ITF - INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND FOR DEMINING AND MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

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Mine problem in the region of South-East Europe

- **over 1.6 million mines and UXO** have been left over in the SEE as remnant of past wars and conflicts – more than 400,000 mines and other UXO are still left.

- **more than 2.800 square kilometres** of mine and UXO polluted areas in the SEE, and

- **over 7.500 civilian mine victims casualties** in the region of SEE.
Established in 1998 by Slovenian government;
Humanitarian, non-profit organisation;
Gradually widened geographical area of its activities;
Focus on South East Europe with prospects of strengthening its role outside SE Europe;
U.S. Matching Fund Mechanism for South East Europe;
New Strategy adopted in 2009
• 1999 opened Implementation Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina
• 2001 opened Implementation Office in Croatia
• 2001-2003 Temporary Implementation Office in Macedonia
• 2006 Temporary Implementation Office in Azerbaijan – in 2009 moved to Georgia
**ITF VISION**

ITF vision is a world free of the threat from post-conflict challenges, including landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and the illicit ownership and use of SALW, and where the security of individuals and communities is assured.

**ITF GOALS**

The ITF shall work with national authorities and in partnership with donors, NGOs, the private sector, international and regional organisations and others

**Goal 1.** to reduce the humanitarian and socio-economic threats from landmines and ERW.

**Goal 2.** to reduce the threats to human security from post-conflict challenges other than landmines and ERW, and to support conventional weapons destruction programmes.

**Goal 3.** to reduce the threats to human security from disruptive challenges.
By November 2010 a total of $324,412,540.12 USD raised.

Donors: 28 countries, EU and UNDP, over 10 local authorities and over 70 international organizations, private companies, non-governmental organizations and individuals.
ITF DONOR COMMUNITY

PUBLIC DONORS

PRIVATE DONORS

Adopt-A-Minefield, Amway, COAF, DanChurchAid, HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL, Night of a Thousand Dinners, FSD, Marshall Legacy Institute, Rotary International, Roots of Peace, USTA.com
REGIONS OF ITF ACTIVITIES

South-Eastern Europe:
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- FYR Macedonia
- Serbia
- UNMIK/Kosovo
- Montenegro

South Caucasus:
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia

Central Asia and proximity countries:
- Tajikistan
- Afghanistan*

Middle East:
- Gaza Strip
- Iraq
- Jordan*
- Lebanon

Other Regions:
- Colombia
- Cyprus*

*Temporarily no active projects.
HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MINE ACTION

MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
MINE/UXO CLEARANCE
MINE RISK EDUCATION
REGIONAL CO-OPERATION
STRUCTURE SUPPORT
TRAINING

POST-CONFLICT REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE
PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE
MULTISECTORAL AND OTHER MEASURES
ITF Operational Overview
SOUTH EAST EUROPE
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<th>COUNTRY / SITUATION</th>
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<td>15.2 km²</td>
<td>0 (MINE FREE)</td>
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<td>25.000 (39 villages)</td>
<td>10.000 (22 villages)</td>
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<td>Clearance Progress</td>
<td>107.978 m²</td>
<td>0 (MINE FREE)</td>
<td>3.6 km²</td>
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<td>No. of mine/UXO victims</td>
<td>191</td>
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ITF results:
Demining and Explosive Ordnance Disposal
(by countries 1998 – May 2010)

- In total over **106,695,974 m²** of mine-contaminated land cleared.
- In over **2480 projects** over **68,700 mines/UXO destroyed**.
- Land use of cleared land: 56% agriculture, 24% return of refugees and resettlement, 19% infrastructure reconstruction, 1% other.
MINE/UXO CLEARANCE

Bridge - Srpski Brod, B&H

Primary School “Dušan Radović”, Niš

Gavrilović farm - Petrinja, Croatia

Kurdmakhmudli village, Azerbaijan
In period 1998 – 2009 **1023 mine/UXO victims** were rehabilitated through ITF MVA activities at University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia and Rehabilitation Centers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
ITF results: 
Other MVA activities of ITF in SEE

- Scholarships for SE Europe students of orthopedic technology (5),

- Over **450 experts in rehabilitation** attended special rehabilitation training,

- Through support of different MVA programs in the region of SEE (VVAF, LSN/SC, AAM UK, Spirit of Soccer/Positive Play, Croatian MWVA/MineAid, Slovenian RC etc.):

  - Over **50,000 people** received mine disability awareness messages directly,

  - Over **11,000 mine victims and other disability persons** received psycho-social help through sports, peer support and other activities,

  - Over **1,200 children mine victims** attended winter/summer rehabilitation camps,

  - Over **700 mine victims** are engaged in social-economic programs receiving some economic assets or loans.

  - Provided medical equipment for regional hospital in Kukes, North Albania and reconstruction of “Duga” – regional center for psycho-social rehabilitation and reintegration of mine survivors, Rovinj, Croatia
ITF Results:
Mine Risk Education in SEE

• over **82,000 school children and adults in mine polluted areas** received **mine risk education directly** either in schools or on MRE sessions, activities and concerts in endangered areas,

• over **200,000 family members in these communities received it indirectly**; and

• moreover some of programs (documentary films, MRE Public Education Campaign) were turned towards local and international community enlightening them with mine risk education and awareness massages through mass media.
MINE RISK EDUCATION
ITF results:
Training/Capacity Building

- Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training Courses (10)
- Underwater EOD Training (5)
- Monitoring and Quality Control Training Courses (4)
- UNDP Senior and Middle Management Training Courses (3)
- Integrated Communication in Mine Action (2)
- Train & Equip program (Training of the Macedonian Civil Protection teams and Serbian teams in demining, BAC, EOD and demolition)
- GIS Training (3)
TRAINING
REGIONAL COOPERATION

SEEMACC

Kazakhstan

Croatia

Bosnia and Herzegovina
ITF results: Regional Cooperation

- Exchange of experience, expertise and know-how.
- in November 2000 on the initiative of countries of South-Eastern Europe (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Albania) and ITF – establishment of South East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council – SEEMACC.
- SEEMACC is an organization which now plays an ever more important role in coordination of joint projects in the South-Eastern region and is becoming a role model of regional cooperation throughout the world. In 2009, OSCE endorsed the idea of establishing the Central Asian Mine Action Coordination Council through a multi-phase project.
- Regional projects - demining of border areas, training/capacity building etc.
- Actively involved in US Department of State initiative – Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction in the region of SEE (RASR)
ITF Procedures
DONATION/DEMINING CYCLE

POST CLEARANCE INSPECTION BY ITF
3-6 months after the project is finished

REPORTING TO THE DONORS

FINAL QC DONE BY MAC
-ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE AND PAYMENT

FINAL CONTROL BY MONITORING FIRM

EXECUTION OF DEMINING WORKS BY CONTRACTOR

WORK AND CONTRACT MONITORING

EVALUATION COMMISSION: CHOOSING THE BEST TENDERER

REQUEST FOR PRIORITIES FROM MAC BY ITF

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