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**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

STATE [PARTY]:

Bosnia and Herzegovina (annual report 2023)

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Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
No additional legal, administrative and other measures were taken during 2020 to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the Convention. Bosnia and Herzegovina Criminal Law has been annexed to accommodate ban of all the activities prohibited under the Convention.	Criminal Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina enter into force on 1 st March 2003. Chapter XVI: Criminal acts against integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Article 165; Chapter XVII: Criminal acts against humanity and values protected under international law – Articles 193 and 193 a.

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7. 1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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Bosnia and Herzegovina does not own or possess stockpiled anti-personnel mines.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of anti-personnel mines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention. This was reported in November 1999. Total destroyed 460.727 pieces AP mines.

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-		

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*) *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-		

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

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No.	Administrative area	No of minefield records per Administrative level	No of minefield records per Entity/District	No of minefield records per State
I	Federation of BH		6692	
1.	Central Bosnia Canton	1158		
2.	Herzegovina-Neretva Canton	623		
3.	Posavina Canton	354		
4.	Sarajevo Canton	499		
5.	Canton no.10	266		
6.	Tuzla Canton	978		
7.	Una-Sana Canton	1153		
8.	Zenica-Doboj Canton	1458		
9.	Bosnian Podrinje Canton	202		
10.	West-Herzegovina Canton	1		
II	Republic of Srpska	1954		
III	Brcko District	161		
TOTAL	Bosnia and Herzegovina			8807

Collecting of minefield records in Bosnia and Herzegovina is permanent activities which conducted BHMAL.

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
443 locations in Bosnia and Herzegovina	All types of AP mines	Estimation: 170,657 mines	1992-1995.	

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
1.421 contaminated communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina	All types of AP mines	Estimation: 170,657 mines	1992-1995.	Mine suspected area on the end of reporting period in Bosnia and Herzegovina is 838,29 km ² .

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Canton	Number of confirmed hazardous areas (CHAs) containing <u>anti-personnel mines</u>	Area of CHA (m ²)	Number of suspected hazardous areas (SHAs) that may contain <u>anti-personnel mines</u>	Area of SHA (m ²)
Unsko-sanski	120	2,455,601	508	84,866,989
Posavski	3	255,060	157	14,084,788
Tuzlanski	46	1,279,207	629	68,654,670
Zeničko-dobojski	42	1,532,201	558	107,380,678
Bosansko-podrinjski	14	915,190	176	41,507,607
Srednjobosanski	78	2,398,612	574	98,272,069
Hercegovačko-neretvanski	64	2,570,502	865	124,207,495
Zapadnohercegovački	3	228,308	3	0
Kanton Sarajevo	24	668,655	173	47,895,581
Kanton 10	26	631,640	351	61,201,829
Republika Srpska	248	4,774,920	82	4,675,950
Brčko Distrikt	2	197,383	2166	167,658,236
Totals	670	17,907,279	6,242	820,380,652

Area of CHA + area of SHA = 838,29 km² (the total suspected area at the end of 2023)

The update and revision of the existing national standard has been completed and we expect the Demining Commission to adopt it.

In 2023, the suspected hazardous area was reduced by **32 km²**. Non-technical methods (systematic and general / non-technical survey) by the BiH Mine Action Center canceled **16.38 km²**. Technical reduction methods cover an area of **15,66 km²** through: canceled area on MSA **9,26 km²**, reduced area on MSA **4,18 km²**, technical survey **1.32 km²**, and the total mine clearance **0.36 km²**.

In addition to the above, the completion and return of the area to the population for safe use, in 2023 the activities of the Mine Action Center were focused on opening new tasks and continuing the implementation of projects. With the review of the situation in January 2024, the implementation of thirty-four (34) MSAs with an area of 56,6 km², six (6) individual tasks of technical survey and clearance 0,56 km². The existence of 170,657 mines has been estimated.

