

# RWANDA NATIONAL DE-MINING OFFICE

## PLANS, PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

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### NDO

Our mission  
is to have  
Rwanda  
Free of  
Mines by  
Dec 2010



## PLANS

- a. Re-inforce NDO with personnel and logistical support.
- b. Continue to train to IMAS and deploy the 90 strong reserve force.
- c. To train Senior and Middle managers.
- d. To Acquire Mechanical de-mining assets.

## Plans cont'

- e. To acquire Mine detection dogs.

## PROGRESS

- a. Registered tremendous progress in mine clearance since oct 06 despite unfriendly terrain:

Rubaya 1MF

Area cleared: 17,772 sq m

Area remaining: 5,543 sq m

A/P mines found: 05

UXOs found : 07

Expected date of completion : May 08

## Progress cont'

- b. Nyabihu MF

Area cleared: 7903 sq m

Area remaining: 7097 sq m

A/p mines found: 10 Ts 50

UXOs found: none

Expected date of completion: Dec 07

## Progress cont'

- c. Total area mine cleared: 25,675 sq m
- d. Total area Battle Cleared in Nyabishambi  
:344,909 sq m
- e. Total area knocked off as a result of Bac  
344,909 sq m

## Work remaining

In order to meet the 2010 mine clearance deadline Rwanda is remaining with 629,416 sq m.

NB: All is good agricultural land suitable for socio- economic development.

## Challenges

- a. Inadequate resources like:
  - Mine detectors
  - Comms equipment
  - Transport facility

## Challenges cont'

- b. Steep gradient terrain of 85% that hinders first clearance progress



## Challenges cont'

Thick  
vegetation  
impenetrable  
By manual  
De-miners



Photo taken 2004 at kanombe

## Challenges cont'



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- Lack of funds to cater for mounting de-mining operation expenses.
- Wet & rainy climatic conditions lead to few work hours.
- Lack of comprehensive technical survey/data on type of a/p mines available and their densities in all MF.

## Priority of assistance

- i. Need for a mechanical de-mining asset.
- ii. Logistical support and funds to cater for operational needs.
- iii. Mine Awareness Education to keep the locals informed of the dangers of mines.
- iv. Need for technical survey to reduce the perceived contaminated area to actual ground

## conclusion

- On behalf of the Government of Rwanda  
I thank those state parties that stood by us  
at the time mine threat was crucial and we  
now start talking of mine clearance  
completion.
- Rwanda still believes that the Dec 2010  
mine clearance deadline is achievable  
once funded.

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**I Thank You**