and – economic empowerment using the capacity of partners efficiently and effectively.

## Project Goal

To initiate economic empowerment social reintegration & social protection to mine/ERW victims and PWDs through micro finance credit in North Sudan.



## Project objectives

- To build the capacity of the beneficiaries in small business management (SBM).
- To provide the necessary supports to promote socio-economic participation of landmine survivors in both public and private sectors.
- To build national capacities and institutional capabilities for integrated Polices and programs in the disability field.

## Project Activities

- Identify partners and beneficiaries.
- Conduct awareness about the concept of micro finance credit to concern partners.
- Conduct training in SBM
- Establish coordination mechanism among all concern partners.
- Liaise between the bank and all partners.
- Conduct field visits to the beneficiaries.
- Monitor on the project activities and follow up the IGAs progress.
- Conduct an evaluation for the project.

## Role of BOK in microfinance project

- Provide all technical and administrative staff to ensure the success of socio-economic developmental projects for the NMAC/NGOs beneficiaries.
- To fund the developmental individual and/or group projects of beneficiaries selected by NMAC according to the requirements.

- Participate in monitoring and evaluation of all operations and levels of implementation including performance, finances, and procedures.
- Provide technical support and training during the implementation phase.

## Role of NMAC

- Introduce the Micro finance concept to the national organizations working in victim assistance, and potential beneficiaries.
- Coordinate with organizations in selecting the candidate beneficiaries and preparing their project proposals and feasibility studies.
- Offer information, guidance and reference services for beneficiaries who will be included in MF projects.
- Conduct Small business Management training course to the selected group of beneficiaries.

- To establish an enabling environment to support the developmental projects for socioeconomic reintegration in the target areas through MF
- To promote advocacy towards the importance of MF in socioeconomic reintegration and empowerment of mine/ERW victims.
- To participate in monitoring and evaluation of all operations and levels of implementation including performance, finances, and procedures

## Expected out comes

- Opening Chances of local funding employment.
- 50 beneficiaries trained in small business management.
- Network of NGOs capable of running micro finance project.
- Expand jobs opportunities for landmine victims and people with disabilities.
- Raise awareness on the importance and suitability of micro-finance is one of means of income for mine/EWR survivors and other persons with disabilities

Thank you