

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

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The information and articles available on this page are focused on the Land Release section's activities. They offer you an overview of the development of projects carried out over the last few years.

Current activities

ANGOLA

Since 2008 GICHD has been working together with NPA on improving Non-Technical and Technical survey procedures in Angola.

March 2008 | Close-Up Newsletter | **GICHD Workshop on Land Release with Norwegian People's Aid Angola PDF 109KB**

CAMBODIA

Since February 2009 GICHD has had a consultant based in Phnom Penh working together with the Cambodian Mine Action Authority, CMAA, and the Cambodian Mine Action Centre, CMAC on Land Release related issues. Current activities includes training of CMAC staff on carrying out Non-technical survey operations and improving Technical Survey procedures.

January 2010 | Close-Up Newsletter | **Towards faster Land Release of land in Cambodia PDF 449KB**

CHAD

GICHD has been asked by the Chad National Authority to assist in the development of a Land Release concept for Chad. An initial fact-finding mission was conducted in May 2009.

DR CONGO

Together with Danish Church Aid (DCA) and Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), GICHD are exploring how land release principles can improve Non-Technical survey, Technical survey and clearance. A visit to DRC is planned for October 2009.

LAO PDR

In 2006/2007 GICHD developed a Risk Management Model for the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) in Lao PDR. The model aims to facilitate more effective land release during Battle Area Clearance operations by prioritising tasks according to the 'risk' they present to the local population. Over a period of 6 months, models for strategic and operational guidance were developed. The final version of the operational model was delivered to the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) in Lao PDR in October 2008.

Report on Land Release activities in Lao PDR | 2009 PDF 8KB
Lao PDR Risk Management and Mitigation Model | 2007 PDF
473KB

TAJIKISTAN

In July 2009 GICHD visited the Tajikistan Mine Action Centre (TMAC) and the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) in order to collect information for future publications related to Non-Technical and Technical Survey. The visit also included a workshop on Technical Survey, in order to discuss the different procedures and the concept of National Standard on Technical Survey, currently under development.

Links to other articles and activity reports

September 2009 | Close-Up Newsletter | **Progress with Land Release in Tajikistan PDF 693KB**
March 2009 | Close-Up Newsletter | **Land Release project: how to more effectively utilise mine action assets PDF 96KB**
September 2007 | Close-Up Newsletter | **Land Release workshop PDF 38KB**
June 2007 | Workshop | Land Release / Risk Management

Publications

A Guide to Land Release : Non-Technical methods

The GICHD has recently re-published a study looking at more effective ways to release land that uses six countries as case studies of effective methodologies. From this, general principles and recommendations are given for mine affected states and programmes.

Download or order the publication

Planned publication

A Guide to Land Release : Technical Survey

GICHD are currently working on a follow-up publication to "A Guide to Land Release; Non-Technical methods", published in 2008. In the wake of the newly-released IMAS on Technical Survey there is a need for a guide on Technical Survey to support IMAS 8:22 with more practical advice and examples. The guide will be directed to operators at field level and aims to give clear guidance and examples which can be easily implemented.

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