





THE ALBANIA MINE ACTION PROGRAMME


“ALBANIA MINE/UXO-SAFE BY 2005”



DEMINING

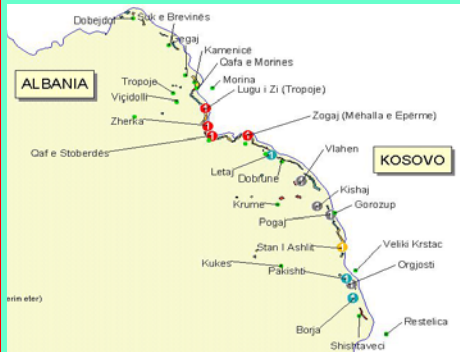


Battle Area Clearance by FSD in Albania





MINE CONTAMINATED AREAS



Results of AAF Survey

- During the 1997 uprising numerous ordnance depots in 15 “Hot Spots” were looted and exploded, leaving tons of unstable UXO in civilian areas and hands
- The threat in NE Albania emanated from the Kosovo conflict, the 1999 survey identified:
 - 120 km border
 - 102 contaminated areas
 - 15,250,000 m2
- No records of minefields available to Albania – UNDP and AMAE had therefore to launch a €2m EC funded tech survey in 2004
- Albania also has to deal with the disposal of 108,000 tons of redundant ordnance



MA STRATEGY



National Mine Action Planning Work Shop in Tirana Albania 16-18 June 2002

- Vision - Albania free from mines and UXO by 2010
- Strategic Objective - Develop and implement a sustainable mine action programme in order to eliminate the effect of mines and UXO in North-east Albania by 2005





COORDINATION AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT OF DEMINING - PROGRESS

- ❑ UNDP capacity building of AMAE continued in 2003 with UNDP and DFID funding
- ❑ Established fully functional AMAE, including an integral Ops Cell, IMSMA Cell and expanded QM Section (to include QM of tech survey)
- ❑ Appointment of Swiss in-kind Ops Advisor
- ❑ Decentralised the Ops Cell and coordination support to NE Albania



Quality Assurance Training



COORDINATION AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT OF DEMINING – PLANNING FOR 2004

- ❑ Optimise Ops/IMSMA integration
- ❑ Management trg of AMAE staff, incl senior and middle management trg and MAX
- ❑ Appointment of an additional Ops Advisor from Austria (in-kind) to assist with the tech survey
- ❑ Implementation of comprehensive technical survey with EU funding
- ❑ Initiate the establishment of an Albanian demining capacity



Quality control training





DEMINING – PROGRESS



Battle area clearance by FSD in Albania

- DCA-ACT and FSD deployed for demining, funding by US State Dept, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Czech and German Governments (\$2.5m) through the ITF
- Progress was remarkable, despite major constraints:
 - Uncommonly wet weather
 - Demining assets had to be allocated to survey
 - Difficult terrain in extreme North
- During 2003, 1,637,000 m2 were released by survey and 320,000 m2 by clearance
 - 12 manual teams, also conducting impact and tech survey
 - 1 mini-flail donated by UNMAS
 - 1 medium flail donated by US State Dept through ITF
 - 1 MDDT funded by Czech Govt through ITF
- Impact surveys completed, except for extreme North



DEMINING – PLANNING

- Complete the impact surveys, releasing estimated 606,000 m2
- Complete the technical surveys by July 2005 with EC funding– release estimated 2,469,000 m2
 - 6 Manual Tech Survey Teams
 - 1 mini flail
 - 2 MDDT's.
- Clear at least 480,000 m2, funding needed \$4.2m
 - 14 manual demining teams (third demining org)
 - 1 mini-flail
 - 1 medium flail (mechanical tasks are becoming more difficult)
 - 1 MDDT



DCA woman deminer in Albania





INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Mine and UXO contamination in NE Albania

- **Progress:**
 - IMSMA courses were conducted in Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo and Azerbaijan in cooperation with GICHD
 - Converted to IMSMA Vers 3
 - Database management training completed

- **Planning:**
 - Regional IMSMA course in Albania early 2004
 - Additional regional IMSMA training with GICHD
 - Full integration of Ops/IMSMA in NE Albania
 - All task dossiers for clearance and tech survey issued by Feb 2004



DEMINING PROJECTION 2000-2005

Year	2000-2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006-2008	Total Reduction 2002-2005 m2
Contaminated Area m2	15,250,000	13,250,000	6,232,000	4,275,000	1,544,000	230,000	
Reduction by Impact Survey m2	938,000	6,113,000	1,177,000	606,000			8,834,000
Reduction by Technical Survey m2	637,000	675,000	460,000	1,645,000	824,000		4,241,000
Reduction by Clearance m2	425,000	230,000	320,000	480,000	490,000		1,945,000
Total Reduction m2	2,000,000	7,018,000	1,957,000	2,702,000	1,200,000		15,020,000

