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## Mainstreaming Mine Action in Development

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## Country Support

- ✿ UNDP provides vital technical and operational support to national mine action programmes
- ✿ Helping establish national mine action centers and regulatory authorities
- ✿ Integrating the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) into the operations of national programmes
- ✿ Implementing landmine impact assessments
- ✿ Establishing information management structures that support operational activities
- ✿ Advocating support for the Ottawa Mine Ban Convention

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## South-South Cooperation

- ✿ Mine Action Exchange (MAX) Programme
- ✿ Current MAX exchanges planned: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Lebanon, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen
- ✿ High-level collaboration encouraged

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## Management and Technical Training

Senior management training course is planned for Autumn 2004

- ✿ Middle management training courses planned for Africa (Francophone), Asia and Middle East
- ✿ Courses aimed at improving day-to-day operational and management skills
- ✿ Focus on improving personnel skills, planning, logistics, human-resource management and procurement, and strengthening knowledge of mine action standards and demining technologies
- ✿ Evaluation of training programme planned

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## Socio-Economic Approaches to Mine Action

- ✿ UNDP and GICHD have recently initiated regional training workshops for mine action managers
- ✿ Workshops incorporate the lessons identified in our earlier socio-economic handbook into the planning and operational activities of the national mine action programmes that UNDP supports
- ✿ First two regional workshops: Amman and Sarajevo (Spring 2004)
- ✿ Planned: Asia (Autumn 2004)

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## Regional Advisory Services

- ✿ UNDP has recently established two regional advisory positions in Africa and Asia, with plans to establish a similar position in the Middle East
- ✿ Purpose is to support UNDP's country offices in addressing some of the broader issues of concern in strengthening national capacities and ensuring that a solid foundation exists for a long-term response to the landmine problem
- ✿ These regional advisory services will ensure that national mine action programmes are effectively managed and that all mine action activities are carried out in line with UNDP's capacity building and poverty eradication strategies

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## **MAINSTREAMING MINE ACTION** **INTO DEVELOPMENT**

The Mine Action community has embarked upon a campaign to mainstream Mine Action into :

- larger development cooperation programs in mine affected developing countries.
- Planning processes of bi-laterals, multi-laterals, IFIs and other developmental inst.

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### Mainstreaming Mine Action into development

**UNDP has assisted this effort by:**

- ✿ Commissioning a study on 'Mainstreaming', being carried out by PRIO.
- ✿ Undertaking research into World Bank policies and Mine Action experience to date in preparation for the meeting between the Resource Mobilization Task Force and the World Bank on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✿ Issuing letter from UNDP's Administrator, Mark Malloch Brown to Resident Representatives and Resident Coordinators in more than 130 countries around the world urging them:

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### Mainstreaming Mine Action into development

- ✿ a) to encourage their respective host governments to participate in the *Nairobi Summit for a Mine Free World* at the highest possible level
- ✿ b) to assist, as required, with the preparation of national Mine Action strategies and all relevant sector strategies
- ✿ c) to mainstream Mine Action into the broader development effort
- ✿ d) to champion the Mine Action issue in the months and years following the Summit

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### Mainstreaming Mine Action into development

**The UNDP Mine Action Team, working closely with our colleagues in UNMAS, UNICEF, and the broader UN family will continue to support field efforts in every way we can.**

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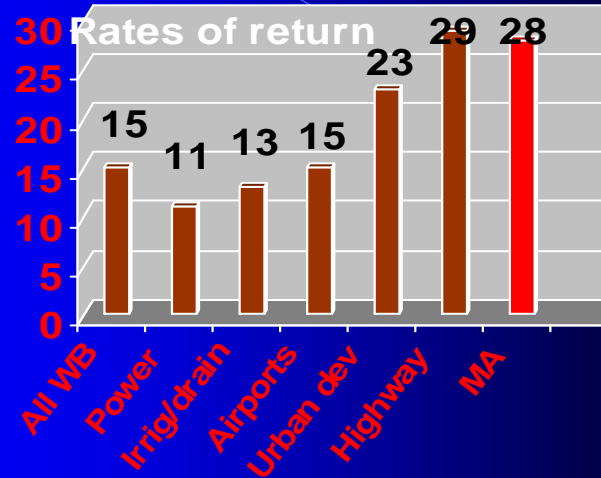
Based on our research findings to date and discussion with others in the community, we would like to **propose** that the following key messages be put forward to the broad international development community:

