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List of Acronyms

AAF	Albanian Armed Forces
ALB – AID	Albanian Association for Integration and Development
AMMCO	Albanian Mines and Munitions Coordination Office
APMBC	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
ARC	Albanian Red Cross
ASS	Ammunition Storage Sites
AXO	Abandoned Explosive Ordnance
CCM	Convention on Cluster Munitions
CCW	Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
FFE	Free from Explosives
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
ESH	Explosive Store Houses
ERW	Explosive Remnants of War
GICHD	Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining
ICRC	International Committee of Red Cross
IMAS	International Mine Action Standards
IMSMA	Information Management System for Mine Action
ITF	International Trust Fund Enhancing Human Security
MoD	Ministry of Defense
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
NPA	Norwegian People’s Aid
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
QM	Quality Management
RE	Risk Education
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
US DoS	United States Department of States
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

1. Executive Summary

This is the second progress report of the project “*Capacity Support to Albanian Mine & Munitions Coordination Office (AMMCO)*”, funded by the Government of the United States through ITF Enhancing Human Security for implementation period of January 2017-December 2017. The report provides a description of activities and progress for the period April – June 2017.

At the end of **June 2017**, the current number of dangerous UXO hotspots is at present reduced to **4 from initially 19 ones identified in 2011**. On 12 May 2017, the clearance operations are successfully completed in UXO hotspot of Picar, therefore the area will be handed over to the respective authorities.

Overall goal is to contribute in achieving that Albania is safe from ERW/UXO and to the fulfillment of the Albanian Government commitment to eliminate the ammunition risk by 2017.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- *Survey/Clearance and certification of four remaining contaminated areas Sinanaj-Tepelene, Jube Sukth-Durres, Qafe Shtame and Suç-Burrel in full compliance with international humanitarian standards.*
- *Inspection and certification as safe and free from ammunition of three former military ammunition depots in Borizane Kruje, Vertop Berat and Berzhite in Tirana.*
- *Community liaison, public awareness and risk education of local communities living around the affected areas in Gjirokaster, Tepelene, Durres, Burrel, Skrapar and Librazhd.*

AMMCO continues to provide technical assistance to the Government of Albania, in complying with the Disarmament Treaties such as the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBT) and Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) obligations.

1.1 Land cleared and released

During the reporting period April - June 2017, AMMCO was carrying out Coordination and Quality Management (Quality Assurance & Quality Control) of the cleared areas in UXO hotspots of Picar, Sinanaj Tepelene and Jube – Sukth Durres, respectively;

- **13,008 square meters** of contaminated land was cleared by Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA), while AMMCO QM Team provided quality assurance/control in the UXO hotspot of Picar (**7,388 square meters**) in Gjirokaster region and Jube – Sukth (**5,620 square meters**) in Durres. In addition NPA has investigated **10,180 square meters** during Technical Survey operation -in UXO hotspot of Sinanaj in Tepelene.
- **914** items of UXO (different calibers of artillery ammunitions, fuzes hand grenades), are found during this reporting period in UXO hotspots of Picar, Sinanaj and Jube- Sukth.
- **2,430** items of small arms and ammunitions (≤ 23 mm and bullets) (SAA) are found during this reporting period in UXO hotspots of Picar, Sinanaj and Jube- Sukth.

The main items found included fuzes, grenades and electronic detonators, as well as larger items such as mortars, shells and projectiles. All classified “red” items found, are destroyed in situ from EOD team of AAF and others considered as “Safe” to transport are collected, transported and stored in the designated military depot for further destruction on the demolition range from the EOD AAF, coordinated from AMMCO.

1.2 Application of international standards and Quality Management

AMMCO and clearance organizations (NPA and EOD unit of AAF) are operating in full compliance with National and International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) developed for UXO hotspot

clearance programme. NPA has already developed the UXO clearance SOPs, based on their previous experience and EOD of AAF manual. This document is reviewed, update as needed and approved by AMMCO along with AMMCO's work to ensure that clearance activities are carried out safely and in full compliance with national and international Humanitarian Standards. No accidents recorded during the reporting period. The AMMCO Quality Management (QM) Team carried out regular monitoring visits and is also weekly liaising with the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) to request and supervise the demolitions conducted by AAF in the NPA UXO hotspot clearance sites in Picar, Sinanaj and Jube Sukth. During the reporting, period the AMMCO QM Team has performed Quality Assurance (QA) visits and has conducted the Quality Control in the cleared areas by NPA. The QM Team has conducted 28 Quality Management's visits.

