

Information Management Advisory Support for HCND in Chad



Chad has a difficult mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) situation as a result of the 1973 Libyan invasion and more than 30 years of internal conflict.

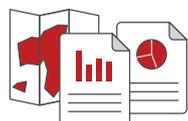
Mines and ERW are said to obstruct safe access to housing, roads, pastures, water points, and mining areas, especially in northern Chad.



Contamination is said to be an ongoing threat to communities and to have a severe negative impact on the socio-economic development of Borkou, Ennedi, and Tibesti (among its poorest regions).

Source: Mine Action Review

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The activities are implemented within the framework of the PRODECO (Protection sociale, Déminage des terres et voies de communication et Développement économique) project, and the primary objective is to provide critical information management support and capacity building activities to the National Mine Action Authority in Chad (HCND), to further develop their capabilities in information management for humanitarian mine action (HMA), one of the main iMMAP's areas of expertise.

Years of presence in Chad:
Since 2017

Donor: **European Union**

Current project: **Information Management Advisory Support for HCND in Chad**

Number of partners iMMAP currently supports: **5**

Background

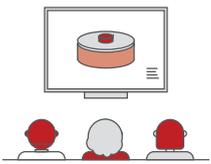


The National Mine Action Authority in CHAD (HCND) is using the Information Management for Mine Action (IMSMA) software. IMSMA

provides users with support for data collection, data storage, reporting, information analysis and project management activities. In order to improve the HCND competencies around information management and humanitarian mine action, FSD proposed iMMAP to collaborate and offer expert IM services.

iMMAP deployed an information management specialist to FSD France office in Chad. The technical expert assessed HCND personnel capacities on information management, the equipment available and the IMSMA database. After this evaluation, a lack of resources was identified, including lack of qualified human resources structure to manage the IMSMA at the local authorities' level. Furthermore, the IMSMA database was identified as incomplete, with hard copies archiving not properly managed.

Actions Taken



- An IMSMA user training program (for beginners) was launched for the new HCND responsible person, and recommendations were developed to HCND to identify

other human resources with information management skills including management of software such as IMSMA and ArcGIS. In addition, training on ArcGIS and Adobe Illustrator was delivered to HCND, HI and MAG staff.

- An action plan for a period of 2 years was developed and approved by HCND.
- On a regular basis, new forms for IMSMA are developed depending on the needs, and they are shared with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) for the last verification and feedback.

Sectors supported



Protection

Outcomes

- Production of the National Mine Action Standards for Information Management paper, given that similar document did not exist before.
- Provision of regular IT support to HCND to smoothen HCND operations and activities.
- The IMSMA database management has been followed and cleaned up, to start producing specific maps.
- The project is expected to continue in order to provide support to HCND when the activities of de-contamination in the field begin.

Implementing Partners

Protection sociale, Déminage des terres et voies de communication et Développement économique (PRODECO) is a project funded by the European Union to support demining, development and social protection of vulnerable people in Chad

Humanity and Inclusion (HI) coordinates the consortium and it is responsible for the operations in Borkou and Ennedi Ouest regions

Mine Advisory Group (MAG) operates in Tibesti and Lac region on demining activities

Fondation Suisse de Déminage (FSD) is responsible to support the National Mine Action Authority (HCND) on the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA), operation, administration and logistics

SECADEV facilitates the rehabilitation care for mine and ERW victims and persons with disabilities (PWD)