CLEARANCE	Number of tasks	Area (m2)	Cleared area (m2)	Participation of administrative level (%)
SREDNJO-BOSANSKI KANTON	1	22,902	22,902	38%
ZENIČKO-DOBOJSKI KANTON	2	13,155	13,155	22%
HERCEGOVAČKO-NERETVANSKI KANTON	0	0	0	0%
BOSANSKO-PODRINSKI KANTON	0	0	0	0%
POSAVSKI KANTON	0	0	0	0%
SARAJEVSKI KANTON	0	0	0	0%
KANTON 10	0	0	0	0%
UNSKO-SANSKI KANTON	1	23,967	23,967	40%
TUZLANSKI KANTON	0	0	0	0%
FEDERACIJA BIH	4	60,024	60,024	34%
REPUBLIKA SRPSKA	11	70,626	70,626	40%
BRČKO DISTRIKT	2	47,244	47,244	27%
BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA	17	177,894	177,894	100%

Results of clearance tasks in 2023

Administrative level/ organizations	Number of MSP	Released area km2	Cleared area m2	Number of mines found and destroyed	Number of UXOs found and destroyed
Tuzlanski kanton	2	2,512,510	12,665	39	70
Bosansko-podrinjski kanton	1	1,432,122	16,249	56	5
Srednje-bosanski kanton	1	379,549	1,915	14	5
Zeničko-dobojski kanton	1	2,176,360	63,765	370	148
Hercegovačko-neretvanski kanton	2	3,024,051	36,035	61	36
FEDERACIJA BiH	7	9,524,592	130,629	540	264
REPUBLIKA SRPSKA	5	4,099,972	52,706	151	104
BRČKO DISTRIKT	0	0	0	0	0
BOSNA I HERZEGOVINA	12	13,624,564	183,335	691	368
Oružane snage Bosne i Hercegovine (OS BiH)	2	2,735,670	11,353	31	5
Republička uprava civilne zaštite	2	1,678,731	16,373	42	23
The Mines Advisory Group-MAG	3	4,384,632	115,236	465	190
Norveška narodna pomoć (NPA)	2	1,362,144	15,018	68	128
Centar za obuku pasa (MDDC)	3	3,463,389	25,355	85	22
TOTAL	12	13,624,564	183,335	691	368

Results of MSA projects in 2023

In 2023, 12 MSAs were completed with the 13,624,564 m² and 691 pieces of AP mines and 368 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed. In the reporting period 17 clearance tasks were completed with the 352.088 m² and 32 pieces of AP mines, 4 pieces of AT mines and 32 pieces of UXO were found and destroyed. Total number of AP mines found and destroyed is 814: 786 pieces AP mines, 28 pieces AT mines (MSAs, clearance task and technical survey tasks). The average number of mines found per hectare is 23. Although the number of civilian casualties is decreasing, in 2023, one mine accident occurred. In the area of the town of Dobož, a man, collecting wood, activated a AP mine and died. It has been found that accident occurred in area marked with mine warning signs.

Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

As 31 December 2023, Bosnia and Herzegovina has retained **817 pieces AP** mines for purposes permitted under Article 3 of the Convention (for training mine detection dogs, testing demining machines and education) as follows in the table below.

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Supplementary information	
ARMED FORCES BiH	PMA-1	5	Polygon Barracks "Bozan Simovic"-Capljina Polygon Kasarna Rajlovac	
	PMA-2	26		
	PMA-3	17		
	PMR-2A	16		
	PROM-1	10		
MDDC	PMA -1	2	Training polygon	Warehouse MDDC Borci, Konjic
			2	
	PMA-2	8	6	2
	PMA-3	4	3	1
	PROM-1			
The Mines Advisory Group Predstavništvo u BiH-MAG	PMA-2	10	Training polygon Rakovac Pale	
	PMA-3	5		
REPUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL PROTECTION OF REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA	PMA-2	4	Office	
	PMR-2A	1		

BHMAC	PMA-1	25	Polygon Barracks "Bozan Simovic"- Capljina	Polygon-Tilava (E.SA)	BHMAC (Sarajevo)
			11	14	
	PMA-2	35	11	14	10
	PMA-3	46	20	26	
	PMR-2A	10			10
	PROM-1	21	9	12	
STOP MINES	PMA-1	21	Polygon Rakovac, Pale		Warehouse
			21		
	PMA-2	53	49		4
	PMA-3	22	21		1
	PMR-2A	17	17		
	PMR-3	1	1		
PROM-1	7	7			
CHR d.o.o	PMA-2	10	Warehouse Ortijes-Mukosa, Mostar		
	PMA-3	8			
	PMR-2A	17			
	PROM-1	8			
N&N IVSA	PMR-2A	4	Training polygon Tolisa, Orasje		
	PMA-2	2			
	PMA -3	7			
	PROM-1	1			
	PMA-1	8			

