



**United Nations Development Programme
Mozambique**



Activity 1.9 Mine Action Capacity Building in Mozambique (UNDP)

DFID Progress Report

January to March 2011

Overall achievements:

The project activities during the first quarter have been implemented according to the 2011 Annual Work Plan signed between National Demining Institute and UNDP.

During the reporting period, the UNDP's efforts to strengthen the IND's capacities continued, particularly in the areas of ensuring that IND is exposed to the international debates and dialogues on mine clearance, enhancing IND's media relations, and improving the landmine information management system. Under the IND's coordination, clearance operations continued by 2 humanitarian demining NGOs, ie Apopo and Handicap International, under this project. In addition, the very first step to establish a mechanism to address residual issues was carried out by conducting training activities for police and IND.

Results from Activity 1: National Policy, Planning and Coordination and Database USD 33,265.00

1- Attending the 14th Geneva National Directors and UN Advisors for Mine Action Meeting

Two IND senior staff participated in 14th Geneva National Directors and UN Advisors for Mine Action Meeting. The Mozambican delegation took the opportunity to meet GICHD, DIGGER Foundation, SAC and CROMAC with the objective of requesting technical assistance to accelerate the demining operations in Mozambique.

2- Media Workshop

In order to raise public awareness of landmines, IND organized a workshop with key media institutions. Three documents, which are crucial to be covered by the media, were shared with journalists: the Ottawa Convention and the significant of the Article 5, the Mine Action National Action Plan 2008-2014, and Decree 37/99 which brings the issue of mine issues legislation in the country. Subsequently, there have been media coverage on issues related to landmines, particularly with reference to the IND's district-by-district approach in clearing landmines. This has helped not only in raising public awareness, but also in ensuring that the challenge of landmines is treated as a development issue, thus contributing to mobilising additional resources for the Mine Action National Plan.

3- Strengthening the Information Management System

IT equipment and software were procured to reinforce the capacity of the information management system and ensure that data is disseminated accordingly. The GIS software purchased is to improve the preparation of thematic maps and geo-referenced control of demining operations, so that the progress towards achieving Article 5 of the Ottawa Convention is shown in a user friendly manner.

Results from Activity 2: Mine Free – Assessment / Verification process

USD 58,374

in process work by 2 Operators (APOPO and Handicap International)

Project activities are being implemented in accordance with the Annual Work Plans for 2011 as signed with APOPO and Handicap International. Their reporting is due only at the end of March, and at the time of writing this report, reports on this component are not yet available.

However, it should be noted that APOPO's plan is to carry out Mine Free District Evaluation in remaining 5 districts (Chicualacuala, Massangena, Chigubo, Xai-Xai, Mandlakazi) of Gaza Province. Handicap International planned to re-visit some villages, in the provinces of Inhambane and Sofala, in order confirm districts cleared from 2008 to 2010.

Results from Activity 3: Response to residual capacity to provide Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

USD 15,990

Following the agreement between IND and Provincial authorities to initiate a pilot project where the Police units will take the responsibility of all registered and new EOD tasks, IND signed in 2010 an agreement with Operator MECHEM to provide training courses for the Police of Mozambique and IND staff on the EOD matters. In January 2011, the course targeted the province of Cabo Delgado, and 8 police officers and 4 IND staff were trained in the EOD matters. It should be noted that this is a very significant first step to set up a mechanism to address residual issues following the landmine clearance.

More information will be provided when the Training final report will be finalised.

Financial Information:

Programmable amount :	US\$ 107,628.90
7% GMS :	US\$ 8,101.10
Total received :	US\$ 115,730.00

Description	Activity/Expenditures in USD
Activity 1 – National Coordination	- Travel Costs: 7,699.20
	- Workshop: 6,476.09
	- Personnel: 4,437.43
	- IT Equipment: 14,966.45
	Sub Total 33,579.17
Activity 2 – Mine Free Assessment	- AWP APOPO: 29,187.00
	- Handicap International: 29,187.00
	Sub Total 58,374.00
Activity 2 – Mine Free Assessment	- Daily Substance Allowance 10,024.85
	- Transportation Costs 5,448.07
	<i>Committed and to be utilized by 31/03</i> 202.80
	Sub Total 15,675.72
	107,628.90
<i>GMS (7%)</i>	8,101.10
Total	115,730.00