The Netherlands
Mine Action strategies

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Panel 1: Mine Action Vision: Forging the Future 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-off 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

- Integrated approach
- Results oriented
- Multilateralism
- Innovation
- Coordination
Suggestions on how the mine action sector can work on a shared vision

1) National level
2) Regional level
3) Multilateral level