UEM d.o.o	PMA-2	4	Training Polygon Vrancici, Hadzici		
	PMA-1	4			
	PMR-2A	4			
	PMA-3	3			
TRENING TIM VOGOŠĆA	PMA-1	2	Training Polygon Suhodol Hadžići		
	PMA-2	14			
	PMA-3	4			
DETEKTOR	PMA-1	5	Training Polygon Bukovica, Banja Luka		
	PMA-2	14			
	PMA-3	6			
	PMR-2A	10			
		2			
NPA	PMA-1	59	Training Polygon Ortiješ, Mostar	Training Polygon Blagovac, Vogosca	Training polygons: kasarna OSBiH Rajlovac
			19	23	17
	PMA-2	81	26	29	26
	PMA-3	99	28	35	36
	PMR-2A	57	17	16	24
	PMR 2A-ČAPLJINKA	5	3	2	
TOTAL		817			
In November 1999 BiH reported UN General Secretary that it destroyed all the stockpiles of mines, i.e. 460.727 pieces					

1b. **Voluntary information** (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information <i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
-	-	“Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use”

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

No anti-personnel mines were transferred during the previous calendar year for permitted purposes.

2. **Compulsory:** Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsory:** Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-----	-		

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has no additional information on the conversion or decommissioning of APM product facilities.

Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
<p>Within Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:</p> <p>The Bugojno’s factory has destroyed all of the equipment used in mine production. Factory itself has reorganized production and is not producing mines, nor is able to produce mines any more.</p> <p>“Igman Konjic” – Konjic, the factory is producing initial ammo but NOT AP mines.</p> <p>“Pobjeda” – Gorazde, the factory is producing initial explosives and ammo but NOT AP mines.</p>	<p>Within Republic Srpska, mine production factories did not exist before the war, or after.</p>	<p>To date the State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has completed the programme appertaining to the conversion or decommissioning of APM production facilities.</p>

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of landmines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention, Article 4.

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
-	Methods
-	Applicable safety standards
-	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites Destruction of mines and UXO is conducted on the discovery site or other placed envisaged for that, in accordance with Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Destruction of mines and UXO in Bosnia and Herzegovina is conducted by explosive charge	Methods
Standards as specified in Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Applicable safety standards
Standards in accordance with Standard for Mines and UXO Destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Applicable environmental standards

Form GAPMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has completed the destruction of APMs in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention.

	Quantity	TOTAL	Total per group
AP mines destroyed by BH Armed Forces:		44	
Deminers of BH Armed Forces	44		
Mine clearance			
Teams of Civil Protections		75	
Civil Protections + (Other demining companies) - mine-explosive devices collected as UXO	116.800+ (484)		117.284
Demining teams (Non-governmental organization and commercial companies)		667	
Total:		786	786

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
APMs	786	-
	-	-
TOTAL	786	

Form G (continued)

There have been no new discoveries of AP mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina after deadline expiration.

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-		

Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has no additional information on the technical characteristic of anti/personnel mines owned or possessed. Technical characteristics of each AP mine produced ALL DETAILS SUBMITTED IN OUR 2000 REPORT.

1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Color photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina has destroyed all stocks of landmines except those retained for training purposes as allowed in the Convention.

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions (cm)	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Color photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	grams			
PMA-1	Rectangle 14*7*3	No fuse	Pressed trotyl (TNT)	200	No	Yes	Mines are buried in polygons for testing
PMA-2	6,5*33*2,7 Cylinder	No fuse	Pressed trotyl (TNT)	70	No	Yes	
PMA-3	10,4*4 Cylinder	No fuse	Pressed trotyl (TNT)	35	No	Yes	
PMR-2A	Cylinder 6,5*13,2	No fuse	Pressed trotyl (TNT)	100	Yes	Yes	
PROM-1	Cylinder 7,5*15,5*10	No fuse	Pressed trotyl (TNT)	420	Yes	Yes	
MRUD	Fragmentation plate with 650 steel balls with diameter of 5,5 mm (23*10*5)	No fuse	Plastic	900	Yes	Yes	

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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In 2023, mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness activities were continuously conducted through public information, education of at-risk groups of the population and liaison of mine action and the MSA community. The focus of mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness was the conduct of activities in the MSA communities with large suspect area, i.e. the focus was the most at-risk groups of population. In the reporting period, mine/ERW/cluster munition awareness projects are completed, and 61.489 persons were educated about mine threat.

