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MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFE



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FOREWORD

Over the last two decades, mine action saw a significant decrease in the global number of casualties. Unfortunately, since 2013 we are seeing victim numbers from explosive ordnance getting close to their level from 20 years ago. This rise is mostly due to on-going conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Civilians make up almost 90% of all victims.

After 21 years of existence, the GICHD’s core mandate remains unchanged: Saving lives and bringing back safety to communities affected by explosive ordnance. Our current strategy (2019–2022) calls for continuity in our mandate and the consolidation of existing fields of action, whilst, at the same time, pushing the development of new programmes forward.

To respond to the sharp increase in explosive ordnance casualties in recent years, in 2019 the GICHD has created an internal Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) capacity to support joint global efforts to elevate the profile of EORE and to facilitate the sharing of effective methods, tools and approaches. The Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP) has been integrated into the GICHD, strengthening the Centre's focus on gender and diversity, inclusion and empowerment. Furthermore, we have established the Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT) as an integral part of the GICHD. This team operates in partnership with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs’ SaferGuard programme to support national, regional and global efforts to improve ammunition management.

The capacity of the mine action sector to measure its work and to document and provide evidence of its positive impact is a central component of the way it fulfils its role. It is ever more important to demonstrate that mine action is not only a humanitarian protection activity, but also a key enabler for development, humanitarian action as well as for peace and security. We are therefore very pleased that the Oslo Action Plan 2020-2024, adopted at the 4th Oslo Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in November 2019, is equipped with clear indicators that the GICHD helped develop. States Parties can now better measure their progress in implementing the Convention and take corrective measures if deemed necessary.

At the GICHD, we are convinced that through the combination of political will, international solidarity and the implementation of good and evidence-based practices and policies, a world in which societies can thrive free from explosive ordnance is possible. In countries where land release has been successful, people can resume their livelihoods activities, building a new economy. This brings back lasting safety and dignity to communities.

Dr Barbara Haering	Ambassador Stefano Toscano
GICHD President	GICHD Director





Walking into minefield entrance, Sri Lanka

THE IMPACT OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE

Today, over 60 states and territories are contaminated by landmines, cluster munitions, unexploded and abandoned explosive ordnance. Many regions worldwide also face risks of accidental explosions and illicit diversion from poorly managed ammunition stockpiles.

Despite significant efforts over the past two decades to limit the impact of explosive ordnance, recent armed conflicts have caused a sharp rise in the number of casualties. A new, more complex contamination that includes improvised explosive devices, has a severe impact on civilians and infrastructure.

Every day, around 20 casualties caused by landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war were recorded in 2018, with many accidents going unreported especially in conflict areas. Explosive ordnance severely impacts daily lives, access to livelihoods and key services. Its presence impacts resettlement of internally displaced people and refugees, the environment, reconstruction and development efforts.

THE GICHD

WHO WE ARE

The GICHD is a neutral, independent and well trusted centre of expertise and knowledge working towards reducing risk to communities caused by explosive ordnance, with a focus on landmines, cluster munitions and ammunition stockpiles.

The GICHD helps national authorities, international and regional organisations, NGOs and commercial operators to develop and professionalise mine action and ammunition management.



ADVICE AND TRAINING
Field support to develop national capacities and national ownership of programmes

KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH
Technical and policy research to develop or adapt concepts, methods and tools for mine action and ammunition management operations

NORMS AND STANDARDS
Support for the development and implementation of standardisation processes and of instruments of international humanitarian law

DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION
Facilitating the exchange of good practice and regional cooperation between affected countries



GICHD staff in 2019

OUR PARTNERS

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

The GICHD helps national authorities to plan and manage mine action programmes and to implement their treaty obligations. National capacities and local ownership are key to enabling successful and sustainable programmes.

MINE ACTION OPERATORS

The GICHD collaborates closely with local, national and international operators through advisory services, training courses, policy projects and outreach activities.

HUMAN SECURITY ACTORS

The GICHD nurtures partnerships with other actors in the field of human security, peace and disarmament, including within the Maison de la paix campus in Geneva where the Centre is located.

HOSTING PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The GICHD hosts and provides support to the Implementation Support Units of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions, as per agreements with the States Parties.

