



# Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action

Advocating Mine Action to Government of Azerbaijan



*Azerbaijan*

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# OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: MINE/UXO PROBLEM

- Total area: 13,6 K sqkm
- Extent of the problem is not known
- Estimated:
  - 350-500 sq. kilometers mined
  - 50-100 thousand mines suspected
  - High level of UXO contamination





# INTRODUCTION TO ANAMA

- Established in July 1998 by Presidential Decree
- UNDP and GOA Joint Project Document signed on April 02, 1999 giving a start for Azerbaijan Mine Action Program jointly with UNDP
- ANMAS was developed and approved on May 25, 2001.
- National Capacity building process in line with Donor Confidence and Resource Mobilization
- Nationalization of the Program
- Strengthening National ownership



# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

- General Survey conducted in 2001
- Timely Monthly Consolidated reports submitted to the relevant Ministries and Committees of the Government of Azerbaijan
- Countrywide Landmine Socio-Economic Impact Survey conducted in 2002 aimed at identifying the scope of the problem existing in the country and its economic cause (by Survey Action Center)
- Mine Victims Needs Assessment conducted in 2004
- Annual Work Plans Published and distributed to all stakeholders including Donor States' Embassies and the Government institutions







# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN NETWORKING AND ALLIANCE BUILDING/LOBBYING

- Strong and direct support of UNDP Country office in Azerbaijan
- Active networking through UNDP Country Office, EC, ICBL and other international organisations on the ongoing MA related activities and timely requests on update of the situation with mines/UXO from the Government of Azerbaijan
- Bilateral cooperation with US DOS
- Letters of appreciation for effective cooperation by high officials of International Organizations to the Government of Azerbaijan
- High Officials visiting ANAMA had following meetings with the Highest Officials (President and PM) of the Country where an appreciation of huge Humanitarian Efforts was highlighted





# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN NETWORKING AND ALLIANCE BUILDING/LOBBYING

- Bilateral Cooperation between several Mine Action Centers brought to highest level of the State Recognition and integrated into Government to government cooperation context
- Close cooperation with local communities and raising awareness over the mine/UXO threat in the regions
- Active involvement of Local executive Authorities and Municipalities in the overall MA activities conducted in particular regions
- Meeting Decision Makers and briefing them on the humanitarian cause of mine/UXOs
- Participation in Defence Exhibitions





# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- Organization of Seminars/briefings in Local executive Houses
- Annual Donor Meetings organized in high profile level with the participation of Members of Donor states and High Government Officials of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Being represented in interministerial meetings on Social-Economic Development plans
- Organizing specific Seminars on the Importance of humanitarian Mine Action and its aspects such as Mine Risk Education and Mine Victims Assistance







# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN EXPOSURE VISITS

- Organization of briefings and site visits in affected communities with the participation of different Embassy representatives, Government Officials and Local Executive Authorities
- Meeting with people living in affected communities
- Visualization of the situation of people exposed to the threat of mine/UXOs
- Organizing Official Opening ceremonies of Regional Operational and Training Bases with the involvement of different state and non state actors







# ADVOCATING MINE ACTION TO GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN CAMPAIGNING AND MEDIA WORK AND WEBSITE

- Celebrating Mine awareness Day (April the 4<sup>th</sup>) at Regional level
- Short movie clips highlighting the humanitarian cause of mine/UXOs and the threat with which affected communities are to live with
- Active involvement of Media in all seminar and briefings organized by ANAMA
- Press Conferences organized during Official visits by Embassies and Different guests visiting ANAMA
- Mine awareness campaigns in all the operational regions
- Maintaining an updated website covering all the spheres of Humanitarian Activities ran by ANAMA as well as all the related events





# ACHIEVEMENTS

- ANAMA integrated into State Socio-Economic Development Program since 2004
- 90% of mine action work is funded from the State Budget
- Five IDP settlements constructed following mine clearance where more than 2200 IDP families were provided with houses and all the necessary infrastructure
- Mine risk education integrated into School curriculum in Mine Affected regions of Azerbaijan
- Ministries of Interior and Emergency situations report to ANAMA of any mine/UXO related emergencies
- ANAMA is represented at the State board on Emergency Issues
- Implemented several UXO Clearance and Training Projects within the framework of Azerbaijan and NATO Cooperations
- Establishment of sustainable national capacity including all the instruments of humanitarian mine action
- Acting with minimum outside financial support
- As Azerbaijan is acting as a Donor State since 2009 the Mine Action included in the Foreign aid programs within non-military support



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# APPRECIATION

**unicef** **International Medical Corps** **IOM • OIM** **ARMOR GROUP** **UNOPS**

**MAG** **Cranfield** **DEMINE** **M.O.D.C. SOUTH EAST GEORGIA** **ERWCC** **IMMAP** **UNDP Mine Action**

**UNDP** **EUROPEAN UNION** **SURVEY ACTION CENTER** **Office of Weapons Removal & Abatement** **JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY** **INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance** **International Campaign to Ban Landmines** **IPFP**

**Azerbaijan**

**NSPA** **hcr** **USAID** **MINE-TECH** **NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** **COMITE INTERNATIONAL GENEVE** **RONCO** **MINES** **HOYAH INTERNATIONAL**

**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** **DFID** **Department for International Development** **Osmaniyevlerin Vəfə Qardaşları Cəmiyyəti**

**NATIONS CONTRIBUTED TO MINE ACTION PROGRAMME SINCE 1999**





*SO THAT OTHERS MAY WALK  
THE EARTH IN SAFETY*



**QUESTIONS ?**