

# MINUTES OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP

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Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining  
Geneva, Switzerland.

**Attendees:** **DDG** – Paul Mackintosh; **GICHD** – Ananda Millard; Ted Paterson **HALO** – Cameron Imber; **HI** – Céline Lacoffrette, Jean Baptiste Richardier; Bill Howell **NPA** – Steinar Essén; **UNMAS** – John Flanagan, Todd Hart; Sebastian Kasack **UNICEF** – Reuben McCarthy **UNOPS** – JJ van der Merwe; **VVAF** – Joe Donahue, John Brown

**Guest:** ICRC Herbi Elmazi

**SAC Staff:** Mike Kendellen

The session was chaired by Mike Kendellen [SAC].

## Reports:

John Brown, VVAF, reported on the survey activities in Iraq, Joe Donahue, VVAF gave an update on the survey activities in DRC, Mike Kendellen, SAC, gave an update on Afghanistan, Angola, Colombia, DR Congo, Somalia [Puntland], and Sudan.

## Action Minutes:

The SWG approved two minutes:

### SWG 05-01 Impact Scoring

Mike Kendellen SAC presented the results of the meeting in Manchester on 15-16 September on impact scoring in Angola.

“The SWG agreed to the recommendations of the Manchester meeting:

- SAC and CNIDAH, in conjunction with the LIS operators, should be encouraged to conduct a pilot in Angola.
- As a validation exercise a sub-sample of communities classified with the proposed scoring system will be contrasted with the risk ratings from interviewers and community informants and the reasons for the differences will be explored.
- This is not contingent on completion of the entire Angolan survey. It can be started with existing data from the 10 completed provinces.
- Data from other surveys will be analyzed during the pilot for purposes of comparison.

- Updates on progress of the pilot will be periodically electronically distributed to members of the Impact Scoring Working Group.

The complete report on the Manchester meeting are attached to email of these minutes.

**SWG 05-02 LIS Process Analysis**

Considering the need for further data collection on the landmine problem in countries that do not have good information for decision-making, particularly small countries, the SWG asks SAC to present at the next SWG meeting a time and cost analysis of the different phases of the LIS and asks John Flanagan, UNMAS, to present the strengths and weaknesses and other feedback on the LIS based on a UNMAS poll of the CTAs.

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