



*United Nations Mine Action Service*

*Democratic Republic of the Congo*

## **Information Note**

# **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL LANDMINE AND CLUSTER MUNITION CONTAMINATION SURVEY IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

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On 05 April 2014, the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will hold a press conference at the Ihusi hotel in Goma, North Kivu at 10am to launch the final report of the National Landmine and Cluster Munition Contamination Survey.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the project was implemented during 2013 and enabled the accurate and efficient collection of data relating to the nature, extent and location of suspected contaminated areas by landmines and cluster munitions.

This information will enable the development of a precise and systematic plan for humanitarian demining in the DRC. In addition, it will ensure adherence to the requirements of Article 5 of the Anti Personnel Mine Ban Treaty (Ottawa Convention), within a reasonable timeframe, and with a realistic estimated budget.

The successful implementation of the Ottawa Convention in the coming years in DRC will be a positive and encouraging achievement for a country that has long suffered from the legacy of armed conflict.

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