Presentation of Plan of Action

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Demining Deployment Timeline

2009	3 teams currently working in Narino, Antioquia, Meta Train 3 teams (45 men/team)
2010	**Q1:** New teams begin operations in Bolivar, Tolima, Valle del Cauca
	Q3: Train 2 teams (45 men/team) and begin operations in Norte de Santander, Caldas
	Q4: Train 3 remaining teams (45 men/team) and begin operations in Putumayo, Caqueta, Arauca
2011	Begin work with full cohort (including reallocation of the 3 military base demining teams) Begin demining in Cauca

Core Issues

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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 • Identify Colombian resources and shortfalls by sector • Develop funding strategy: Focus on long term, multi-year plans

4. 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)
5. Mine-detecting dogs	Enhancing the abilities of explosive-detecting dogs to support humanitarian demining operations • Develop a statement of requirements • Evaluate the existing capacity is and how it can be adapted • Develop specific training and procedures • Develop a pilot program

6. Command and Control	Strengthen C&C 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)
7. 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 to determine what is needed • Identify and resource other functioning and successful community liaison programs • Give plan to US/SOUTHCOM

8. Overcoming barriers to information gathering	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
9. 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

10. 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
11. Planning for and standing up survey teams	As more units come up, survey teams must simultaneously increase • 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

12. Integrating community liaison and feedback into planning	How to develop appropriate tools to effectively use CLs • 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
13. Coordination mechanisms for VA, MRE, clearance 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 regularly about meetings • Strengthen department committees • Circulate a preliminary agenda with prposed date and participants by 1 July 2009

Related Issues
identified and validated for further action

- Expansion of monitoring and QA/QC capabilities (expansión de capacidades de monitoreo y aseguramiento de calidad)

- Expansion of vegetation clearace capacity (expansión de capacidao para desmalezamiento)

- Expansion of MRE capacity to accompany HD platoons (expansión de capacidado de ERM para compementar las pelotones de desminado humanitario)

- Coordination of security for HD operators (coordinación de seguridad para operciones de DH)

Related Issues (cont'd)

- Development of a concept for emergency response HD outside primary zones of action (desarrollo del concepto de atencion a solicitudes emergenciales para desminado humanitario)
- Improved procedures for turnover of cleared land (metoramiento de procedimientos para la entrega de tierras desminadas)
- Improved follow-up for socioeconomic development of communities post-clearance (metoramiento de seguimiento del desarrollo socioeconómico despues del despese)

Related Issues (cont'd)

- Development of mechanisms to resolve land tenure issue in cleared areas (desarrollo de mecanismos para la resolución de la titulación da áreas despejadas)
- What are the required resources (human and material) for the conduct of successful operations? (¿Cuáles son los recursos que necesita (humanos y materiales) para realizar las operaciones con éxito?
- Coordination of humanitarian mine action with nongovernmental organizations and other government agencies and programs (coordinación de accion humanitaria contra las minas con ONGs y otras agencias y programas gubernamentales)