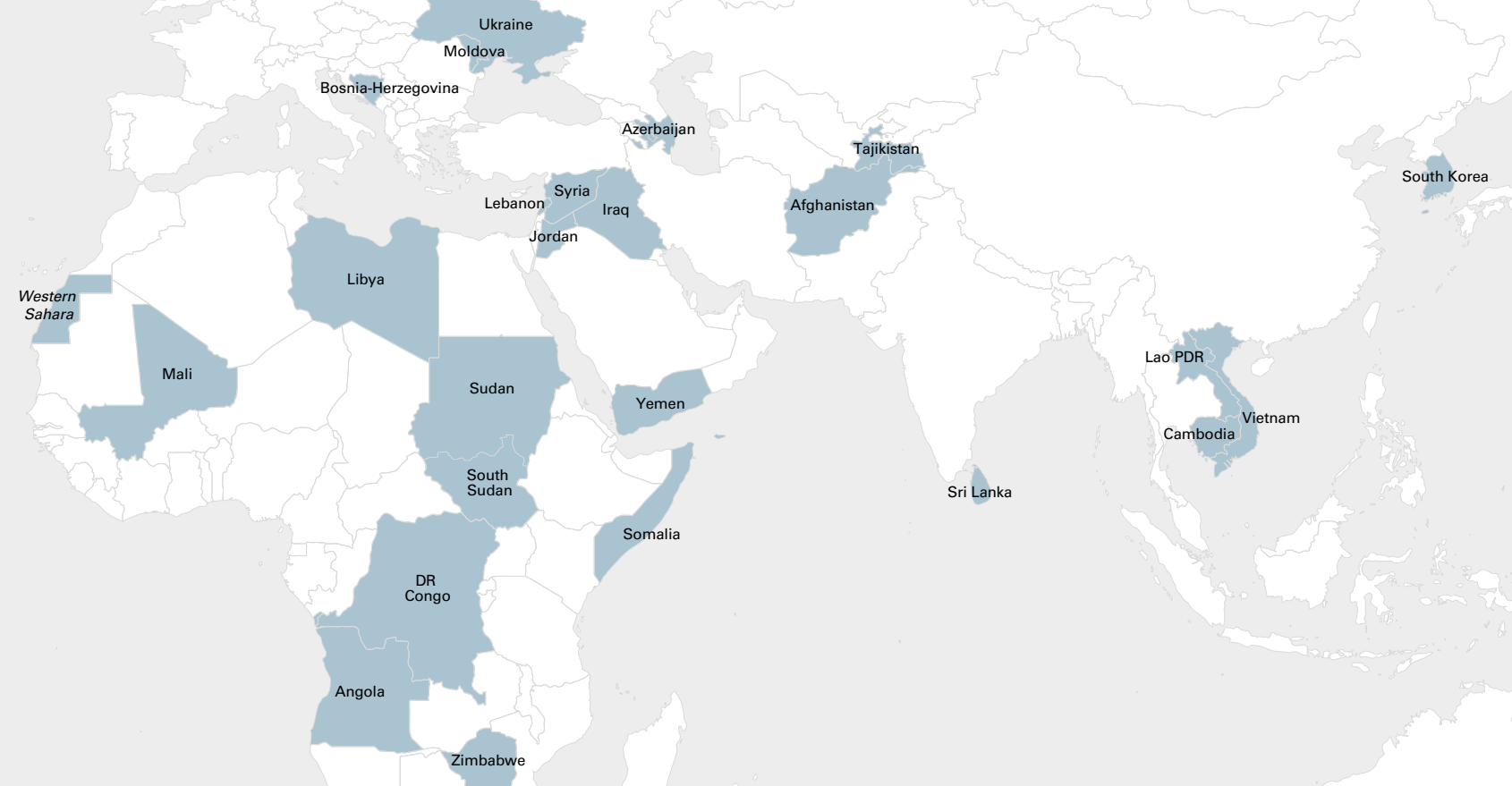


Operational efficiency in mine action training course, organised with the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center, Cambodia, 2019

27 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES SUPPORTED IN 2019

The GICHD supports national authorities, international and regional organisations and NGOs in 27 countries and territories.

More countries are visited to liaise with partners and donors, participate in conferences and organise workshops and training courses for the benefit of other affected countries.



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2019 HIGHLIGHTS

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION AT THE SERVICE OF MINE ACTION

THE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP, A SUCCESSFUL PLATFORM FOR INNOVATION

Technology and innovation are an integral part of GICHD's efforts to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness of mine action programmes. GICHD's Mine Action Technology Workshop offers a platform to mine action actors, including national authorities, international organisations, the United Nations, operators and manufacturers to share ideas and good practice that promote efficient use of innovation and technology in mine action.

The 7th Mine Action Technology Workshop, with the theme "Remote Sensing and Robotics in Mine Action", took place in Basel, Switzerland in November 2019. 94% of its 165 attendees, representing 49 countries and 85 different organisations, have rated the event as a success.

In addition to the workshop, the GICHD has developed a web based mobile application that gives direct access to its online demining catalogue, allowing users to easily search and compare available demining equipment.



