

<p><b>Cause 1: Insufficient international funding (Funding Gap)</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article 5 requests contain resource requirements that do not match funding trends reported by the Monitor and NGOs</li> <li>• NGOs closing country programmes</li> <li>• NGO lobbying for a ‘forgotten country’ increases in media, parliaments and bilateral and multilateral meetings</li> <li>• Static or declining operational demining capacity</li> <li>• Closure of victim/survivor assistance programmes</li> <li>• National advocacy bodies decline or vanish</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause 2: Absence of national ownership, leadership and budget (Political Engagement)</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National authority disengagement from multilateral meetings</li> <li>• Absence of Article 7 (transparency) reports</li> <li>• Low visibility of mine action/mine action centre at senior levels</li> <li>• Declining or absent national funding contribution</li> <li>• NGO complaints about facilitation of NGO operations/accreditation</li> <li>• Absence of in-country mine action working group and forums</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cause 3: Standards and good operational practice are not being applied (Efficiency)</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low ranking in the Mine Action Review</li> <li>• Low ratio of land cleared to overall land released</li> <li>• Low numbers of mines being found</li> <li>• NGOs advocating for changes in national standards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause 4: Access is difficult/impossible due to ongoing conflict (Access)</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing costs for security in operating budgets</li> <li>• Areas deemed ‘inaccessible’</li> <li>• Reduced visibility of new contamination, casualties and ‘at risk’ groups</li> <li>• Increases in casualty numbers</li> <li>• Remote operations</li> <li>• Prioritisation of risk education in mine action programming</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cause 5: Level of Contamination</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine Action Review categorisation as ‘massive’</li> <li>• Mine Action Review scoring well for ‘problem understood’</li> <li>• NGO estimates match Article 5 reports</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause 6: Humanitarian/development priorities overshadow mine action</b></p> <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wider humanitarian emergency ongoing</li> <li>• Lower Human Development Index ranking</li> <li>• Lower under-5 mortality rate</li> <li>• Lower adult life expectancy</li> <li>• Lower doctors/10,000 people</li> <li>• Higher transparency international corruption index ranking</li> <li>• Higher levels of food insecurity / net import of goods</li> </ul>