1.3 Risk Education and public awareness

Risk education (RE) and community liaison activities were ongoing as part of UXO hotspots clearance programme. Meetings and awareness raising sessions with local inhabitants were conducted in Picar, Sinanaj and Jube -Sukth UXO hotspots to inform them about the potential risk. Awareness raising activities targeted 4,600 inhabitants, including men, women, boys and girls without any discrimination due to their involvement in risky activities, such as scrap metal collection and farming or animal husbandry in contaminated areas. Awareness sessions together with NPA teams delivering appropriate messages are held with inhabitants of Picar, Sinanaj and Jube - Sukth in support of the clearance operations.

1.4 Victims Assistance

There are at least 1002 UXO casualties (151 killed and 851 injured) all over Albania. The last accident with unexploded ordnance was registered on 25 March 2017.

A "Needs Assessment of Social-Economic and Medical needs of marginalized Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims in Albania" supported by the Austrian and US Government, has been completed during 2013-2016. The focus of the assessment was to review the status of the survivors, identifying their specific needs and drafting due recommendations for assistance to the Government and donors. Based on the above Needs assessments, US Department of State through ITF Enhancing Human Security funded two projects in Victim Albania during 2016-2017.

1.5 Disarmament Treaty support

Albania is a State Party to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and Cluster Munitions Convention. As such, it has reporting obligations deriving from the respective Articles of each of these Conventions on yearly basis. AMMCO is providing its technical support and expertise to the Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have prepared six the convention annual transparency reports during this reporting period on: (i) Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), (ii) the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), (iii) the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBT) and (iv) the OSCE questionnaire for the year 2016. The reports of CCM and APMBT are made available on the respective websites of each convention, while three CCW's reports are in the process of being checked and approved.

2. The UXO/ERW hotspots problem in Albania

The ammunition contamination of the territory is a problem in Albania. Among the causes of such contamination are the accidental explosions at Ammunition Storage Sites (ASS) across the country during the civil unrest in 1997, the unexploded remains of the WW I & II as well as former army ammunition demolition areas that need to be cleared of explosive remnants. Ammunition hotspots have also been created in few former army demolition areas and shooting or firing ranges polygons (former shooting & training sites), which have been closed recently by the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF). Most of these areas need a full subsurface clearance at a depth of 20 to 50 cm, before being used by the army or being released for further use.

In order to respond to the ammunition contamination situation, the Albanian Government, supported by the international community, embarked on a consolidation reform, focusing mainly on the reduction of storage depots, the destruction of a considerable number of SALWs and ammunition stockpiles and the clearance of the existing UXO hotspots by 2018.

According to AMMCO database, there are 1002 abandoned explosive ordnance casualties (151 killed and 851 injured) recorded all over Albania during the period from 1997 until to date. The last accidents registered in Albania during 2017 are; one on 20 January 2017 and two others on 22 and 25 March 2017. The accidents happened in private property in Pogradec, and around the army buildings in Porto Romano Durres and Yrshek Tirana. In total six people are involved in accidents; 5 injured and one dead after being transported in National Trauma Hospital. From the 5 injured; 2 are children, two are civilian and one is an army sergeant's.

At the end of June 2017, the current number of dangerous UXO hotspots is at present reduced to 4 from initially 19 ones identified in 2011. In May 2017, the clearance operations are successfully completed in UXO hotspot of Picar, therefore the area will be handed over to authorities.

