



2006 MINE ACTION IN TAJIKISTAN

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2006 Tajikistan Mine Action Program



- April, 2004. National Five Year Mine Action Strategy developed and adopted;
- July 2006. Amendments to Mine Action Strategy endorsed by National Commission on Implementing International Humanitarian Law



Tajikistan Mine Action current objectives



- Reducing impact of landmines on poor communities
- Continued doubling of productivity and efficiency of mine clearance in comparison to 2006.
- Completing by 2008 mine clearance operations in priority areas of High and Medium impacts.
- Creating proficient, credible and trained national personnel seeking national mine action program management by the end of 2007.
- Increasing Mine Risk Education and Victims' Assistance activities

2006 Demining Progress

56 UXOs destroyed



More than 1101 mines destroyed

Capacity and Capability Building



August 2006 – Deployment of Mine Detecting Dog Teams

Afghan Mine Dog Centre in Kabul has trained 12 dogs and 19 handlers for the Tajikistan programme. UNDP funded this project with \$90,000.

OSCE funded \$70,000 for the construction of a Tajik Mine Detecting Dogs' Centre, which is complete.

Tajik Ministry of Defence provides in-kind support

Main Effect – Doubling productivity and cost-efficiency of mine clearance



2006 Landmine update



- The deadline for completion of Tajikistan mine clearance is April 1, 2010
- At least 25 mln.sq.km mine suspected areas and 700 km of contaminated roads identified
- By the end of 2006 only 500 000 sq.m cleared
- Pressing need to increase the capacity of the program in to speed up productivity.

Donors' support



Year	US \$	EURO
2004	1,974,722	540,000
2005	424,500	1,120,000
2006	1 820,000	360,000
2007 plea pending confirmation (Canada, Germany, US, OSCE)	1 500 000 (?)	

Funding Shortfalls Consequences



Currently demining season has commenced

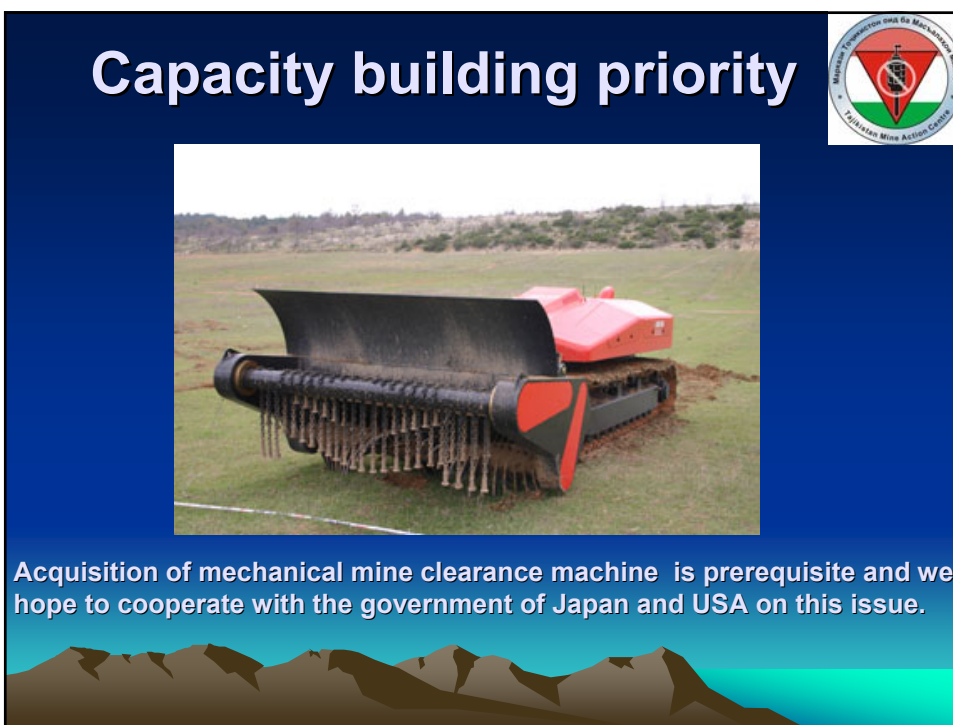
- Only 2 x Manual clearance teams (27 personnel in each) were deployed in Tajik-Afghan Border
- Failure to launch survey and mine clearance training programs



Capacity building priority



Acquisition of mechanical mine clearance machine is prerequisite and we hope to cooperate with the government of Japan and USA on this issue.

