

Plan of Action Issues
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Issue	Description	Next Steps
Growth considerations for demining platoons	Over the next 3 years, there will be an estimated growth from 6 to 14 demining platoons	1 September 2009: requirements for equipment in Colombia By 1 December 2009, the Colombian military will identify and train personnel for 3 platoons
Mechanical enhancements	How to integrate mechanical capabilities in order to enhance operational effectiveness	Develop a statement of requirements for machines by 1 October 2009 Identify the areas where equipment will be used Appraisal visit from Fort Belvoir (NVESD), other donors, NGOs, and governments
Prioritization of work areas	Development of Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Annex, HMA synchronize operations with the Government of Colombia's (GOC) consolidation plan	Train impact survey teams to confirm areas (analyze potential use of NGOs to support in some of these areas and activities) Get information from teams and disseminate to all relevant actors Analyze information from LIS in the four prioritized regions Confirm future zones of action for new units based on established criteria from Fusion Centers Consider multiple projected areas in the same geographic region (to maximize employment of demining platoons)
Resource operational requirements with international support	Development of resource requirements by sectors for the next 3 years to support humanitarian demining operations	Develop statement of financial requirements (important for donors) Identify Colombian resources Identify shortfalls by sector Develop funding strategy: Focus on long term, multi-year plans
Mine-detection dogs	Enhancing the abilities of explosive-detecting dogs to support humanitarian demining operations	Develop a statement of requirement Evaluate the existing capacity is and how it can be adapted Develop specific training and procedures Develop pilot program

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Command and Control	Strengthen command and control capabilities of PPAICMA and military command to adapt to the increase and changing needs in demining units.	Create humanitarian demining command for 14 platoons. In August 2009, proposal will be made to commander of armed forces for the decision to create the command in December and in September resolution will be created. Develop protocol and procedures for liaison with Fusion Center and other relevant partners Reconsider function of Fusion Centers to maximize participation of interagency and other involved organizations Compare Fusion Centers to U.S. Army Civil Affairs civil military operations center (CMOC)
Community Liaison	Enhancement of protocols and mechanisms for liaison with humanitarian demining activities and communities	Define what is meant by MRE and Community Liaison Develop plan for community liaison, including associated costs, what kind of products should be developed Identify Colombian resources in order to determine what is needed Identify and resource other functioning and successful community liaison programs Give plan to US/SOUTHCOM
Overcoming barriers to obtaining information	Need to find solutions to break down barriers in information gathering	Increase survey teams (including logistical, mechanical, and technical resources to improve efficacy and efficiency in data collection and processing). Also, find partners that can assist with these tasks. Develop a bridge between IMSMA and Army operations centers, as well as holding regular meetings to ensure communication (on clearance as well as contamination) with military, civilian authorities, NGOs, etc. Need to analyze information in terms of accuracy and also need to identify important timeframe for information Within demining platoons already working, there could be an early warning system to mobilize platoons and maximize resources so we can plan better Reinforce/strengthen/expand the existing information working group to gather information and organizations
How does IMSMA fit in?	IMSMA is a good system to manage data, but only if the information is pertinent and updated	Introduction of information into database while in field via IMSMA mobile and other tools Remove irrelevant/non-priority information to improve reports and prioritization Define information requirements for reports

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Obtaining and effectively using information	Addressing issues with information flow, capacity for obtaining and processing information, and providing information to necessary parties	Strengthen information-management capacity (technical capacity, relationship of team, etc) Ensure adequate operational data is being provided and that the informational flow is productive
Planning for and standing up survey teams	As more units come up, survey teams must increase proportionally	Add survey capacity as a component of the demining teams. Also ensure that stand-up activities are staggered and fully resourced for consistent increase in capacity Consider organizations that have built survey teams, how they have been organized, and pick best practices. Use information management working group to conduct resource survey of the rest of the community
Integrating community liaison and feedback into planning	How to develop appropriate tools to make effective use of community liaisons	Develop appropriate instruments for information gathering and properly train information collectors Deliver draft instrument by 1 August 2009 Prioritize non-conflict areas (or areas where conflict situations are not prohibitive to activities) Partner with organizations that are already operating effectively in areas to make use of their access to these areas Consider discussion on increasing capacity of demining teams to include these information-gathering elements
Coordination mechanisms for integrating VA, clearance, MRE and platoon activities	Develop an interagency venue to provide inclusive solutions to national mine problems, share information and ideas, and engage relevant parties	Look at a regular venue for interaction and coordination between major stakeholders Establish a program for regular exchanges/meetings Ensure that donors are informed on a regular basis about meetings Strengthen departmental committees Circulate a preliminary agenda with proposed date and participants by 1 July 2009