Table 1: Updated List of UXO hotspots as of 30 June 2017

NO	UXO Hotspots	Originally suspected Hazard in 2014 (m²)	Total area cleared as of 30 June 2017, (m²)	Clearance Plan for 2017-2018 (m²)
1	Gjeroven-Berat	63.000	68.423	Completed
2	Sinanaj – Tepelene	200.000	0	200.000
3	Picar – Gjirokaster	62.000	28.285	Completed
4	Kordhoc – Gjirokaster	2.400	24.470	Completed
5	Jube Sukth – Durres	1.326.714	5.620	1.321.094
6	Klos – Burrel (1 tunel)	180	180	Completed
7	Mbreshtan – Berat	30.720	65.227	Completed
8	Palikesht – Berat	12.000	13.321	Completed
9	Laç (1 tunel)	1.117	350	Completed
10	Suç-Burrel	84.000	75.650	8.350
11	Qafe Shtame -Burrel (2 tunele)	0	0	360
12	Gerdec – Vore	368.000	368.000	Completed
13	Ura e Gjadrit-Shkoder	91.000	93.295	Completed
14	Otlake-Berat	3.000	3.000	Completed
15	Gryke e Manatise-Lezhe	6.000	6.000	Completed
16	Rreshen-Lezhe	10.000	10.000	Completed
17	Brezhdan-Peshkopi	30.000	30.000	Completed
18	Pilure-Vlore	12.000	12.000	Completed
19	Shen-Vasil, Vlore	0	0	Completed
Total		2.302.131	803.821	1.533.104

3. UXO hotspots clearance operation activities

During the reporting period, Technical survey and UXO hotspots clearance operations were ongoing in Picar, Sinanaj and Jube - Sukth carried out by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) funded by US Government through ITF Enhancing Human Security and in Qafe Shtame (Selixe) and Suc in Burrel by the EOD unit of Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) funded by Albanian Government.

AMMCO team was continuously coordinating, monitoring and conducting Quality Management of the cleared land on those areas of operation.

3.1 Picar UXO Hotspot in Gjirokaster

During the uprising in Albania and on the 13 March 1997, there was an explosion at the Picar Ammunition Storage Site (ASS) which resulted in UXO contamination of area. On 15 May 1997 during a clearance operation done by AAF a further fire/explosion occurred in a working area where stocks (approximately 120 tons) of damaged ammunition and loose propellant were being consolidated. This resulted in 4 deaths and 10 injuries.

In 2016, AMMCO issued a task dossier of UXO Hotspot of Picar (TD HS 011) to Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), based on the MoD action plan and clearance priorities. On 25 July 2016 NPA deployed one clearance team to the UXO hotspot of Picar. The figures of the clearance progress for the reporting period follows: (i) clearance progress, (ii) items found in this UXO hotspot are respectively:

- i. **7,388 square meters** of contaminated land in the UXO Hotspot of Picar is cleared by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA).
- ii. **676** items of unexploded ordnance (UXO) were found in total during clearance process, the main items found included fuzes, grenades, as well as larger items such as mortars and projectiles.
- iii. **2,364** items of small arms and ammunitions (≤ 23 mm and bullets) (SAA) were found during the clearance in this UXO hotspot.

From the commencement of clearance operations to 12 May 2017 at the UXO hotspot of Picar, a total of **28,285 square meters** of contaminated land and **2,590 UXO** and **14,007 SSA** and **2,789 SALW** items were found and destroyed on-site or were transported to be demolished from EOD Team in the approved demolition ranges designated by MoD for this purpose.

AMMCO QM team performed Quality Assurance and Quality Control of this area, with sampling procedures based on the clearance progress in this task.

On 12 May 2017, the clearance operations are successfully completed in UXO hotspot of Picar, therefore the area will be handed over to the respective authorities and local communities.

3.2 Sinanaj UXO Hotspot in Tepelene

During the demilitarization process done by the EOOD team of AAF, on 06 May 2006 the Explosive Storage Houses (ESH) exploded killing instantly 2 EOD military staff on site and destroying 6 ammunition storages. The explosion resulted in UXO contamination of the surrounding area. The area was surfaced cleared from EOD AAF, but needs technical survey to determine if further surface and sub-surface clearance is needed according to International Standards.

