

The Netherlands

Humanitarian Mine Action

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Stability Fund

- Foster peace, stability and development in post-conflict areas (eg. demobilization; capacity building police etc)
- 86 million on average a year
- Great Lakes, Horn of Africa, Afghanistan, Balcans

Stability Fund

- Combines foreign policy instruments with development aid
- Dutch strategy on Humanitarian Mine Action
- Support for HMA in 2005: € 15.3 million Euro; in 2006 € 14.8 mln

Dutch funding for 2006

- 14.85 million Euro
 - 10 million through NGO's (Theme Based Co-financing)
 - 4.85 million through UNMAS and UNDP

(theme-based grant programme)

- structural poverty reduction
- program funding for 4 years
- no new funding possibilities (2004-2007)
- 4 NGO's :
 - HALO Trust
 - Norwegian People's Aid
 - Mines Advisory Group
 - Handicap International Belgium

likely to receive funding

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Cambodia
- Mozambique
- Kosovo
- Somaliland
- Ethiopia
- Burundi
- Rwanda
- Iraq
- Sudan
- DR Congo
- Bosnia

basic principle of Dutch funding for Mine Action

projects that have already received grants and obtained good results, will be given priority over new activities.

Dutch Strategy HMA

- clearing mines and UXO
- coordinated strategy in each country
- local capacity-building and training
- Cost-effective: preferably in high risk areas
- Ottawa Convention
- Humanitarian or socio-economic impact
- IMAS and UNMAS guidelines

restrictions

- no funds for research & development
- no commercial companies
- no direct funding of foreign government agencies
- majority of funds through NGO's;
- Part through UNMAS and UNDP
- limited flexibility

how to apply for funds?

- no new funding for NGO's until 2008
- National Mine Action Program and UN-agencies (yearly):
 - through the Portfolio of Mine Action Projects
 - by keeping us informed on new developments
 - Dutch Embassies abroad, Dutch missions in New York and Geneva, Humanitarian Aid Division, MoFA, The Hague