Libyan Mine Action Center (LibMAC)

Libyan MA Programme
Facilitating and Supporting Stabilization

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“Twenty years of mine action: Needs-driven, People-centred”
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Explosive hazards (mines, ERW and IEDs) pose an immediate threat to the lives of thousands of returnees and those delivering humanitarian assistance and hinder stabilisation and reconstruction efforts.

In Libya, the scale and complexity of explosive hazard contamination in recovered areas is huge.
Humanitarian Needs

- Accidents and casualties
- IDPs
- Destruction of homes and infrastructure

Humanitarian MA Response

- RE Campaigns
- NTS Activities
- TS and Targeted Clearance
Mine action emergency response activities play a pivotal role in laying the groundwork for successful Humanitarian Assistance and Stabilisation Efforts.

“Enabling humanitarian access and supporting stabilization activities in the most affected communities”
Responding to International Humanitarian Plans

International stabilization Programmes and the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan for Libya have prioritized mine action as an emergency response and an essential precursor to immediate action.

LibMAC and Humanitarian Mine Action partners will take all necessary measures to ensure safe access and freedom of movement by reducing the impact of explosive hazards.
The overall objective is to assist stabilization efforts and humanitarian activities supporting the return of displaced people to areas previously under ISIL occupation, specifically to:

- Address the need to provide MA response
- Survey newly retaken areas to assess the impact of threats posed by explosive hazards;
- Conduct threat impact assessments of residential areas and priority locations;
- React to explosive hazard (clearance);
- Initiate and carry out intensive risk education activities; and
- Enhance the national clearance capacity.
In Sirte, 32 residential areas and priority locations for the construction of critical infrastructure and utilities, including electricity, water, schools and health care centres were surveyed by LibMAC and 3F NTS Teams.
In Benghazi, 18 suspected contaminated areas for critical infrastructure development have been surveyed, including water and electricity sites, schools, hospitals and health care centers were surveyed by the Forensics, NSA and Military Engineering NTS Teams.
Developing a community-based explosive hazard risk education programme to provide a protection response for IDPs and returnees.
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Clearance

DDG/3F EOD Spot Task Teams are on emergency standby to react to ERW that pose an immediate threat to civilians and to conduct rapid assessment and target clearance as requested by both LibMAC and civilians.
Destroying UXOs

With the support of UNMAS Libya Programme

Proposed project for transport and demolition of up to 400 Tons of different ammunition types collected inside Air Force Base / Misrata

Protecting Lives and Properties
Libyan Mine Action Standard 2017

The LibMAC has implemented a new National MA Standards
Drafted and translated into Arabic by UNMAS Libya Programme
Challenges

- High level of contamination
- The ongoing conflict and the continued presence of ISIL
- Convincing IDPs to delay their return
- Timely security and access to priority areas continue to be problematic
- Limited ERW and IEDD capacity in Libya
- Vast geographical area
- Shortfall in governmental and international support
Thank You