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UNDP Mine Action Programming: Turkey

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I. UNDP Approach to 'Development and Mine Action'

UNDP's 2014-17 Strategic Plan focuses on helping countries achieve the simultaneous eradication of extreme poverty and reduction of inequalities and exclusion. In many of the most fragile post-conflict contexts that count on UNDP support, however, landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) are a significant hindrance to this vision. To be an effective development partner in settings rife with landmines and ERW, UNDP has revamped its 'Development and Mine Action' Agenda through programmes that tackle the connected issues of poverty, inequality and exclusion while lowering the risks arising from shocks and stressors.

With this in mind, UNDP's approach to what is now a Development and Mine Action service line focuses on restoring livelihoods capacities and building resilience by: (1) translating mine action into sustainable development dividends in the form of jobs/livelihoods and (2) strengthening national institutions that accelerate development benefits. This approach frames overall UNDP support to Mine Action in Turkey.

II. Turkey Mine Action Context

Landmines in Turkey are generally located in border areas mainly along the borders with Armenia, Iran Iraq and Syria. In addition to the humanitarian concerns caused by regular landmine accidents, this constitutes a very important problem in terms of providing an efficient border management system by limiting the operational capacity of Turkey to counter illegal migration and smuggling across these borders. To address these challenges, the EU, UNDP and the Turkish Government launched the Project entitled "Technical Assistance for Socioeconomic Development through Demining and Increasing the Border Surveillance Capacity at the Eastern Borders of Turkey" in May 2015 with the ultimate objective of contributing to the social and economic development through demining and more secure borders in Eastern Turkey.

III. Key Activities 2015-2017

- UNDP provides technical assistance to the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC), Ministry of Interior and the Turkish General Staff for efficient and effective implementation of the Project through the Grant Contract, signed between Central Finance and Contracts Unit and UNDP and endorsed by Delegation of the European Union to Turkey.
- Contracting for demining clearance of approximately 11,665,641 square meters of minefields containing an estimated 222,000 landmines along Turkey's eastern border. The clearance contract is expected to employ more than 320 local staff creating short-term employment opportunities in the affected communities.
- Contracting of quality assurance and quality control services and post-clearance certification to provide confidence that clearance and quality requirements defined in the standards have been met and that cleared land is safe for use.
- Conduct a formal post project review to identify the lessons-learned which are relevant to the planning, preparation and clearance phases of the operation.
- Institutional capacity development for mine action and border management through the further development of a regulatory framework for the NMAC as well as risk analysis system for Turkey's integrated border management system.

IV. Budget

UNDP mine action activities in 2015	Budget allocated in 2015 (USD)	Planned mine action activities for 2016-2017	Est. Budget for 2016 (USD)	Est. Budget for 2017 (USD)	Funding shortfall (USD)
Technical Assistance to the NMAC; procurement of Demining and QAQC services; project set-up	XXX	Humanitarian demining; QAQC conducted; capacity development; technical assistance to NMAC; post project review	27,250,000	22,500,000	0