



Presentation to the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education & Mine Action Technologies

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By Ethiopian Mine Action Office (EMAO)

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 <u>Ethiopian Mine Action Office-EMAO</u> (2001 -)
- 2. Establishment of <u>nationwide baseline data</u> on Anti-Personnel Mine contamination (2002-4)
- 3. <u>Mine Clearance & Mine Risk Education</u> 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 <u>a</u> <u>civilian entity responsible for Mine Clearance & MRE under the PM office.</u>
- 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.







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.

- 2. Progress made in the implementation of Ethiopia's national de-mining programme
- 2.3. Mine Clearance & Mine Risk Education results (2002 4/2008):

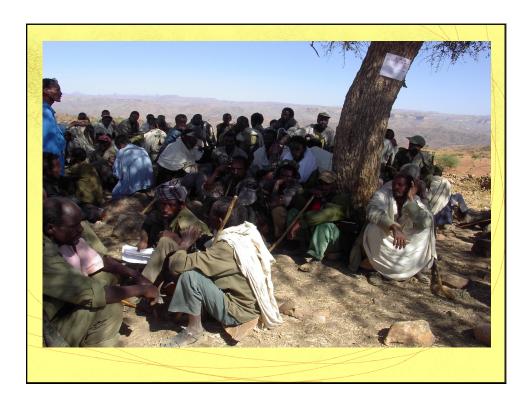
Mine Clearance:

- 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

- Completion of on-going <u>Technical</u>
 <u>Survey</u> and more effective strategic & operational planning.
- Continued <u>Mine Clearance & MRE</u>

 activities, expanding the areas of EMAO operations <u>from three regions to ten regions.</u>

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 <u>15</u> million USD.
- Qualified former military personnel of Ethiopian national defense force constitute <u>the core</u> <u>groups of technical experts</u> 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 m**² 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

- <u>Since 2001 donors</u> 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



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