

# MINUTES OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP

11 November 2004

Norwegian People's Aid and Handicap International  
Sarajevo, Bosnia-i-Herzegovina

**Attendees:** **CMA** - Belinda Goslin, Taz Khaliq; **DDG** - Paul Mackintosh; **GICHD** - Ananda Millard; **HALO** - Tom Dibb; **HI** - Jean Baptiste Richardier; **MAG** - Adam Komorowski, Rob White; **NPA** - Paul Collinson, Per H. Breivik, Per Nergaard; **UNDP** - Chip Bowness, Archie Law; **UNICEF** - Natalie Prevost; **UNMAS** - Martin Barber, Justin Brady & John Flanagan; **UNOPS** - JJ van der Merwe; **VVAF** - Joe Donahue

**Guests:** **BH Demining Commission** - Darko Vidovic; **BHMAC** - Darvin Lisica; **EC Delegation** - Mladen Bevanda & Michael Docherty; **EC JRC** - Serge Meyer-Roux; **ICRC** - Ben Lark; **JMU** - Dennis Barlow; **Landmine Action** - Simon Conway; **MAT** - Ben Remfrey; **SRSA** - Richard Hartmann & Pehr Lodhammar

**SAC Staff:** Bob Eaton, Mike Kendellen, Almedina Komic, Craig Williams

**Regrets:** **AAR** Yuki Osa; **GICHD** Ian Mansfield

Darko Vidovic, member of the Bosnia-i-Herzegovina Demining Commission opened the meeting and welcomed the SWG to Sarajevo. The morning session was chaired by Martin Barber [UNMAS] and the afternoon session was chaired by Jean Baptiste Richardier [HI].

## Reports:

Alan Macdonald of SAC and coordinator for the Afghanistan Retrofit LIS, reported on the survey in Afghanistan. Joe Donahue of VVAF reported on surveys in Armenia, Iraq and Vietnam. Mike Kendellen of SAC gave an update on the Angola LIS. Almedina Komic of SAC gave an update on the Somalia Phase II (Puntland).

Mladen Bevanda and Michael Docherty of the EC Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina presented the just approved EC Three Year Strategy. The strategy stressed adherence to the goals of the Mine Ban Treaty. In addition emphasis was placed on reducing victims and utilizing impact surveys for priority planning.

Craig Williams of the SAC staff presented a prototype of the LIS Explorer – a web-based application that offers the mine action community interactive access to LIS data

## Action Minutes:

The SWG approved five minutes:

### **SWG 04-06 Protocol 5 - Certification**

The SWG received from UNMAS the draft revision of the SWG Certification Protocol. The SWG provided substantive comments to UNMAS. UNMAS will circulate a note on this discussion to the SWG for comment and revision. UNMAS will then provide the SWG with a final draft at its next meeting.

### **SWG 04-07 Protocol 6 - Visual Inspection**

After years of work, the SWG happily endorses Protocol 6 – Visual Inspection.

### **SWG 04-08 Scaled LIS**

Based on the discussion of the Task Force on a Scaled LIS, the SWG asks SAC to work with SWG members to prepare a detailed recommendation for the next meeting of the SWG.

### **SWG 04-09 LIS terminology**

The SWG notes that the term Landmine Impact Survey implies an intention to conduct a survey according to SWG Protocols.

### **SWG 04-10 Protocol 8 - Impact Scoring**

The SWG heard a brief report concerning preliminary scoring and classification results in Angola. The SWG encourages its implementing partners in Angola to continue its review of the situation and to share any conclusions or recommendations with the SWG.

**Note taker:** Bob Eaton