

MINUTES OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP

23-24 June 2005
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Attendees: **CMA** –Taz Khaliq; **DDG** – Paul Mackintosh; **GICHD** – Stephan Nellen; **HALO** – Henrik Mathiesen, Tim Porter; **HI** – Céline Lacoffrette, Jean Baptiste Richardier; **MAG** – Steve Wilson **NPA** – Steinar Essén; **UNDP** – Sayed Aqa, Christian Larssen; **UNMAS** – Martin Barber, Chris Clark, Justin Brady, John Flanagan, Todd Hart; **UNOPS** – JJ van der Merwe; **VVAF** – Chuck Conley

Guests: **CNIDAH** – Estevao Alberto, Dr. Balbina, Admando Peliganga, Gen. Petroff; **FSD** – Sean Moorhouse; **ICBL** – Anne Capelle; **MAT** – Nigel Howard, Ben Remfrey; **UNHCR** – Harry Leefe;

SAC Staff: Bob Eaton, Mike Kendellen

Regrets: UNICEF – Dermont Carty

The Thursday afternoon session was chaired by Sayed Aqa [UNDP] and the Friday morning session was chaired by Jean Baptiste Richardier [HI].

Reports:

Gen. Petroff, President of CNIDAH, read a statement concerning the recent temporary suspension of funding for the LIS in Angola. Chuck Conley, VVAF, reported on the survey activities in Armenia, Iraq and Vietnam. Mike Kendellen, SAC, gave an update on Angola, Colombia, DR Congo, Somalia [Puntland], and Sudan. Steinar Essén, NPA, gave a report on the Task Assessment and Planning [TAP] community mine action project of the NPA and BHMAL in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Bob Eaton, SAC, presented analysis of the Afghanistan LIS to demonstrate the capacity to use LIS data for threat prediction and for reconstruction and development planning.

Action Minutes:

The SWG approved four minutes:

SWG 05-01 Protocol 2 - Preliminary Opinion Collection

Mike Kendellen presented a draft Preliminary Opinion Collection draft that had been held over for further review from the Geneva SWG [SWG 03-05].

“The SWG approved the P02 – Preliminary Opinion Collection with the following noted changes:

1. All references to 'expert opinion' shall be changed to 'preliminary opinion.'
2. Section 5.2.3 add sentence to end of paragraph to read, 'However, These databases shall be employed as fully as practical in the development of the P.O.C.'"

SWG 05-02 Mine Clearance Terminology

Martin Barber, UNMAS, commented on a brief memo that had been distributed with the agenda, "When is clearance, clearance..." Brief discussion

focused on "cancellation procedures" and elements for a draft IMAS, as well as related terminology.

"The SWG encourages UNMAS to further develop an *ad hoc group on mine clearance terminology*."

SWG 05-03 P10 - Certification

Todd Hart introduced the UNMAS draft for "P10 – Certification Procedures".

"The SWG approves "P10 – Certification Procedures" with the following additions:

1. Section 4.1 to be inserted and to read, 'The national authorities are responsible for providing a letter to the chair of the Certification Committee which
 - a. accepts the final report of the LIS with comments, if appropriate,
 - b. requests certification of the LIS and
 - c. confirms that the LIS is being used for operational planning and is being used or will be used for strategic planning.'
2. Amend the existing line 2.09 in table 4 of the certification criteria to separate the requirement for the national authorities to utilize the LIS data for operational planning purposes, and to utilize or demonstrate a willingness to use the data for strategic planning purposes."

SWG 05-04 Impact Scoring

Tim Porter and Henrik Mathiesen, HALO Trust, made a presentation on impact scoring in Angola.

"The SWG agreed to invite SAC to prepare a meeting with the following purpose:

1. To review the LIS Protocol for Impact Scoring and to come forward with proposals/options for revisions to the Protocol, for consideration by the next SWG meeting in Geneva in September, and to circulate its proposals in advance.

2. The meeting was tentatively fixed for the period 22-24 August 2005 in Manchester, UK at the offices of MAG.
3. The meeting would bring together about 8 people, with the following composition:
 - National director/manager familiar with LIS (1)
 - Experts on the LIS (3)
 - Statistician (1)
 - SAC (1)
 - VVAF (1)
 - Risk analyst from another humanitarian discipline (1)
4. SAC's preparations for the meeting should include an invitation to all SWG members to contribute materials to the meeting.
5. UNMAS undertook to contribute funding for the meeting, including the costs of travel and DSA for participants, where necessary."

Note takers: Bob Eaton and Martin Barber