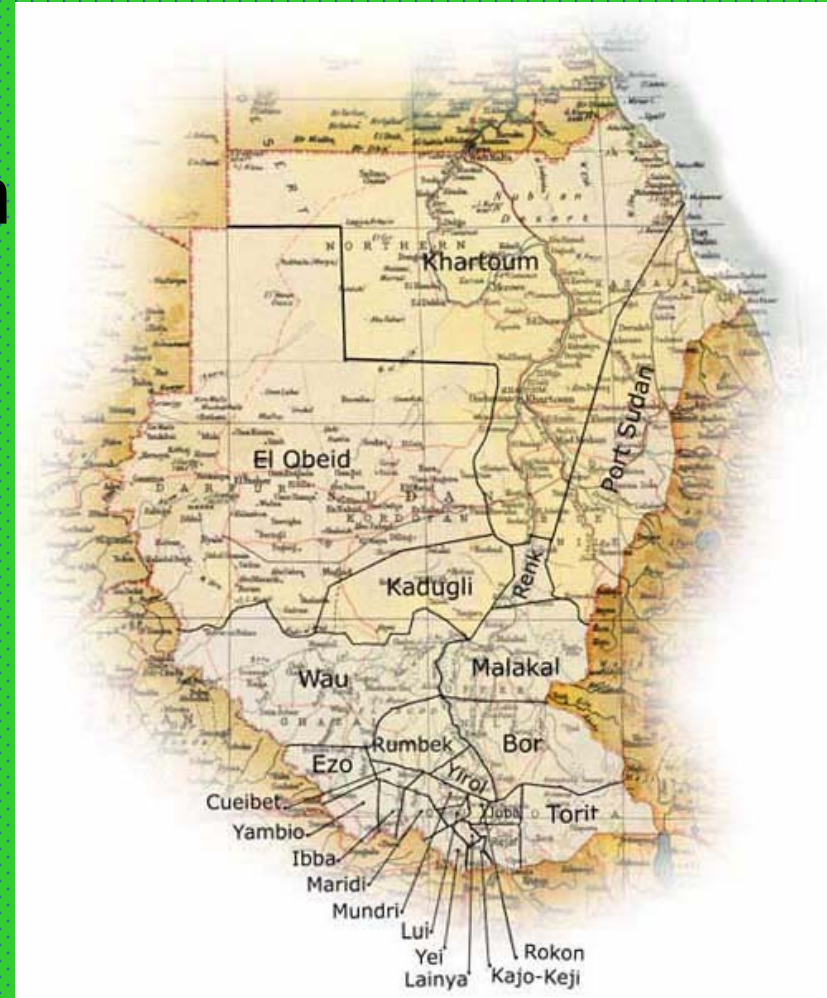


**THE SUDAN LANDMINE
INFORMATION AND
RESPONSE INITIATIVE
(SLIRI)**

CONFLICT IN SUDAN

- Sudan – largest country in Africa
- Conflict has been raging since 1956
- 2 million people killed
- 4 million people displaced
- Current ceasefire/peace talks.



THE LANDMINE PROBLEM IN SUDAN

Estimates of number of landmines vary from 500,000 – 3m.

No reliable information on extent of landmine contamination



Mines found in South Sudan



Mine casualty in the Nuba Mountains

BACKGROUND TO SLIRI

- Crosslines meeting, August 2001
- SLIRI currently funded by EU

SLIRI is the only completely indigenous crosslines mine action programme in Sudan, covering the entire country, North and South



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SLIRI

Phase 1: To build up an overall picture of landmine contamination throughout the country to enable prioritisation of mine action responses.

- Gathering information on mine incidents, victims, location of minefields/roads, suspect areas
- Establishment of Sector Operations Centres (SOCs)
- Working with local communities, civil society, military

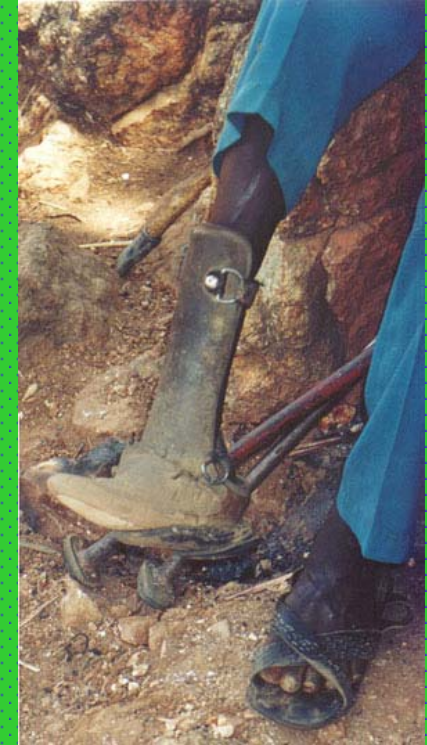
Progress to date

- 12 partnerships with Sudanese NGOs established
- 9 SOCs have already been set up, staffed by Sudanese nationals
- Information is now flowing into the SOCs (eg Kadugli)
- Outreach missions already conducted in several key locations
- Currently negotiating operational modalities with UNMAS, GoS, SPLM for the sharing, dissemination and use of information collected by SLIRI
- Deminer training commenced in Nuba Mountains

SLIRI: FUTURE PLANS

Phase 2 will involve:

- Continuation of information gathering
- Identifying and securing resources for priority mine action responses in agreement with relevant partners and authorities. Activities will include: training of deminers, first aid training, victim assistance etc



Mine victim in Sudan
with makeshift
prosthesis

CONCLUSION

- Overwhelming support of local people/communities
- Continuing support of GoS and SPLM
- Grateful acknowledgement of EU support

SLIRI:

- Hopes to expand donor support base
- Will co-operate with UN and other organisations to establish new partnerships

