

# Experiences in Capacity Development in Mine Action



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**Making government work in a more integrated, coordinated and effective fashion while taking into consideration civil society and private sector stakeholders should be the ultimate aim of national mine action capacity development.**

- **Address policy and programmatic levels of direction.**
  - **National commission and mine action center**
- **Link political decisions through interagency policy direction to program direction.**
- **Develop and/or promote national (both government and nongovernmental) organizations to carry out mine action activities.**
  - **Humanitarian demining, MRE, victim assistance**
- **Embed a quality management system guided by national standards into program direction.**

- **Promote personnel stability to maximum extent possible.**
  - **Minimize disruptions from frequent, large-scale, turnover**
- **Aim to achieve national ownership as early in program development as possible.**
- **Anticipate continuing requirements after “completion.”**
  - **Residual contamination**
  - **Long-term victim assistance (disability) care**
- **Coordinate to secure long-term external assistance, but plan for completion with national resources only.**



- **Political commitment**
- **Structure**
  - **National authority**
  - **National operational capacity**
- **Resources commitment**