

## Meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies

Republic of Sudan



Geneva, 13-14 June 2005

## Background

- ▶ **Permanent Ceasefire Agreement signed**  
- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004
- ▶ **Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed**  
- 9<sup>th</sup> January 2005
- ▶ **National Mine Action Policy Framework and Strategy**  
- endorsed by the GoS and SPLM in July and August 2004  
- months in advance of the CPA.
- ▶ **Sudanese civil society engaged throughout the national planning process, vis-à-vis the SCBL**

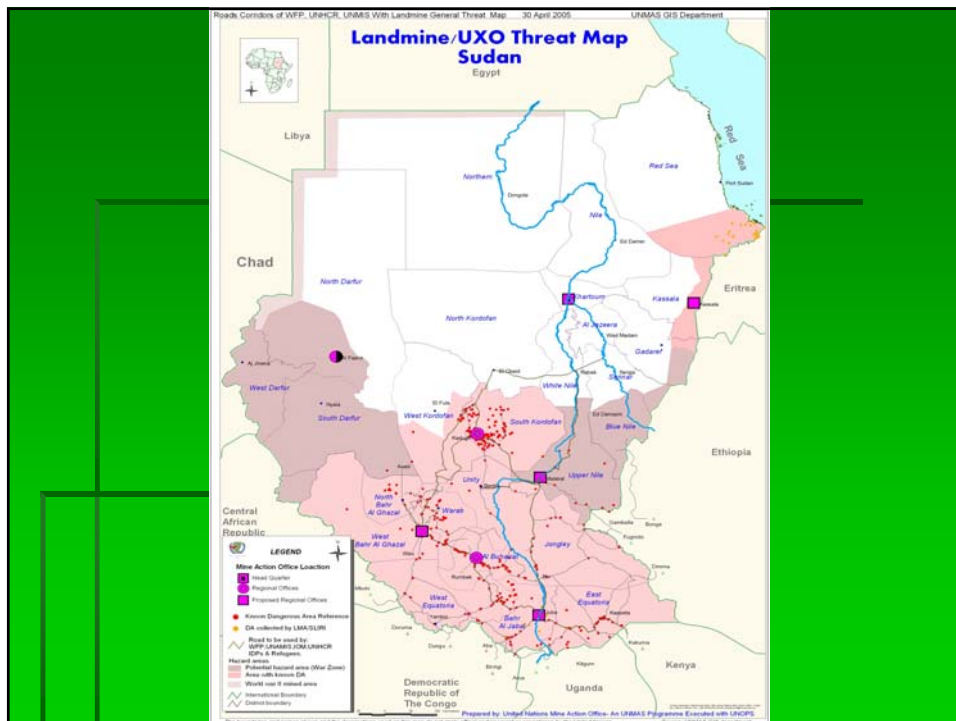
# I. Problems

## 1.1 Surveys and Assessments:

### 1.1.1 Target Areas:

- 1 Bahr El Ghazal
- 2 Equatoria
- 3 Kordofan
- 4 Upper Nile
- 5 Red Sea
- 6 Darfur

1.1.2 To date, **704 dangerous areas** (DAs) have been identified through limited survey and community based impact assessments.



## I. Problems (contd.)

### 1.2 Affected Areas:

- ١ Western Equatoria (Yambio)
- ٢ Eastern Equatoria (Kapoeta)
- ٣ Bahr Al-Jabal (Juba)
- ٤ Bahr Al-Ghazal (Wau)
- ٥ Lakes (Rumbek)
- ٦ Jonglei (Bor)
- ٧ Upper Nile (Malakal)
- ٨ South/West Kordofan (Nuba Mountain)
- ٩ Blue Nile (Damazin)
- ١٠ Kassala
- ١١ Red Sea (Tokar).