In April 2017, AMMCO issued a task dossier to do Technical Survey of UXO Hotspot of Sinanaj (TD HS 012) to Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), based on the MoD action plan and priorities. NPA deployed one clearance team to the UXO hotspot of Sinanaj, executing technical survey from 10 - 27 April 2017. During the Technical Survey, NPA team composed by 1 SSV, medical support and 5 operators worked for 9 operational days on site, covering 200.00 sq. Meters. In total 54 boxes of 50 m x 50 m sizes were searched, physically investigating 10,180 sq. Meters and **67 UXOs** and **66 SSA** were located and remove; both surface and subsurface.

Technical Survey confirmed the need for full clearance of the UXO Hotspot in Sinanaj to an area around **200.000 square meters**.

3.3 Jub Sukth UXO Hotspot in Durres

This former AAF (Albanian Armed Forces) training area and later ammunition demolition area (OBOD) lies on beach North of Durres which is used regularly by the local community. Fisher nets are pointing to fishing activities in the area. Ammunition metal scrap collectors are collecting metal pieces in the water for selling them on the market. This activity contains a certain threat and should be stopped.

Numerous demolition pits scattered over the area are witnessing OBOD activities. The last demolition happened in April 2011. The Albanian MoD closed this demolition range and intends to handover the area to local authorities.

The AAF carried out a surface clearance but the area will need a sub-surface clearance according International Standards (IMAS) before the land can be released to the local communities.

During the assessment, no explosive containing items could be found and no accident involving an explosive containing item was reported during the last years.

On 2 February AMMCO send the Technical Assessment reports for TD-HS- 017 (Jube-Sukth UXO Hotspot) to NPA.

On 8 May 2017, AMMCO issued a task dossier to do Technical Survey of UXO Hotspot of Jube- Sukth (TD HS 017) to Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), based on the MoD action plan and priorities. NPA deployed two clearance teams to the UXO hotspot of Jube- Sukth, executing technical survey from 23 May until 23 June 2017 over the whole area (with expectation of the part that is underwater), totaling 974,177 sqm. In total **32,719 sqm** were physically investigated by different instruments, i.e. Schonstaedet 72-ga, Ebinger PIDD and Ebinger Large loop UPEX-740 with the purpose to determine contamination type, depth and the best methodology tools NPA have. In addition, soil was excavated with the help of JCB 3cx excavator in 19 different boxes over the area, and then checked with different instruments. In total **126 UXO** were removed and handed over to EOD AAF during technical Survey operation. This Items were found in the depth up to 20 centimeters, except for the training bombs that were found on the depth to 1 meter, were discovered by large loop. Based on the technical Survey findings, NPA prepare the Clearance Operation Plan which was introduced for approval on 26 June 2017. The full clearance of the Jube-Sukth hotspot can be considering as "challenging" because it includes the beach shore (underwater clearance), sand and muddy areas.

After the Technical Survey completed, based on the NPA Clearance Operation Plan approved on 28 June 2017 AMMCO issued a task dossier based on the MoD Order to do Clearance Operation of UXO Hotspot of Jube- Sukth (TD HS 017) to Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). NPA deployed two clearance teams to the UXO hotspot of Jube- Sukth, executing Clearance Operation from 28 June until 30 June 2017, NPA cleared **5,620 sqm** and **45** items of unexploded ordnance (UXO) were found and handed over to EOD AAF for disposal during clearance operation.

4. Application of International Standard and Quality Management of UXO Hotspot Clearance Operations

AMMCO and clearance organizations (NPA and EOD unit of AAF) are operating in full compliance with National and International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) developed for UXO hotspot clearance programme. NPA has already developed the UXO clearance SOPs, based on their previous experience and EOD of AAF manual. This document is reviewed, update as needed and approved by AMMCO along with AMMCO's work to ensure that clearance activities are carried out safely and in full compliance with national and international Humanitarian Standards. Thus, no accidents recorded during the reporting period.

The AMMCO Quality Management (QM) Team carried out regular monitoring visits and is also weekly liaising with the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) to request, coordinate and supervise the demolitions conducted by AAF in the NPA UXO hotspot clearance sites in Picar, Sinanaj in Gjirokaster and Jube – Sukth Durres. During the reporting, period the

AMMCO QM Team has performed Quality Assurance (QA) visits and has conducted the Quality Control in the cleared areas by NPA. The QM Team has conducted 28 Quality Management's visits.

