



Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan (MAPA) Fast Facts

Data as of 13 January 2010¹

Scope of the Problem: By the end of December 2009, there were 6,351 hazards remaining affecting 630 sq km and impacting 2,130 communities throughout the country.

Casualties: In 2009, an average of 40 Afghans were injured or killed every month due to mines and ERW. However this shows a significant decrease on previous years and the lowest in a decade.

Mine Clearance:

- In 2009, the MAPA conducted mine clearance in 282 communities; clearing or cancelling 1,229 minefields and 121 battle areas, destroying more than 50 thousand anti-personnel mines, 700 anti-tank mines and more than a million Explosive Remnants of War.
- Since the beginning of the programme 20 years ago, the implementers of mine action have cleared over 15,000² hazard areas throughout the country. 84 Districts and 1,370 communities have been cleared of mines and other explosive remnants of war.
- Under the 2006 Afghanistan Compact the area contaminated by mines and explosive remnants of war must be reduced by 70 per cent by March 2011. The MAPA has progressed 58% in terms of area and 56% in terms of number of hazards towards this goal of a 70% reduction.
- The Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty requires total clearance by 2013. The MAPA has progressed 41% in terms of area and 39% in terms of number of hazards towards this goal.
- New hazards continue to be found Afghanistan, increasing the challenge of the goals set by the Afghan Compact and Ottawa Treaty and affecting the progress towards them.

Mine Risk Education: More than one million Afghans received MRE from Jan-Dec 2009. 69% of these were children. More than 40% were female.

Disability/ Survivor Assistance: MACCA and MAPA partners support three Government ministries (MoLSAMD, MoPH and MoE) to improve the services, policies and attitudes affecting persons with disability in Afghanistan. A total of 35,890 Afghans received disability awareness training in 2009. Significant progress made by the Government in the area of mine survivors over the last year includes the passing by Parliament of a National Disability Law and ongoing discussions around the UN's Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Funding:

- The MAPA Integrated Operational Framework (IOF) for 1389 sets out a funding target for mine clearance of \$242m in multilateral and bilateral funding - for projects to begin in 1389. If those projects are completed, some 157 sq km of contaminated land will be returned back to communities.
- At present there is a clearance funding shortfall of \$163 million against the target of the IOF
- Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance advocacy requires \$2.8 million and currently has the entire amount pledged.

¹ The data comes form the Information Management System of Mine Action (IMSMA) which is the national database

² 12,712 MFs and 3,036 BAC