



SOUTH SUDAN

Media Advisory

To promote awareness about explosive hazards, UNMAS in collaboration with the National Mine Action Authority, are hosting a Risk Education competition on **8 March 2017 at the Nyakuron Centre, Juba, from 09:00 am**, in which schools from Juba will perform songs about recognizing, minimizing and reporting explosive risks. Nearly eight million people in South Sudan live in counties where the presence of explosive remnants of war threaten their safety. The winners will be coached by renowned musicians, the Jay Family, and will subsequently record a song and music video with UNMISS Communications and Public Information. The song and music video will be launched on 4 April 2017, International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

The programme of activity will include welcoming remarks by the MC, a cultural performance by the Japanese Engineering Contingent based in Juba and awarding of the winning prize by the Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan to South Sudan. The Government of Japan is a principle donor to mine action activities globally. The UNMAS Programme Manager and the Jay Family will be available for interviews and photo opportunities.

The competition is generously supported by the Government of Japan, along with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, and forms part of a continuing commitment to Risk Education in South Sudan that involves regular outreach to communities, schools and organizations. As the United Nations Mine Action Service celebrates its 20 year anniversary this year, this competition will be the first of several events during 2017 to highlight the work of mine action organizations throughout the country.

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