



ARABIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

1- INTRODUCTION



- As of the beginning of 2016, the LMAC, with the support of the GICHD, started to plan, manage, coordinate, and implement the AOP program and its activities as per the MoU signed between the 2 parties.
- LMAC appointed a focal point for the AOP, and intends to exert all efforts possible to initiate this program in Lebanon. In addition, the LMAC will be ready to provide all needed training, assessment, technical advice, and assistance for other mine action programs...

2-ROLE Of THE AOP



- Highlight the problem of mines and its impact on the Arab countries.
- Support national authorities and increase efforts to achieve high level performance in Mine Action in the MENA region.
- Share knowledge and experience, provide technical assistance, coordinate and host exchange visits, promote best practices, and document lessons learnt.
- Help in building the capacity of the mine action programmes in Arabic speaking countries.
- Provide training, based on assessed needs, and in compliance with international standards.
- Exert all efforts to attract donors and mobilize funding.

3- PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2016



- Lebanon will host 2 workshops; one on strategic planning in mine action and one on resource mobilization.
- Lebanon will host the 5th AOP conference for the National Directors in MENA region.
- Translate and review support documents.
- Monitor and manage the AOP website www.aop-mineaction.org
- Conduct regional assessment and training.
- Exchange visits:
 - GICHD
 - Donors
 - Arabic speaking countries
- Search for/ locate Arabic speaking experts for the AOP (MA fields).

4- RSHDL IN LEBANON



- Train members, including members in the MENA region, according to the IMAS and NMAS.
- Cooperate with similar schools around the world and UN agencies and NGO's working in the Mine Action field to exchange experiences and expertise.
- Support the AOP activities at a minimum cost.

5- CHALLENGES



- Finding structures to assess needs continuously
- Fundraising
- Finding qualified trainers to train in Arabic
- Developing curricula in Arabic
- Promoting and maintaining high level coordination and cooperation among Arabic-speaking programmes
- Force majeure (instability in some Arab countries)

6-NEEDS and REQUIREMENTS



- To develop a five-year strategy for the AOP
- To locate a **pool of Arabic speaking experts** in the mine action field in coordination with GICHD and Arab programmes
- To conduct an annual needs assessment and develop an annual work-plan
- **To secure funds** for the visits and trainings