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- ✿ In many mine affected states, landmines and UXO pose a serious obstacle to sustainable development, but one that can be addressed by well planned and managed Mine Action programs.
- ✿ Benefit to cost ratios are further improving as less expensive detection techniques are introduced, and as clearance activities are linked to spatial analysis for development for improved targeting, to ensure that activities have maximum impact on people.

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- ✿ The development impact of landmines and UXO must be fully assessed and, where appropriate, factored into national and sector development plans and strategies, PRSPs, I-PRSPs, UN Development Assistance Frameworks, and into the plans programs of the broad international development community.
- ✿ Mine Action can also be a valuable confidence building measure when negotiating and/or sustaining peace.

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# PLAN OF ACTION

We **suggest** that the Mine Action Community should commit to:

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## Suggested Plan of Action

- Fully researching the nexus between Mine Action and development and sharing the results widely
- Strengthening the communities' development knowledge and expertise
- Working more closely with mine affected states, International Financial Institutions, UN and other multilateral agencies, regional organizations, bilateral donors and civil society development actors
- Mobilizing resources to undertake activities at an increased level and over the longer term, ensuring that they have the greatest humanitarian and development impact possible

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### Suggested Plan of Action

- Adopting, where appropriate, Sector Wide Approaches (SWAs) and other new aid modalities designed to enhance national ownership and developmental effectiveness
- Applying Results Based Management (RBM) Principles to planning, delivery and evaluation
- Ensuring that lessons learned are incorporated into future programming
- Being guided by the imperative to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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### Suggested Plan of Action

***We **suggest** that the Mine Action Community should propose that the International Development Community:***

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### Suggested Plan of Action

- ✿ Ensure that lessons learned to date are incorporated into future programming
- ✿ Increase knowledge and expertise in the area of Mine Action
- ✿ Include landmine impact assessment data and other Mine Action data into geographic and sector analyses
- ✿ Undertake additional Mine Action/development research as required to assess the full impact of the presence of landmines and UXO

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### Suggested Plan of Action

- ✿ Establish strategic partnerships with others in the development and Mine Action communities, working in full partnership wherever possible
- ✿ Fully mainstream Mine Action into all relevant humanitarian and development plans and programmes
- ✿ Finance/co-finance a full array of Mine Action activities in mine affected states on the most concessional terms possible

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### Suggested Plan of Action

- ✦ Assist with the integration of Mine Action into national and sector strategies of mine affected states
- ✦ Help strengthen local capacity to undertake Mine Action, and to address any governance and/or probity issues that might inhibit the effective or efficient use of resources
- ✦ Support the participation of the Mine Action community in Consultative Group (CG) and other appropriate donor coordination/aid management mechanisms

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### Suggested Plan of Action

Participate in Mine Action consultations at the international and country levels on an ongoing basis including participation in the upcoming *Nairobi Summit for a Mine Free World*.

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## Countries Approaching 'Completion'

- \* UNDP is promoting an initiative that will focus the energies of the international community on those countries that have the best prospects for 'completion' within the next three or four years
- \* UNDP believes that the mine action community should 'stay the course' in all affected countries until such time as 'success' can be declared in each
- \* Finishing the job for in countries ready for 'completion' would bring obvious direct benefits to their populations

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- \* It would also allow the mine action community to redirect their efforts to other countries in need
- \* It is proposed to undertake an assessment of a dozen or so countries with the best prospects for completion within the next three or four years, in order to establish resource requirements for consideration by donors and implementers

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*Thank you!*