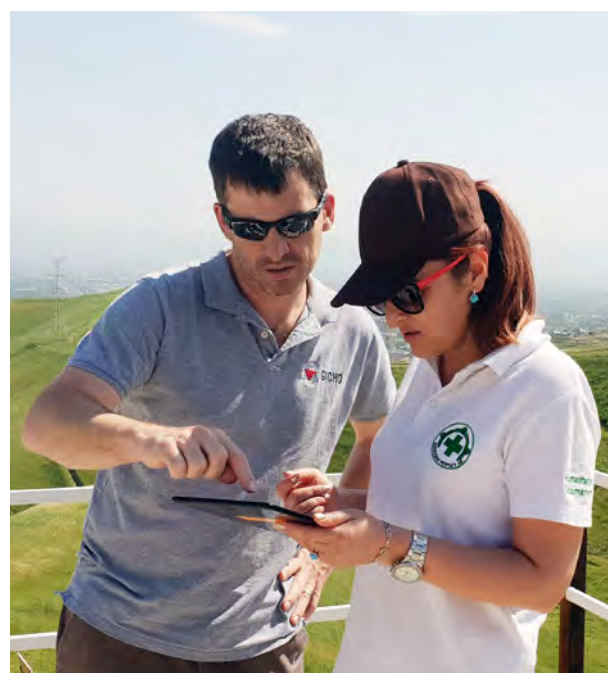
7th Mine Action Technology Workshop, Switzerland, 2019

IMSMA CORE IMPLEMENTED IN SEVEN COUNTRIES

In collaboration with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the GICHD provides its technical expertise to implement its advanced information management system, IMSMA Core, as the reference system throughout the sector.

In 2019, IMSMA Core was successfully introduced in seven UNMAS programmes. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Palestine, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan as well as Western Sahara are now all adopting the tool developed by the GICHD to collect, analyse and disseminate data and information.

The ability of mine action centres to effectively leverage information towards evidence-based operational and strategic decision-making is clearly improved by the additional functionalities in IMSMA Core, GICHD's technical user support as well as data sharing between the mine action and the humanitarian sectors.



IMSMA Core implementation mission, Tajikistan, 2019

PASSING ON KNOWLEDGE, ENABLING NATIONAL OWNERSHIP

LAND RELEASE PROCESS IMPROVED

In 2019, the GICHD continued to do research and develop technical workshops and training courses in line with the international standard on Land Release, to assist mine action actors in improving their survey and clearance activities.

The Centre conducted its first global technical survey course in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with Norwegian People's Aid. 17 participants from 11 countries, working for national mine action authorities and operators, had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge by being involved in practical demonstrations and exercises. The GICHD also organised non-technical survey training courses in Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, Lebanon and Switzerland, for a total of 72 participants. GICHD's "A Guide to Non-Technical Survey" is now available as a learning and reference tool for trainees.

The TSIM (Technical SIMulator), an innovative tool developed by the GICHD, was used for the first time in 2019 as a support for the technical survey courses. TSIM is an interactive platform that simulates different operational scenarios in a secure virtual environment; it will be made available to operators and training centres.



Technical survey training course, Iraq, 2019

TRAIN THE TRAINERS: A STEP CLOSER TO NATIONAL OWNERSHIP

Another milestone in 2019 was the development and implementation of the first non-technical survey "Train the Trainers" programme in Colombia. Local experts who were previously trained by the GICHD passed on their knowledge to a series of trainees in what can be qualified as a great example of local capacity-building.

This result was achieved through the long-term commitment and engagement in Colombia of both civil and military partners and is proof of their investment in national capacity building and improved nationwide coordination.



24
training
courses
delivered

413 participants
>**95%** improved
their skills



8 workshops
>**330** participants



20% or 135
women
80% or 611
men

746
participants
of training
courses and
workshops

AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE SHAPED INTO A NEW TEAM

Capitalising on its technical expertise on safe and secure management of ammunition, its strategic partnerships with at-risk/ donor states as well as organisations active in ammunition management, the GICHD has established the Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT) in partnership with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs' SaferGuard programme.

The team is composed of technical and policy experts supporting national, regional and global efforts to improve the safety and security of ammunition stockpiles. AMAT also strategically contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Secretary-General's Agenda for Disarmament.

In 2019, AMAT successfully carried out its first missions in assisting states, providing technical assistance and training courses. The team supported the UN SaferGuard validation process of 23 ammunition technical experts from 12 countries, which are now ready to be deployed in international assistance.



Damaged ammunition in storage awaiting disposal

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION REVITALIZED

The increase in numbers of civilian casualties from explosive ordnance (EO) in recent years has been alarming. The changing conflict dynamics and global context have placed demands on the Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) pillar of mine action to reinvent itself to respond to today's threats and challenges. EORE is key to protect EO-affected communities from explosive harm and increase their resilience.

Against this backdrop, the GICHD decided to create an internal EORE capacity, as well as to support the establishment of the EORE Advisory Group in order to help reverse the upward trend in EO victims. The EORE Advisory Group is comprised of over a dozen international organisations and UN agencies and receives support from the GICHD, both as a core member and in its role as secretariat. The activities implemented with the support of the GICHD contributed to creating a common consensus on the importance of reinvigorating EORE.