Number of people received risk education at least once during the reporting period excluding Media	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Unknown	Total
Local civilian	3.149	2.868	28.009	27.126	0	61.152
Refugee	285	52	0	0	0	337
Total	3.434	2.920	28.009	27.126	0	61.489

Location name	Task	Organisation	Administrative level	Number of persons
MSP Čelić, Msp Lopare, MSP Rahić, MSP Sapna, MSP Teočak, MSP Brčko D BiH, KM Čitluk, KM Kakanj, KM Petrovac- Drinic	MRE-MSAs	NPA	BiH	4.327
MRE Campaign un primary schools	MRE	BHMAC – Primary schools	BiH	40.164
Misli Mine	MRE	BH Red cross society	BiH	1.310
MRE Migrants population	MRE	IOM	BiH	337
Brčko Distrikt	MRE	Posavina bez mina	BD	380
EUFOR	MRE	EUFOR	BiH	14.971
UKUPNO:				61.489

Based on the knowledges about illegal migration on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and due to increased migrations through BiH, Mine Action Centre BiH organized theme meetings about the issue in cooperation with Border Police of BiH, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), International Red Cross Committee and Red Cross Society, all in order to preventively take measures of warning migrants about the threats of mines/ERW/cluster munition.

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Bosnia and Herzegovina is able to share expertise and experience in Mine Action. Bosnia and Herzegovina is not a position to provide financial assistance to other State Party.

MINE VICTIM ASSISTANCE

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS implemented a project called "Empowerment of amputees, mine victims through economic support". The donor/partner of this project is the Fund for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled FROM Prijedor. Achieved results: provided economic support in the procurement of equipment, machines, tools in agriculture for 17 beneficiaries, victims of mines in the Republic of Srpska. The support included the purchase of equipment, machines and tools, livestock, greenhouses, tillers, motor cultivators, etc.

In 2023, the organization of amputees UDAS realized the project "Beekeeping as a tool in empowering landmine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina - phase 3". Partners/donors of the project are: ITF Slovenia, Beekeeping Academy of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska. As part of this project, on March 29, 2023, the Beekeeping Center for mine victims in Banja Luka was opened. The aim of the opening of the Center was to be a place where beekeepers, landmine victims and all interested beekeeping enthusiasts will be able to get necessary information about beekeeping, starting with education, necessary equipment in beekeeping, information about new technologies, challenges in the field of beekeeping etc. The role of the center is also reflected in connecting users, beekeepers with service providers such as funds, agencies and other institutions that can be of importance in the development of small businesses in beekeeping for mine victims and other disabled people. The center has engaged an expert team that will work directly with users in the field and provide the necessary advisory support to beekeepers.

An educational training for mine victims was held from March 29 to 30, 2023, attended by 52 participants, of which 42 were mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5 representatives of the Faculty of Agriculture of Banja Luka and the City of Banja Luka and 1 woman with a disability. The aim of the training is to train mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina to run small businesses in the field of beekeeping, the possibility of purchasing some equipment for beekeeping, as well as a way to network mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping. As part of the project, the procurement of equipment for users, victims of landmines, was ensured. Beekeeping equipment was purchased for 2 beneficiaries, mine victims who are engaged in beekeeping and who were participants in the educational training and are members of the Association of beekeepers with disabilities and women "BEE".

The "Investing in Action 2023" project was implemented by UDAS in 2023 and the project partner is the International Mine Ban Coalition ICBL, Geneva. As part of the project, a meeting was held with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Srpska, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, representatives of the civil sector, organizations of persons with disabilities. During the meeting, they discussed the current status and position of mine victims in the Republic of Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