During the visits, there were no irregularities. In general, the operations were conducted in compliance with the respective SOPs and the safety standards. The cleared areas qualities controlled by the AMMCO QM Team are found to be free of unexploded ordnance.

5. Operational Meetings

The operational meetings are held on a monthly basis at the Norwegian People's Aid regional office in Gjirokastra and Tirana. The operational meetings provide a good basis for the discussions of the detailed operational issues; clearance productivity, clearance requirements, types and quantities of UXOs and other small arms and ammunitions (SAA) found and their categorization, cooperation with Albanian Armed Forces in the handover/demolitions of the items found, cooperation/community liaison with local authorities and inhabitants living around contaminated areas. The agenda and minutes of the operational meetings are filed and documented.

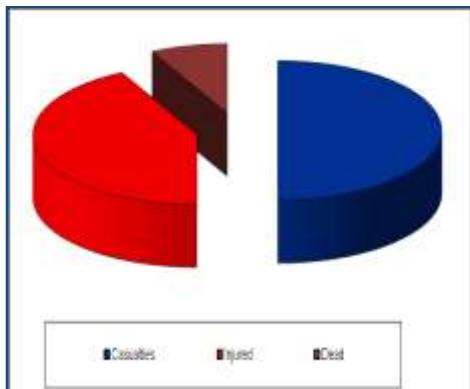
6. Risk Education and Community Liaison

Risk Education activities are closely linked with the community liaison efforts. AMMCO through its community liaison activities in cooperation with NPA teams are directly involved in the handover of cleared land to communities and are assisting in building confidence on the quality of clearance in line with international humanitarian standards. Regardless of the life threat: children, women and men are often involved in scrap metal collection around UXO hotspots. Therefore, local inhabitants of Picar and Sinanaj Gjirokaster, Jub - Sukth Durres and Suc and Qafe Shtame Burrel are met, and awareness-raising sessions were organized with local community members to inform them about the potential risks that UXO hotspots pose. Awareness raising activities targets 4,600 inhabitants, including men, women, boys and girls without any discrimination due to their involvement in risky activities, such as scrap metal collection and farming in contaminated areas.

Upon the start of the UXO Clearance operations in the UXO Hotspot of Jube- Sukth in May 2017, AMMCO has prepared official letter with the relevant information and send it to local authorities in Durres respectively; Mayor of Durres, Director of Police, Director of hospital, Police Inspector and Administrator of Jub - Sukth. At all meetings, the local authorities offer their full support and cooperation with AMMC and Clearance organization.

7. Victims Assistance

There are at least 1002 UXO casualties (151 killed and 851 injured) all over Albania. There is plan aiming to support the mine and UXO victims throughout Albania. The plan complies with several Disarmament International Treaties ratified by Albania, such as Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and Convention on Cluster Munitions Convention. The implementation of the National Plan is contributing to the



emergency and continuing medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, socio-economic reintegration, data collection, relevant laws and policies for all mine/UXO victims throughout Albania.

A "Needs Assessment of Social-Economic and Medical needs of marginalized Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) victims in Albania" supported by the Austrian and US Government, has been completed during 2013-2016. The focus of the assessment was to review the status of the survivors, identifying their specific needs and drafting due recommendations for assistance to the Government and donors. To this purpose, a national workshop with participation of all stakeholders including donors was held in Tirana to present the findings and more important the medical/rehabilitation and socio-economic needs of survivors and/or their families.

Based on the above Needs assessments, US Department of State through ITF Enhancing Human Security funded two projects in Victim Albania during 2016-2017. The first project is supporting the vocational training of 25 survivors. A selection process is done and 17 survivors have already started the training courses these days in Albania. AMMCO is monitoring the project and continuously coordinating with relevant partners of the project.

The second project will support with raw materials and components for the production and repair of prostheses at prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Hospital. Materials and components are delivered in Kukes regional Hospital in June 2017.

During the reporting period, at least 8 new prostheses and 25 major repairs are done to amputees in need at the Prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Hospital and at 320 physiotherapy sessions are done to 41 patients.

In addition, two difficult cases that are not able to be treated in Albania are currently at URI Soca being fitted with prostheses.