Community meeting, Lao PDR

OUR RESULTS IN 2019

NATIONAL STRATEGIES

Enabling states to develop, implement and monitor national mine action strategies in accordance with good practice

So far, the GICHD has supported eight out of the 33 mine affected States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention with developing their national strategies. In 2019, we collaborated with national authorities and operators in Angola to develop the country's new mine action strategy, that envisages completion of Angola's clearance obligations by 2025. Germany was also supported to develop its donor mine action strategy, which was finalised and approved in 2019.

Further achievements in 2019 include the formal approval of new national strategies, developed with the support of GICHD, by the governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Sri Lanka. Furthermore, 2019 saw the implementation of GICHD-supported strategies in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, South Sudan and Zimbabwe.

All GICHD-supported national strategies includes sections on the management of residual contamination The GICHD further supported the authorities of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Lebanon and Tajikistan in developing their work plans for the long-term risk management of explosive ordnance. This process included the evaluation of risks posed by residual contamination, based on land use and on the specific legal frameworks and convention deadlines.

An integrated baseline assessment piloted in Afghanistan allowed the GICHD to identify the areas where the national authority requires most support, such as the revision of strategies and standards, planning and training. This has subsequently contributed to the successful implementation of its national mine action strategy.



Strategy stakeholders workshop, Angola, 2019

MINE ACTION STANDARDS

Developing and disseminating International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and enabling states to develop and comply with national standards

The IMAS promote a common approach to the conduct of mine action operations, improving the safety, efficiency and quality of operations. Acting as the secretariat of the IMAS Review Board and as an active participant, the GICHD assists the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in the process of updating and maintaining the IMAS framework. In 2019, the GICHD supported the development of 7 new IMAS and Technical Notes for Mine Action (TNMA).

In 2019, the GICHD conducted field visits and assessments in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Libya and Ukraine to identify needs related to national mine action standards (NMAS) and to provide advice on alignment with the IMAS framework. GICHD advisors also visited Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as Iraq to support national mine action authorities (NMAAs) in the development of quality management standards, focusing on the disposal of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDD). The observations resulting from these visits fed directly into deliberations of the IMAS Review Board.

The four IMAS outreach workshops organised by the GICHD in 2019 enhanced national authorities' awareness of the technical elements to consider when adapting their NMAS to the latest good practice and recommendations. Another workshop on liability within mine action operations was delivered to representatives from 12 NMAAs, UN programmes and NGOs in Lebanon. Recommendations were provided by the GICHD for the development of legislation and policies linked to responsibility and liability in mine action.



Liability workshop on mine action, Lebanon, 2019

7 IMAS and TNMA approved by the IMAS Review Board, 100% of new standards include gender and diversity considerations

- IMAS 04.10 Glossary
- IMAS 07.14 on Risk Management
- IMAS 09.13 on Building clearance
- IMAS 09.31 on Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD)
- IMAS 05.10 on Information Management
- TNMA 10.40/01 on Medical Support
- T&EP 09.31/01 on IEDD Competency Standards

4 IMAS outreach workshops delivered

- IMAS Awareness Course on Urban Threat Assessment and Building Clearance, held in Switzerland
- Regional Workshop on Quality Management Systems in South East Asia, held in Vietnam
- IMAS outreach workshop for the Libyan MA Program, held in Tunisia
- IMAS outreach workshop for the Angolan MA Program, held in Angola

5 national mine action standards capacity assessments completed

Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Libya, Ukraine

2 countries supported in the development of quality management standards

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Enabling the collection and use of quality information to support programming and operational management

The GICHD helps national mine action authorities and other partners to maintain a pool of skilled personnel that master the use of information management (IM) tools that are up-to-date and fit-for-purpose. In 2019, the GICHD provided IM support to 16 countries, including field visits, capacity assessments, development of IM workplans and delivery of training and workshops.

The new version of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) developed by the GICHD, IMSMA Core, offers a series of inter-related tools to collect, analyse and disseminate accurate, timely and relevant information on explosive ordnance. IMSMA Core includes mobile data collection capabilities to report on operational field activities and Geographic Information System mapping tools to better visualise and analyse data.

In collaboration with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the GICHD has started to implement IMSMA Core for all of UNMAS's field programmes and to combine mine action data with information on humanitarian, development or peacebuilding efforts. In 2019, IMSMA Core was configured and/or introduced to UNMAS programmes in Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Western Sahara and further developed in UNMAS Democratic Republic of the Congo and Palestine. Through workshops, programmes in Mali, Somalia and South Sudan were helped to define detailed requirements for their IM systems. In 2019, four new countries also started implementing IMSMA Core: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Libya and Ukraine.

Furthermore, to enhance good practice of IM across the sector, the GICHD led the drafting process and adoption of a new IMAS on IM and an associated annex on minimum data requirement. In parallel, an inter-agency IMSMA expert working group was formalised to collectively steer IM developments in mine action.