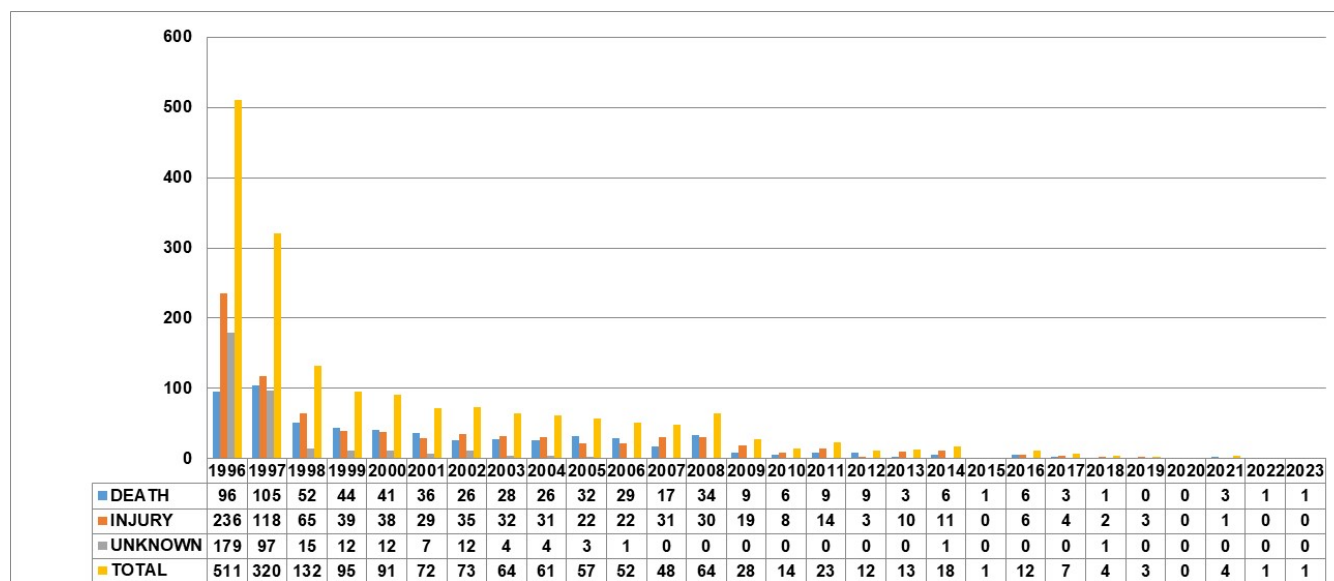
Festive ceremony that marked successful completion of the mine victim assistance project in the Herzegovina region financed by Federal Republic of Germany, was held in Mostar on September 27, 2023. Deputy German Ambassador Bernhard Abels and attache for defense Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte had the opportunity to meet landmine victims from Mostar, Konjic, Trebinje, Gacko and Nevesinje who received new prostheses and talked about their positive experiences from this project.

Through this project Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented making prosthesis for 19 mine victims. Continuation of the project it is guaranteed by signing agreement for mine victim assistance in the region of northeastern Bosnia which was officially signed at this occasion between the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Promotion of the mine victim assistance project for the region of northeastern Bosnia was held in Tuzla on December 28, 2023. A meeting was organized between users of the project and donor - German Embassy in Sarajevo represented by Deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and military attache Colonel Franz-Josef Nolte. Project of mine victim assistance included 18 mine victims in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They have received new and high quality modern prostheses, ensuring not only functionality but also satisfactory high aesthetic standards. During the event, deputy Ambassador Bernhard Abels and Mirna Pavlović from BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs addressed the participants and emphasized importance of provision of continuous support to victims of mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Users expressed sincere gratitude and satisfaction to the representatives of donor after completion of the project. Mine victim assistance project was implemented by Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina MDDC. From beginning of cooperation with MDDC, Federal Republic of Germany helped total of 110 victims of mines. Empowerment of mine victims through production of quality prosthesis is key to improvement of theirs life, mobility and integration into society.

In December 2023, a round table was held on the topic "BiH without mines, victims and barriers". 19 landmine victims participated in the meeting. The topic was the current status of victims in BiH as well as issues related to mine action. The importance of empowering landmine victims and their quality integration into the community was also emphasized.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Coordination Body for assistance to victims of mines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war as an expert and advisory body of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in 2018. The task of this body is coordination with all organizations and institutions involved in assisting mine victims. The mandate of the Coordination Body expired in 2022. In 2023 the work of the Coordination Body was not established, which in the previous period faced a number of objective limitations, including the impossibility of making decisions due to the lack of a quorum. In the course of 2024, the work of this body is expected to be re-established.



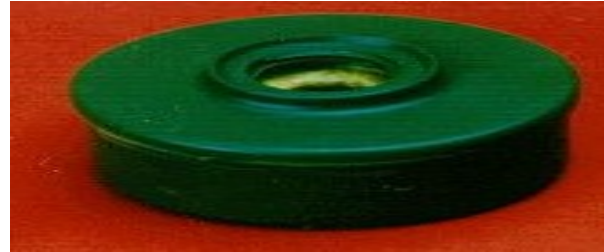
Statistical review of mine/ERW/cluster munitions victims (1996-2023) (The total mine victims number is 1781)

ANNEX 1 – PHOTOGRAPHS OF AP MINES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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