Context

Chad continues to suffer from the extensive mine and explosive remnants of war (ERWs) resulting from the 1973 Libyan invasion and more than 30 years of ongoing internal conflict.

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

Mine and ERW contamination is an ongoing threat to communities and has a severe negative impact on the socio-economic development in the regions of Borkou, Ennedi, and Tibesti (among the poorest regions).

iMMAP in Chad

The activities are implemented within the framework of the PRODECO (Protection sociale, Démincage des terres et voies de communication et Développement économique) project, and its primary objective is to provide critical information management (IM) support and capacity building activities to the National Mine Action Authority in Chad (HCND), in order to further develop their capabilities in information management for humanitarian mine action (HMA), one of iMMAP’s main areas of expertise.
The National Mine Action Authority in CHAD (HCND) is using the Information Management for Mine Action (IMSMA) software. IMSMA provides users with support in data collection, data storage, reporting, information analysis and project management activities. In order to improve the HCND competencies around IM and humanitarian mine action, Fondation Suisse de Déminage (FSD) requested the support of iMMAP to provide IM services.

iMMAP deployed an IM specialist to FSD France office in Chad. The technical expert assessed HCND personnel capacities on information management, the available equipment and the IMSMA database.

The evaluation showed a need to improve current resources together with capacity strengthening for those managing IMSMA at a local authority level. Furthermore, the IMSMA database was identified as incomplete, with irregularities in the hard-copy archiving.

**Actions Taken**

- Developed an action plan for a period of 2 years for HCND which has been approved.
- Provided ArcGIS training to HCND IM team together with ArcGIS and Adobe Illustrator training to HCND, HI and MAG.
- Developed new forms for IMSMA on a need basis which are pending final verification by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).
- A basic GIS training (Google Earth, GPS, GPS TrackMaker) is planned for the HCND operation team and implementing partners.
- An IMSMA administrators training program is planned for the HCND IM team.

**Implementing Partners**

**HI** coordinates the consortium and is responsible for the operations in Borkou and Ennedi Ouest regions.

**MAG** operates in Tibesti and Lac regions specifically for demining activities.

**FSD** is responsible in supporting the HCND on operations, administration, IMSMA and logistics.

**SECADEV** facilitates the rehabilitation care for mine and ERW victims together with persons with disabilities.

**Outcomes**

- Production of the National Mine Action Standards for Information Management document.
- Provision of regular support to HCND to ensure the smooth implementation of operations and activities.
- Cleaning of the IMSMA database which allowed the production of specific maps (clearance, hazardous areas, ERW victim/accidents, etc.)
- The project is expected to continue in order to provide support to HCND when the activities of de-contamination in the field