



Ethiopia



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Basic profile - Ethiopia

- APMBC signature date:
03 December 1997
- Ratification / accession date:
17 December 2004
- Entry into force:
01 June 2005
- Article 5 ten-year mine clearance deadline:
01 June 2015

1. Ethiopia's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas

1. Establishment and capacity development of **Ethiopian Mine Action Office-EMAO** (2001 -)
2. Establishment of **nationwide baseline data** on Anti-Personnel Mine contamination (2002-4)
3. **Mine Clearance & Mine Risk Education** activities (2002-)

2. Progress made in the implementation of Ethiopia's national de-mining programme

2.1. Capacity Development (CD) of EMAO

- Established by Federal Government Decree of February 2001 as **a civilian entity responsible for Mine Clearance & MRE under the PM office.**
- **Mine Action Supervisory Board** established at ministerial-level governs EMAO operations
- **2001-2007: major CD** of EMAO by UNDP, UNICEF, & NPA
- EMAO's operational capability currently consists of:
 - 6 manual clearance companies;
 - 12 Mine Detection Dog (MDD) teams;
 - 6 ground preparation machines;
 - 5 Technical Survey / Rapid Response (TS/RR) teams; and
 - MRE & community liaison personnel attached to companies & TS/RR teams.



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2. Progress made in the implementation of Ethiopia's national de-mining programme

2.2. Establishment of *nationwide baseline data* on mine contamination

A 2-year nationwide LIS was completed in 2004

- Landmines and UXO affect more than 1.9 million people in 1,492 communities;
- **Ten** of 11 regions are affected;
- Majority of mine contamination is in **Afar, Tigray** (Northern) and **Somali** (Eastern) regions.

Ongoing **Technical Survey** we **hope** to be completed in 2008

- Review and verifying LIS-identified and new SHAs with a higher degree of accuracy data for effective planning and operations.

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2.3. *Mine Clearance & Mine Risk Education* results (2002 – 4/2008):

Mine Clearance:

- More than **38.02 million m²** cleared
- **4,926 AP mines**, as well as 557 AT mines & 41,429 UXO were collected & destroyed

MRE & community liaison sessions:

- **326,236 female & male** received
- MRE recipients reported locations of **383 AP mines**, 92 AT mines, & 41,863 UXO*





3. Remaining work to be completed to be in compliance with Article 5 obligations

1. Completion of on-going **Technical Survey** and more effective strategic & operational planning.
2. Continued **Mine Clearance & MRE activities**, expanding the areas of EMAO operations **from three regions to ten regions**.

4. The circumstances that may impede Ethiopia's ability to fulfill Article 5 obligations.

- Security problems in the zone.
- **Sudden drop in financial support from international donors to EMAO's demining programme** may slow down Ethiopia's work
- But "Ethiopia firmly hopes to fulfill its Article 5 obligations by 01 June 2015"

5. Financial and technical means dedicated by Ethiopia to the fulfillment of Article 5 obligations

- Between 2002 and 2006, EMAO's de-mining programme was implemented with the (ERPMU) financed by the World Bank loan more than **15 million USD.**
- Qualified former military personnel of Ethiopian national defense force constitute **the core groups of technical experts** at EMAO

6. New methodologies employed by Ethiopia for the fulfillment of Article 5 obligations

1. Integrated Mine Action (2007 -):

Mine action that effectively integrates demining by manual deminers & MDDs along with ground preparation conducted by mini-flail machines

2. Land release (2007 – 4/2008):

A total of **374,996,742 m²** of previously suspected hazardous areas released through Technical Survey & Rapid Respond Teams.



7. The international organization managing demining programme in Ethiopia.

- **No.** It is **only EMAO** that provides Mine Clearance and MRE services in the country.
- International organizations (i.e. UN and NGO) have been supporting **Capacity Building** of EMAO.
- **National ownership & leadership** have been guiding principles of EMAO's Capacity Development since its establishment in 2001.

8. Ethiopia's priorities for external assistance to support the fulfillment of Article 5 obligations

- **Since 2001 donors** to EMAO's programme through UNDP have included: Canada, Denmark, the EC, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, UK (DFID), the United States, the World Bank & UNDP BCPR.
- Financial support to **the 2007-2008 EMAO's mine action project** has been received from the EC, Norway, UNDP BCPR. In-kind support has been received from Germany.
- Support of GICHD.
- **Continued financial support** from international donors are requested for:
 - Major replacement of demining assets from 2008 to 2009
 - Operational cost from 2010 to 2015



Thank You

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