

## Selected projects



### Bosnia and Herzegovina Turning mine fields into safe areas

#### Official title of the project

1. Project No. 2005/111-847: "2006/2007 De-mining Programme- Phase VIII- Federation Component"
2. Project No. 2005/111/857: "2006/2007 De-mining Programme- Phase VIII- Republika Srpska Component"

#### Country

Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### Sector

Demining Sector

#### Budget/EC contribution

1. EC Contribution 330,000 euro
2. EC Contribution 170,000 euro

#### Implementation period

1. 13 Months (ended 17/01/2007)
2. 12 Months (ended 09/12/2006)

#### Expected results

- (a) Creation of sustainable Unexploded ordnance Disposal Teams (UDT) in both Entities
- (b) Transfer of operational responsibilities from NGOs to CPAs
- (c) Establishment of CPAs as independent governmental services
- (d) Institutional and capacity building. Integration of the CPAs with other institutions dealing with de-mining
- (e) Strengthening CPAs' capacities to protect civil population in BiH.
- (f) Physical de-mining

#### Coordinator

1. Mr. Alija Tihic, Director of the Federal Administration of Civil Protection
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#### Beneficiary

The beneficiaries are the Governments of Federation BiH, Republika Srpska, and BiH State.

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Continued existence of up to one million land mines and unexploded ordnance in Bosnia and Herzegovina presents a major obstacle to normal resumption of life and economic activity across the country. Before any work can start on reconstruction of housing, major reconstruction projects such as roads and bridges, deminers have to be called in. The population will have to live with this problem for many years to come, therefore it is essential to develop and strengthen local demining capacities, fully trained and equipped to tackle this problem by themselves.

In order to support de-mining operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as strengthening and sustainability of de-mining capacities, as of 1996 up to date, the European Commission has provided approx. 23 million Euro under the OBNOVA, CARDS and Anti Personnel Landmines (APL) programmes for these operations including the procurement of related equipment and machinery.

The concrete results achieved to date by the Federal Civil Protection Administration (CPA) are some 3,700,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land and 1,000 buildings cleared, and over 229,000 unexploded ordnances and some 21,500 assorted mines removed and destroyed. While the Republika Srpska CPA has disposed of around 191,000 unexploded ordnances, clearing 2,305,000 m<sup>2</sup> and 850 buildings and mobilised for 42 quick response actions to save civilians.

The European Union will provide additional funding of 3,000,000 Euro to the Bosnia and Herzegovina de-mining programme in the period 2006 – 2008 from the Anti Personnel Landmines Budget Line (APL) while 1.5 million Euro have been allocated under the 2007 Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA).

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