4 countries improved their information management system

Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Libya, Tajikistan

2 mine action programmes incorporated humanitarian and development datasets into their information management system

UNMAS programmes in Democratic Republic of the Congo, UNMAS Palestine

7 mine action programmes adopted IMSMA tools

UNMAS in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Western Sahara

3 stakeholder workshops delivered

for UNMAS programmes in Mali, Somalia and South Sudan

3 IMSMA training courses conducted in Switzerland

for 36 people working for mine action programmes and operators



Exercise on data analysis during the operations analyst training course, Colombia, 2019

COOPERATION

Facilitating the exchange and adoption of good practice between affected countries in local languages to strengthen dialogue and cooperation

The GICHD regional cooperation platform has been benefitting affected states from the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and the Middle East and North Africa regions. We facilitate in/intra-country cooperation forums and visits between mine action programmes.

The Centre delivers regional workshops and training courses upon request from national mine action programmes. For instance, in partnership with the Lebanon Mine Action Center, the GICHD organised four regional training courses during 2019 to foster cooperation between Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. These courses focused on non-technical survey, operational efficiency, threat assessment and building search awareness, as well as on operational risk management. All courses were delivered in English and Arabic, at the Regional School for Humanitarian Demining in Hammama/Lebanon. The GICHD also delivered a regional Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia workshop on IMSMA Core implementation in Ukraine, where good practice by Tajikistan was presented.

In its efforts to globalise knowledge in mine action, the GICHD also increasingly makes mine action resources, such as training material, guides and standards, available in Arabic, French and Russian. In December 2019, in partnership with Jordan and Lebanon, the Centre organised the 7th annual conference of the Arab Regional Cooperation Programme National Directors in Jordan, focusing on the terminology of IMAS recently translated into Arabic. Notably, Iraq and Lebanon strengthened their cooperation and exchange on the unified adoption of new technical terms. Another example is Tajikistan that relied on documents translated by the GICHD into Russian to facilitate internal strategic planning.

16 countries exchanged good practice via the cooperation programme

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Palestine, Russia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Yemen

4 countries increased regional cooperation

Belarus, Lebanon, Tajikistan, Ukraine

4 countries adopted good practice by using mine action resources in local languages

Benin, Iraq, Lebanon, Tajikistan

14 IMAS chapters translated into Arabic

6 IMAS chapters translated into French

2 GICHD training courses (Operational Efficiency and IMSMA Core implementation) translated into Russian



ARCP Threat Assessment and Building Search Awareness course, Lebanon, 2019

LAND RELEASE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Enabling states and other partners to follow good practice in land release, to achieve cost efficiency

Land release aims to identify where explosive ordnance is to be found and to determine how to best allocate resources, resulting in considerable time and cost savings. In 2019, the GICHD conducted field research on Land Release practices in Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, Libya, Tajikistan and Ukraine to assess and document current good practice and to identify areas for improvement.

The Centre delivered 13 training courses at global, regional and country levels on specific techniques such as non-technical survey, technical survey, operational efficiency, accident investigation, risk management and quality management.

To support land release as well as general capacity building efforts, the GICHD also develops tools and provides exchange platforms for the mine action sector:

- ▼ The 7th Mine Action Technology Workshop, themed “Remote Sensing and Robotics in Mine Action”, proved once more to be one of the main platforms of the mine action sector. 165 participants from 49 countries, representing 85 organisations shared and discussed developments on the topics of remote sensing and robotics;
- ▼ The online mine action equipment catalogue and the Collaborative ORDNance data repository (CORD) were improved to facilitate web-based search of landmine and other explosive ordnance data;
- ▼ An interactive virtual training platform, called TSIM (Technical Simulator), was developed to support technical survey courses. It allows the creation of realistic fictitious operational scenarios that help users to better plan and execute their technical survey processes;
- ▼ GICHD’s e-learning platform was further enhanced and included seven online case studies, such as “Introduction to Operational KPIs in Mine Action”, and GICHD’s first e-learning training course: “Introduction to Gender and Diversity in Mine Action”;
- ▼ “A Guide to Non-Technical Survey” was published.

4 new training courses developed

on Accident Investigation, Operation Analyst, Quality Management and Technical Survey

13 training courses delivered for 225 mine action staff

on non-technical survey, technical survey, operational efficiency, accident investigation, risk management and quality management

9 tools developed

CORD, e-learning platform, TSIM, A Guide to Non-Technical Survey, 5 case studies



NTS course, Lebanon, 2019

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION

Strengthening the resilience of communities affected by explosive ordnance through risk education

Concerned about recent increases in explosive ordnance casualties, the GICHD came together with partners to establish an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Advisory Group (EORE AG), comprising 15 international organisations and UN agencies. It aims to raise the profile of the EORE pillar of mine action globally and to identify ways to improve its effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and integration within the mine action sector and beyond. The GICHD provides support to the EORE AG both in its role as secretariat of the group and as a core member.

