



Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan (MACCA)

MACCA FIRST NATIONAL MINE ACTION CENTRE TO LAUNCH IMSMA NEW GENERATION DATABASE

March 24th, 2010. MACCA has become the first national mine action centre in the world to launch the Next Generation of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA^{NG}). This will enable the MACCA to more easily coordinate, validate and synchronize the large amount of data on progress, clearance and other mine action activities sent from the field. Afghanistan's dataset is one of the largest in the world and the MACCA team enters over 1,000 reports every month sent from seven regional field offices.

Dr Haider Reza, Programme Director of MACCA said:

"We are proud to be partnering with GICHD to take advantage of the most advanced technology in order to ensure our database is as accurate and useful for programming as possible. A reliable dataset is absolutely essential for ensuring mine action is carried out in a strategic and effective way, maintaining humanitarian priorities and ultimately saving lives."

The process of implementing IMSMA^{NG} has been an 18-month process, which has involved MACCA working closely with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the software development company FGM to ensure that the new database is well adapted to suit the programming needs of the MACCA. Mine Action programmes throughout the world will now benefit from these efforts.

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