## I. Problems (contd.)

### 1.3 Needs:

- ١ Darfur, eastern and southern Sudan and transitional areas.
- ٢ In addition, Sudan's borders with Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya and Uganda are considered to be affected by mines.
- ٣ Significant international and domestic resources need to be mobilized for surveying and assessing the extent and impact of the mine/ERW contamination within medium-to-high priority areas.

## II. Plans

### 2.1 National Mine Action Strategy:

#### 2.1.1 Goals:

- 1 Implement national policies, a strategic plan and priorities for mine action.
- 2 Strengthen and support national mine action structures.
- 3 Ensure that Sudan honour its international mine action obligations.
- 4 Develop and implement a national mine action information management system.
- 5 Establish a credible and sustainable national mine action capability.
- 6 Clear all high and medium priority mine and ERW contaminated areas in Sudan.
- 7 Implement a strategy to raise awareness for the mine/ERW situation.
- 8 Ensure the physical, social and economic reintegration of mine/ERW victims.
- 9 Support peace building, recovery and development initiatives.
- 10 Mobilize adequate resources to achieve the mine action mission.

## II. Plans (contd.)

#### 2.1.2 Goal 6:

##### **Objective 6.1:**

The NMAA/NMAO and NSAL/NSMAD, with the assistance of UNMAS, will facilitate the emergency clearance of routes for humanitarian aid, returnee routes and resettlement areas by the end of 2006.

##### **Objective 6.2:**

De-mining organizations, under the direction of the NMAO and NSMAD, are to complete technical surveys of all medium and high priority mine and ERW contaminated areas by December 2008.

##### **Objective 6.3:**

De-mining organizations, under the direction of the NMAO and NSMAD, are to clear medium and high priority minefields and battle areas with a cost effective mix of capabilities by December 2011.

##### **Objective 6.4:**

All low priority minefields and battle areas are to be recorded and permanently marked by December 2008.

##### **Objective 6.5:**

All mine action stakeholders are to mobilize resources for demining on an annual basis.

##### **Objective 6.6:**

The NMAO and NSMAD is to ensure that demining is at all times conducted according to international and national humanitarian standards.

## II. Plans (contd.)

### 2.2 Stakeholder Involvement in Planning:

- ▶ Government of Sudan
- ▶ Sudan People's Liberation Movement
- ▶ National and regional mine action authorities and directorates
- ▶ International and local NGOs
- ▶ International and local mine clearance agencies
- ▶ Sudan Campaign to Ban Landmines / civil society
- ▶ Donors
- ▶ UN agencies.

## II. Plans (contd.)

### 2.3 National Priorities:

- ▶ Equatoria
- ▶ South Kordofan
- ▶ Upper Nile
- ▶ Kassala
- ▶ Red Sea
- ▶ Bhar El Ghazal
- ▶ Blue Nile
- ▶ Abyei.

## III. Progress

### 3.1 Status of Work:

- The Sudan Mine Action Policy Framework (Nairobi, 14th July 2004).
- The National Mine Action Strategy (Nairobi, 27th August 2004).
- 37 troops and 4 officers from the Government of Sudan's Armed Forces (SAF) and 37 soldier from the Sudan people's Liberation Movement have been selected for training in humanitarian demining.
- 64 SAF soldiers have been trained and employed for route clearance in Juba.