The results achieved in 2019 represent both the collaborative efforts of EORE AG partners and GICHD-led activities. Most notably, advocacy efforts contributed to the creation of a dedicated section for risk education in the Oslo Action Plan, adopted by the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention at the treaty’s 2nd Review Conference in November 2019, a first in the Convention’s history.

15 organisations joined the EORE AG

2019-2020 EORE AG work plan adopted

5 action points on EORE in the APMBC Oslo Action Plan adopted

2 regional organisations supported

OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre

1 EORE Sector Mapping and Needs Analysis published



Risk education session, Lebanon, 2018

GENDER AND DIVERSITY

Making mine action responses more inclusive and effective

As part of its Strategy 2019–2022, the GICHD elevated gender equality and inclusion to be one of its four Strategic Objectives: “Gender equality and inclusion are achieved, and women and girls empowered”. Fully integrated within the GICHD in March 2019, the formerly independent Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP) contributes to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through capacity development, policy advice, research, and gender and diversity mainstreaming both internally and in field operations.

Through research, technical assistance and capacity-building programmes, the GICHD focused on improving the capacity of mine action programmes, NMAAs and stakeholders in mainstreaming gender and diversity in their interventions. Some notable achievements were the piloting of GICHD’s global gender focal point capacity development programme through the community of practice, and the launch of the e-learning training course titled “Introduction to Gender and Diversity in Mine Action”.

The publication “Guidance on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse” was released and two studies were conducted, namely on the socio-economic impact of the employment of female deminers in Northern Sri Lanka, and on the employment of the first female deminers in Afghanistan.

4 countries equipped with a dedicated capacity on gender and diversity

Afghanistan, Cambodia, Iraq, Lebanon

2 gender and diversity baseline assessments completed

Cambodian Mine Action Authority, Lebanon Mine Action Centre

3 mine action programmes formalised and/or implemented gender mainstreaming frameworks

Cambodian Mine Action Authority, Colombia, NPA Lebanon

5 training courses delivered to 85 people



Focus group discussion with with mine-affected community, Lanka, 2019

AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT

Supporting states in improving safety and security of stockpiled ammunition to avoid accidental explosions and the proliferation of ammunition

Ageing, unstable and surplus ammunition stockpiles pose a dual risk of accidental explosions and illicit diversion of ammunition. In response, the GICHD has established the Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT) in partnership with UNODA, to provide much needed urgent support to States in the safe, secure and sustainable management of ammunition. AMAT is advised by an independent Advisory Council, composed of donor and beneficiary states, international and regional organisations and expert implementing partners.

In its first year of operation, AMAT was successful in raising the issue among policymakers and relevant stakeholders at the state level. Government and military buy-in was expressed via the acknowledgement of AMAT in the draft UN Resolution 74/53 as the mechanism in charge of supporting states in the safe and secure management of ammunition through the provision of technical advice and services.

AMAT substantially increased knowledge of good practice and International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) throughout the year. The team published and disseminated two guides in English, French and Spanish: “A Critical Path to the IATG” and “A Guide to Developing National Standards in Ammunition Management”. AMAT provided technical assistance to the IATG Technical Review Board and contributed to training courses delivered by partners in Ukraine, Georgia and Guatemala. Furthermore, AMAT supported the UN Institute for Disarmament Research in conducting a baseline assessment on national ammunition institutions, policies and norms in Ghana in August 2019, and in producing appropriate action points.

AMAT supports the UN SaferGuard Programme to identify ammunition technical experts whose knowledge and skills are compatible with the IATG and who are ready to be deployed in international assistance. In 2019, 23 new experts have been validated and added to the UN SaferGuard roster.

33 countries sponsored UNGA resolution 74/53

recognising AMAT as the global mechanism for technical assistance on SSMA

2 IATG training courses conducted for 30 people

in Georgia and Ukraine

23 ammunition experts from 12 countries

were validated as a result of the UN SaferGuard Validation Exercises

60 government, military and police officials trained



Poor ammunition storage in a shipping container

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Providing expertise and support for the implementation of the relevant instruments of International Humanitarian Law

GICHD's insight into a variety of mine action programmes allows it to strategically support the implementation of the relevant legal instruments, namely the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

In 2019, the Centre actively contributed to discussions and meetings around those Conventions. Ahead of the 4th Oslo Review Conference of the APMBC, the GICHD contributed to the elaboration of the review document 2014–2019 and Oslo Action Plan 2020–2024 which was subsequently adopted in November 2019. Under the same framework, the GICHD also provided a detailed review of extension requests for clearance to a group of states, sharing recommendations to ensuring that all the available information and evidence on a country-specific situation is factored in the extension request.

In the context of the CCM, the GICHD facilitated efforts by Norway and the UN Development Programme to foster a country-coalition approach in Lebanon. Building a coalition or establishing a coordination platform at a national level helps bring together all mine action actors in a given country. Bringing in technical information and advice based on our experience and contexts, we help ensure that those approaches are based on evidence. During the CCW-related meetings, the GICHD focused on providing evidence on the humanitarian and development impact of anti-vehicle mines.