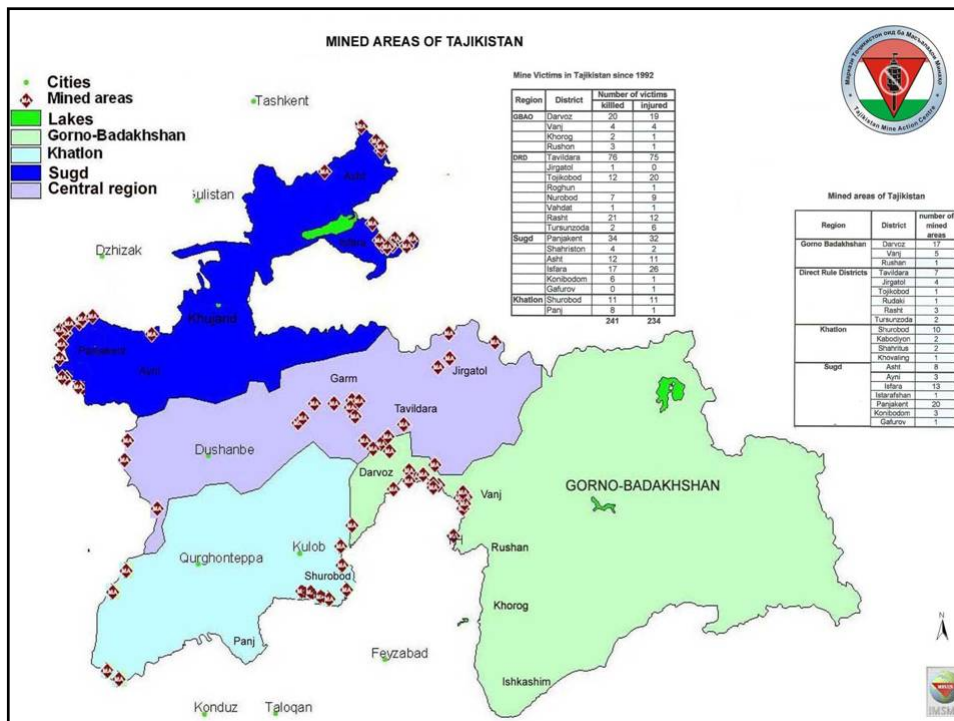


PRESSING LANDMINE ISSUES

AP mines laid by Uzbekistan armed forces along Uzbek-Tajik border.

Progress in mine clearance here is hindered by:

- By 2007 no viable progress achieved in Uzbekistan's engagement in bilateral and multilateral cooperation on mine action.
- Suspected mine border areas are located in Northern and Western parts of Tajikistan (see the map)
- More than 50 mine suspected areas identified, but no mine action has been undertaken due to lack of access
- Interstate Border Delineation and Demarcation Negotiations in progress.
- Tajikistan is committed to stepping up diplomatic efforts to insure mine clearance in mine suspected areas.
- Tajikistan appeals to international community to encourage Uzbekistan to accountable and transparent cooperation



Governmental contribution



Contribution	Detail	Equation	US \$ Equivalent pa
Use of helicopters for casualty evacuation	\$1000 per hr + Fuel	6 hrs per year	\$6000 p.a.
Use of training areas, buildings and facilities	Areas at Leninsky	3mths x \$13,000	\$39,000 ¹ p.a.
National TV and radio broadcasting		Info not available	
Human resources from ministries and agencies	Deminers	100 Pers x \$300 x 7mths	\$210,000 ¹ p.a.
Equipment and supplies imported tax and duty-free		Info not available	
National Orthopaedic Clinic	12% usage by mine victims	Annual cost	\$235,000 ¹ p.a.
Disability pensions for mine victims	500 victims	500 x 12 months x \$10	\$60,000 ¹ p.a.
Total			\$550,000

Mine clearance Implementing agencies



- Tajikistan mine action centre (TMAC)* – the executive authority
- Ministry of Defense;
 - Ministry of Education/UNICEF;
 - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Of The Population;
 - Ministry of Health;
 - Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence;
 - Tajik Border forces;
 - The Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD);
 - The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan / ICRC;
 - Local NGO “Harmony of the World”
 - National civilian agency to be established by 2008.

Conclusions and recommendations

Ensuring 2007 full-fledged funding (\$5,5 mln)

**Ensuring provision of 12 mln USD for finalizing UNDP
“Completion Initiative” to meet 2010 deadline**

**Concerted multifaceted efforts on encouraging Uzbekistan
to cooperate (OSCE,EU,UN)**

Acquisition of Mechanical Demining Machines

Increasing support for Victim’s Assistance projects

**Continued participation of national staff in capability
building programs to achieve 2008 management
nationalization**