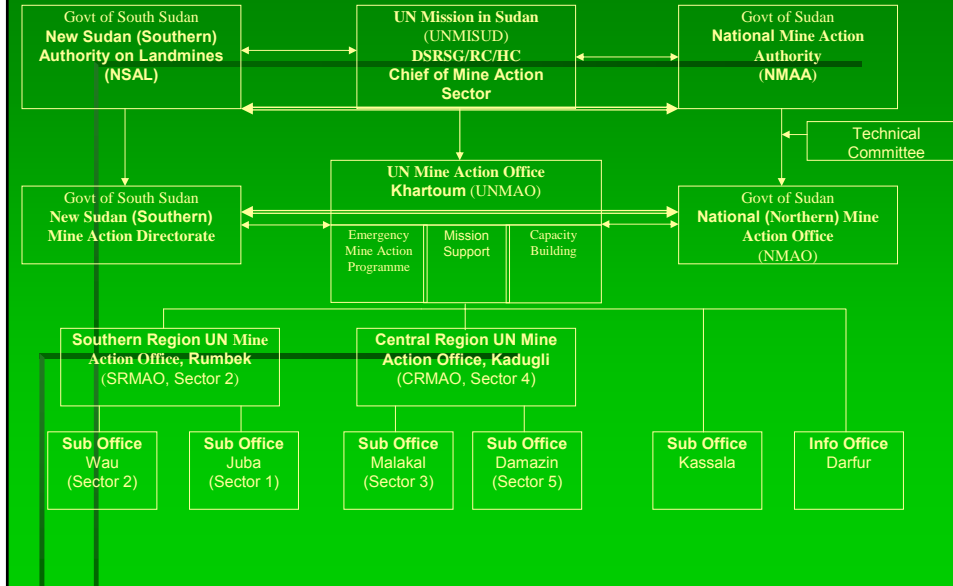
## III. Progress (contd.)

### 3.2 Institutional Arrangements:

- National Mine Action Office (NMAO, *North*)  
– September 2002
- New Sudan Mine Action Directorate (NSMAD, *South*)  
– September 2002
- National Mine Action Authority (NMAA, *North*)  
– May 2004
- New Sudan Authority on Landmines (NSAL, *South*)  
– May 2004
- Agreement on unified National Mine Action Structure is pending the establishment of the Government of National Unity  
– (GNU, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005)

# National Mine Action Structure

(Jan. 2005 to present)



Organization	Activity	Target Area	Assets Deployed
National Mine Action Technical Committee / Authority (NMAA)	National policy and strategy formulation, development, coordination and implementation	Nationwide (North)	
New Sudan Authority on Landmines (NSAL)		Nationwide (South)	
National Mine Action Office (NMAO)		Nationwide (North)	
New Sudan Mine Action Directorate (NSMAD)	Management and coordination of mine action operations	Nationwide (South)	
United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)	Coordination and technical support	Nationwide	
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Capacity development	Nationwide	
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Mines Risk Education	Nationwide	
World Food Programme (WFP)	Assistance to route clearance	South	Contracting FSD
Mines Advisory Group (MAG)	MRE, Clearance	South, Central	3 X MRE
Swiss Federation for Demining (FSD)	Survey, Clearance	Nationwide	4 X Technical Survey 1X Rapid Reaction Survey 2 X Route Verification (WFP)
Danish Church Aid (DCA)	Survey, Clearance, MRE	Central	4 X Manual Clearance 1X EOD
Save the Children – US (SC-US)	MRE	Central	4 X MRE
Save the Children – Sweden (SC-Sweden)	MRE	Central, East	
Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)	Survey, Clearance, MRE	South	1X Manual Clearance
Handicap International (HI)	MRE	South	
RONCO Consultants (RONCO)	Survey, Clearance	South, Central	2 X EOD
Landmine Action UK (LMA)	Survey, Clearance, MRE	Nationwide	
M'achem	Route verification	South, Central	3 X Route Verification
Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS)	MRE	Nationwide	Partnership with SC-Sweden
ABRAR Organization	Victim Assistance	Nationwide	
Sudan Landmine Response (SLRISLR)	Survey, Clearance, MRE	Nationwide	Partnership with LMA
JASMAR	Clearance, MRE	Central	Partnership with DCA
Operation Save Innocent Lives (OSIL)	Clearance, MRE	South, Central	Partnership with DCA, MAG
Medical Care Development International (MCDI)	Victim Assistance	South	
Sudan Integrated Mine Action Service (SIMAS)	Clearance	South	Partnership with FSD
Friends of Peace and Development (FPD)	Clearance, MRE	Central	Partnership with RONCO
Peace and Tolerance International Organisation (PTIO)	Victim Assistance	Nationwide	
Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Person (RPDP)	Victim Assistance	South	