The GICHD provided targeted technical advice and support on gender and diversity questions to ensure the Conventions’ frameworks, tools and procedures are gender and diversity sensitive, responsive and in some cases transformative.

45 references to GICHD support

by States Parties during APMBC, CCM and CCW meetings

3 extension requests under the APMBC supported by the GICHD

Cambodia, Tajikistan, Yemen

3 countries benefitting from a country-focused and individualised approach were supported

Cambodia and Tajikistan (under APMBC), Lebanon (under CCM)

86 sponsored delegates (17 women, 69 men) to participate in Convention-related meetings



GICHD Director and the Head of External Relations, Policy and Cooperation Programmes, at the Intersessional Meetings of the APMBC, Switzerland, 2019

MINE ACTION, PEACE AND SECURITY, DEVELOPMENT

Contributing to humanitarian action and sustainable development

The GICHD contributes to informed normative and policy processes at the international level. Through evidence-based studies that identify the precise impact of mine action, the sector can improve how it generates, measures and communicates about its impact.

The GICHD ensures mine action and ammunition management are embedded even more firmly into broader agendas such as those relating to humanitarian action, peace, security and sustainable development. In partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the GICHD started to work with countries to identify the type of impact that mine action is generating. The focus is put on selected Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets and their related indicators against which the contribution of mine action is expected to be tangible.

Activities undertaken in 2019 included:

- ▼ In collaboration with the Stockholm International Peace Institute and King's College London, the GICHD conducted a pilot study to assess the social and economic impact of anti-vehicle mines in Angola. The goal was to assess how anti-vehicle mines clearance contributes to the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 12 references to the study were made in international fora.
- ▼ In Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNDP and the GICHD have partnered to mainstream the SDGs into the new national mine action strategy.
- ▼ Collaboration with Security Sector Reforms actors such as the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance allowed for the GICHD to provide enhanced support to countries developing national legislation on mine action.
- ▼ Recognised as a source of expertise in the domain, the GICHD was invited to present on the impact of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas at the Vienna Conference on Protecting Civilians in Urban Warfare, the first global event dedicated to the issue.
- ▼ The GICHD managed the design and implementation of the Enterprise Geographic Information System (EGIS) at the service of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. This project illustrates how methods and tools developed for the mine action sector contribute to broader peace and security.

8 cross-thematic partnerships built with the OSCE, OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, UNDP, Switzerland and Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Maison de la paix Gender and Diversity Hub, International Gender Champions, Disarmament Impact Group, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Advisory Group

OUTREACH



AVM impact assessment mission, Angola, 2019

COMMUNICATION

GICHD FILM “HEARTS AND MINDS” AND VR EXPERIENCE “HOME AFTER WAR” AWARDED

After having won two world medals at the prestigious New York Festivals TV & Film awards in 2018 and a shortlisting at the Cannes Corporate Awards last year, our corporate Film Hearts and Minds has been shortlisted and awarded a gold medal at the International Economic Film Days in Germany as best film in the category “Fundraising, Non-Profit and CSR”.



www.gichd.org/film



Home After War is an immersive virtual reality experience produced in 2018 by the the GICHD, in cooperation with NowHere Media and Oculus VR for Good, telling the story of a family returning to their home in Fallujah, Iraq. To bring the experience to as many people as possible, the experience travelled in 11 different countries and has been shown at film festivals around the world, winning 6 prizes from 3 different festivals.

homeafterwar.net



Home After War experienced during a Handicap International event, France, 2019

EXHIBITION “LIFE OF MINE” SHOWN IN TWELVE COUNTRIES

Through photography and film, “Life of Mine” aims to increase the global awareness on the problems posed by mines and other explosive remnants of war. Impactful portrait photos, life stories and short films help shed a light on people whose lives have been impacted by explosive ordnance and on those who dedicate their lives to eliminate them. In addition, the exhibition gives information on the different types of mines, their effects and the situation in the countries of origin of the people portrayed: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia and Lebanon.

“Life of Mine” was inaugurated on the International Day of Mine Awareness, 4th of April 2019, in Geneva, where it was shown in the public space for one month. Since then, it has been translated into seven languages and exhibited in eleven other countries, facilitated by the local Swiss representations: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ireland, Italy, Canada, Colombia, Lebanon, Mali, the Netherlands and Peru.

www.lifeofmine.org



Life Of Mine exhibition, Switzerland, 2019



Life Of Mine exhibition, Switzerland, 2019

PUBLICATIONS, DIGITAL PLATFORMS AND TOOLS

The research, publications and online resources produced and maintained by the GICHD each year in multiple languages are a key component of the Centre’s support to mine action. These resources compile examples of good practice, support advisory missions and training courses, and give national authorities and operators the tools they need to improve mine action.

