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The Netherlands Mine Action strategies

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Together

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The Netherlands' Humanitarian Mine Action Strategy and Priorities

Strategy

- Humanitarian Demining falls within one of the Netherlands' core priorities of foreign policy and international development alongside SDG16: **strengthening security and the rule of law and increasing the safety of civilians.**
- The Netherlands' long-term support strategy takes form in the *"Mine Action and Cluster Munitions Programme 2016-2020"*
- The Netherlands supports a **coherent and integrated approach** towards post-conflict situations.
- Mine Action therefore needs to be integrated in a **broader framework of development cooperation and post-conflict reconstruction** in which the political, development, military, humanitarian and economic sectors complement each other.
- The Netherlands supports the so called **"individualized approach"**. Affected countries, operators, and donors should closely work together in developing a plan and course of action.
- In 2019 The Netherlands is chairing the *Committee on Article 5 Implementation.*

Contributions

- In the current programme the Mines Advisory Group, HALO Trust and the Danish Church Aid receive **EUR 45 million** for the period 2016-2020.
- Of the 45 million euro, **10 million euro** is earmarked for **emergency response.**
- Between 2016-2018 the Netherlands allocated **EUR 7.7 million** for **emergency response** activities in **Libya, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen.**
- UNMAS Voluntary Trust Fund receives a (non-earmarked) **annual contribution of EUR 3 million.** In 2018 a one-kind contribution of **EUR 3 million** was made to UNMAS activities in **Afghanistan.**
- Support to UNMAS also includes **'in-kind' contributions,** such as current **IED expertise** at HQ and previously in Mali.
- NL also contributes to **GICHD** for mine action research and improving methodologies.
- Overall, the Netherlands is one of the **top donors in the field of humanitarian demining** with an average amount of around **EUR 20 million** yearly contributions.
- The Netherlands' funding for NGOs is a **multi-annual commitment.**

Priority Countries

- The Netherlands supports Humanitarian Demining programmes in **14 countries/territories:**

Mine Advisory Group

DRC
Iraq
Lebanon
South Sudan

The HALO Trust (HALO)

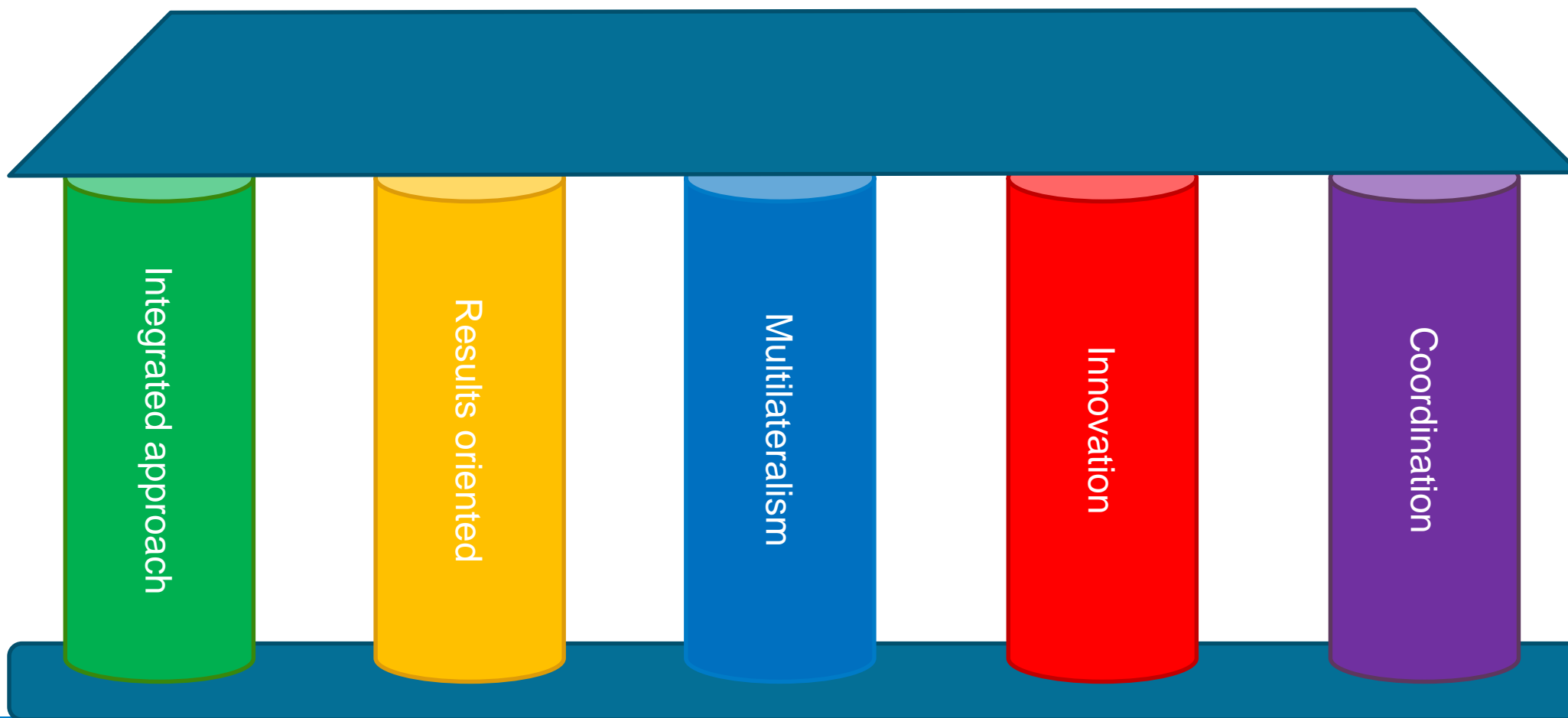
Afghanistan
Colombia
Palestinian Territories
Somalia
Syria
Kosovo
Ukraine
Yemen

Danish Church Aid (DCA)

South Sudan
Libya
Lebanon
Mali



The Netherlands New Mine Action Strategy and Programme





Suggestions on how the mine action sector can work on a shared vision



1) National level



2) Regional level



3) Multilateral level