### III. Progress (contd.)

#### 3.3 Mines Risk Education:

Year	Children			Adults			Mixed Age			un-known	Sum
	Male	Female	Mixed	Male	Female	Mixed	Male	Female	Mixed		
2003	21	99	1,455	469	379	2,196	15	48	5,865	1,977	12,524
2004	2,083	973	10,974	2,806	1,031	9,352	1,099	298	126,912	5,832	161,360
2005	53	0	908	158	57	290	128	0	2,020	350	3,963
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>13,337</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>11,838</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>134,797</b>	<b>8,159</b>	<b>177,847</b>

### III. Progress (contd.)

#### 3.3 Progress in Implementation:

- ▶ Total of 1,307,777 square meters has been cleared.
- ▶ Total of 342 APs destroyed and 115 moved
- ▶ Total of 134 ATs destroyed and 320 moved
- ▶ Total of 61,207 UXOs destroyed and 90,711 moved
- ▶ Total of 860 small arms destroyed
- ▶ The Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) has been established and is managed by UNMAS at the United Nations Mine Action Office in Khartoum.
- ▶ Current statistics generated by IMSMA indicated that landmine and ERW casualty rates are decreasing.



Organization	State	Area (sqm)	Devices Destroyed				Devices Moved		
			AP	AT	UXO	Small Arms	AP	AT	UXO
Danish Church Aid	Bahr El Ghazal								
	Equatoria								
	South Kordofan	87,684	155	3	112	15			2
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
FSD WFP	Bahr El Ghazal	20	0	0	1			84	64
	Equatoria	61,046	6	27	57,834	33	20	81,291	
	South Kordofan	0	1	0	42				0
	Upper Nile	116	0	3	334			36	227
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>61,181</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>58,211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>81,582</b>
FSD UNOPS	Bahr El Ghazal	2,857	8	49	692	77	175	2,180	
	Equatoria	8,592	43	4	344				72
	South Kordofan								
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11,449</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2,252</b>
Land Mine Action UK	Bahr El Ghazal								
	Equatoria								
	South Kordofan	46,596	124		1,474	500			
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>46,596</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
MECHEM	Bahr El Ghazal	2,508							
	Equatoria	85,612	5	47	178			4	5
	South Kordofan								
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>88,120</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Norwegian Peoples Aid	Bahr El Ghazal								
	Equatoria	45,355			7	5	1	6,870	
	South Kordofan								
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>45,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6,870</b>
RONCO	Bahr El Ghazal	108,772			3				
	Equatoria								
	South Kordofan	858,621		1	186	345			
	Upper Nile								
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>967,393</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,307,777</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>61,207</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>90,711</b>

### Known Dangerous Areas by State:

State	DA Cleared	DA Waiting Clearance	Dangerous Areas
Bahr El Ghazal	31	174	205
Equatoria	18	175	193
Kordofan	42	128	170
Upper Nile	7	39	46
Red Sea	0	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>714</b>

## Road Verified/Cleared since 2004:

State	Road Length (meters)
Bahr El Ghazal	124,175
Kordofan	24
Upper Nile	0
Equatoria	152,303
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276,501</b>

## IV. Priorities for Assistance

### 4.1 National Resources:

- ▶ The GOS and SPLM/A provided technical support, personnel and information to the Mine Action Programme in Sudan.

### 4.2 Engagement of Development Banks:

- ▶ The World Bank conducted a Joint Assessment Mission (JAM), in cooperation with the UN, whereby Mine Action has been included as one of the key elements under the Livelihoods section of the JAM report.

### 4.3 Priorities for External Assistance:

- ▶ The **four** priority areas of the Mine Action Programme for 2005/6 are:
  - 1 Emergency Survey, Marking and Targeted Clearance
  - 2 Route Verification
  - 3 Targeted Mine Risk Education and
  - 4 Capacity Building

**Thank You**