8. Disarmament treaties support

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9. Visits and meetings in AMMCO Office

9.1 Visit of ITF Representatives to UXO Hotspots Clearance Programme

From 19 – 21 and 30 - 31 May 2017, the representatives of International Trust Fund (ITF) Enhancing Human Security; director and deputy Director of ITF visited Albania, in order to be informed about the progress and future plans UXO hotspot clearance and demilitarization programmes in Albania. Visits to UXO Hotspots clearance programme aimed at acquiring updated information about the current situation and clearance operations in UXO hotspots, through discussions, formal presentations and on-site visit to UXO Hotspots of Jube Sukth Durres. A MoU for cooperation of ITF and Ministry of Defense Albania in the the field of surplus ammunition for the year 2017 was signed during this visit.

Additionally, ITF representatives visited to the Vocational Training Center in Tirana, where 17 survivors or their family members are attending the vocational training courses. A meeting with the management of the vocational training center and survivors attending the courses were organized.

9.2 Visit of ITF Ammunition Specialist to Albania

From 5-7 and 29- 30 June 2017, the ITF Ammunitions Specialist Mr. Blaz Mihelic visited Albania to do assessment of the demilitarization factories of Polican and Mjebes and visiting the AAF Ammunition Laboratory for possible collaboration between Albanian Armed Forces and Slovenian Armed Forces.

9.3 Visit of USA Embassy Tirana and ITF representative to Albania

From 27 – 29 June 2017, the representative of USA Embassy Tirana and the ITF Program Manager for Albania visited State Vocational Training Center in Tirana and Kukes Regional Hospital. During the visits at the Vocational Training Center, donor representatives were able to speak and meet with the survivors; discuss the support they are receiving, the priorities and challenges they are facing in the everyday life and reintegration. Present at these meetings were also the management of the vocational training center, where good cooperation and support with survivors attending the courses were mentioned. During the visit in Kukes regional Hospital, the USA and ITF representatives visited the rehabilitation unit, have meetings and discussions with survivors and Kukes Hospital authorities.

US Department of State through ITF Enhancing Human Security funded two projects in Victim Albania. The first project is supporting the vocational training of 25 survivors and their family members, while the second project provided raw materials and components for the production and repair of prostheses at prosthetic Workshop in Kukes Hospital.

10. Visibility

AMMCO always ensures that the USA Government and ITF are clearly visible as donors for the project, in accordance with visibility guidelines. At all publications, meeting at the national and international level, various presentations and visits, donor support is mentioned. Donor logos and other visibility requirements are part of the promotion and awareness materials that are distributed at various events.

11. Planning for July – December 2017

The MoD priorities and the demilitarization action plan focus on:

- Clearance of UXO hotspots contaminated areas in Sinanaj Tepelene and Jube –Sukth Durres by NPA under AMMCO coordination and monitoring.
- Clearance of UXO hotspots contaminated areas in Qafe Shtame (Selixe) and Suc Burrel by EOD of AAF under AMMCO coordination and monitoring.
- Inspection and certification of the remaining former military ammunition depots in Borizane-Kruje, Vertop-Berat and Berzhite Tirana.
- The handover of cleared land to MoD authorities and local government.

Based on above MoD priorities and updated action plan for 2017, AMMCO in cooperation with the General Staff aims to conduct the following activities:

- Conduct Quality Management (Quality Assurance and Quality Control) on the UXO hotspots clearance operations above mentioned.
- Based on the MOD request inspect and certify the above mentioned former military depots, in cooperation with EOD AAF and the Support Command.
- Conduct informative meetings with local authorities in Tepelene, Burrel and Durres in order to inform them about clearance operations in this region and seek their collaboration.
- Develop and distribute awareness raising materials in UXO hotspots of Sinanaj Tepelene, Qafe Shtame and Suc Burrel and Jube - Sukth Durres.
- Update IMSMA database with the relevant information on UXO hotspot clearance progress.
- Monitor the Risk Education and Victim Assistance activities in Albania.
- Assist Albanian Government to fulfill the reporting obligations of the disarmament conventions of CCW, APMBT, CCM and OSCE annual report.