

Dear Mr. President,

As all we know Information is vital for the effective management of mine action programs. Comprehensive and accurate information leads to more effective and efficient operations as their planning and implementation will be based on facts.

I would like to share one of the examples of good practice in integration of an advanced tool in Information Management realized last two years in Tajikistan Mine Action Program, where TNMAC with GICHD support made significant progress.

Starting from 2018 TNMAC supported by GICHD launched the implementation of IMSMA Core, as a next stage in integration of professional IM tools in mine action. The new tool allowed providing access to information to a wide range of stakeholders, foster information sharing and provide near-real time maps and reports on humanitarian mine action in Tajikistan.

As of today, IMSMA Core is being successfully used by all implementing partners along with TNMAC to report, revise and verify information related to all Mine Action Pillars. The tool is designed the way that allows to extract required data in real time to feed user`s requirement.

Currently, there are developed 12 online data entry forms in Survey123 Application. All activities done in Tajikistan Mine Action Programme now comes through the online reporting forms connected to the database portal.

After review and validation process reports are used in the official statistics and displayed via Operations Dashboards and Maps from IMSMA Core database.

The data standards should be identified both for internal and external visualization. In our opinion it is important to show the progress of our ongoing activities (such as Land Release and MRE) and the impact of our work by showing accident trends and land use changes.

In conclusion, I would like to proceed with the same IM development in Mine Action, but unfortunately there are always risks such as staff turnover or lack of resources. However, I am confident that with the GICHD support TNMAC and partners will get significant progress on Information Management. I am grateful to the GICHD for the continuous training support provided to our IM staff.

Thank you for your attention.