In 2019, 13 publications were released and a new International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) website was launched, allowing users to easily search through the series of standards and technical notes and access the available translations.

2019 PUBLICATIONS

GICHD training catalogue 2019

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education - Sector Mapping and Needs Analysis

The Socio-Economic Impact of Anti-Vehicle Mines in Angola

Global Mapping and Analysis of Anti-Vehicle Mine Incidents in 2018

Guidance on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

A Guide to Non-Technical Survey

National Capacities and Residual Contamination in Croatia

Long-Term Risk Management Tools and Protocols for Residual Explosive Ordnance Mitigation in Vietnam

Vietnam Ageing Study Management of Explosive Remnants of War

A Guide to Developing National Standards for Ammunition Management (in English and French)

Critical Path Guide to the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (in English and French)

A Guide to Developing National Mine Action Standards (in Arabic)

Leaving no one behind: Mine Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (in Arabic)



www.gichd.org/resources/publications

GICHD WEBSITES

GICHD main website:
www.gichd.org

GICHD online training platform:
training.gichd.org

Ammunition Management Advisory Team of the GICHD:
amat.gichd.org

International Mine Action Standards:
www.mineactionstandards.org

Characterisation of explosive weapons research project:
www.characterisationexplosiveweapons.org

Together Against Mines campaign:
www.togetheragainstmines.org

The Bâtisseurs de Paix competition:
www.batisseursdepaix.org

A VR experience made by the GICHD and NowHere Media:
www.homeafterwar.net

OTHER PLATFORMS HOSTED AND SUPPORTED

The Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention:
www.apminebanconvention.org

Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions:
www.clusterconvention.org

Maison de la paix:
www.maisondelapaix.ch

Maison de la paix Gender and Diversity Hub:
www.gdhub.ch

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GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The GICHD is subject to the laws of Switzerland. It is directly supervised by the *Autorité fédérale de surveillance des fondations* (the Federal Supervisory Board for Foundations), which is a section of the Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs. The GICHD Foundation’s powers are exercised by, or are under the authority of, the Council of Foundation and the Director of the GICHD.

The Council of Foundation is the GICHD’s governing body. It defines the Centre’s general direction, supervises its activities and decides how to allocate its resources. Serving alongside the President, Dr Barbara Haering, who was re-elected for another four-year mandate in 2016, there are 23 Council of Foundation members and the Honorary President, Dr Cornelio Sommaruga.

The Bureau of the Council of Foundation manages the Foundation’s current affairs unless otherwise delegated to the Director. The Bureau is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and three delegates from the Council of Foundation.

The Advisory Board provides advice to the management on the strategy and programmes of the GICHD. It consists of a group of practitioners involved in mine action and human security in various roles and organisations, chaired by the Director of the GICHD.

The Director is responsible for the Centre’s operational, financial and administrative management under the strategic guidance of the Council of Foundation. The Director is appointed by the Council of Foundation and has the right to act on behalf of the Foundation.

An external auditor reviews the Centre’s financial reports and ensures their compliance with Swiss law. Mazars SA was appointed as the external auditor for the 2019 fiscal year following a tender process. The GICHD’s annual financial statements are subject to a voluntary ordinary statutory audit as per a decision by the GICHD’s Council of Foundation. The audit is carried out in accordance with the requirement of the Swiss law and the Swiss auditing standards.

The objectives of an ordinary statutory audit are to obtain reasonable assurances on whether the financial statements of the GICHD are prepared in accordance with the Swiss law and the statutes of the Foundation and whether they give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of the operations and cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (core FER), in particular FER 21. The ordinary audit of the financial statements also aims at providing an opinion as to whether an internal control system (ICS, design and implementation) exists with regards to the preparation of the financial statements. The procedures performed for an ordinary audit are described in the Swiss auditing standards that were developed from, and are to be considered as equivalent to, the International Standards on Auditing. These are issued by the International Federation of Accountants.

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FINANCE

EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES STATEMENT

		All amounts in CHF	2019
OPERATIONS	Publications and outreach		220'914
	Travel costs		782'426
	Professional fees (events & consultants)		3'260'113
	Travel costs for third parties		543'819
STAFF	Personnel expenses		9'755'621
GENERAL SERVICES	ICT and furniture maintenance		240'202
	ICT and furniture acquisitions		664'629
	ICT running costs		269'780
	Office supplies		34'784
MISCELLANEOUS	Miscellaneous expenses (office rent, bank charges and insurance premiums)		802'001
	In-kind expenditures		685'811
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES			17'260'101
Financial results			184'508
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			17'444'608
CONTRIBUTIONS	Contributions received		16'420'357
	Activities / contributions deferred to next year		(1'092'852)
	Activities / contributions deferred from previous year		1'390'993
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR		16'718'499
OTHER INCOME	Miscellaneous income		40'299
	In-kind contributions		685'811
TOTAL REVENUES			17'444'608
SURPLUS			-

Full financial statements available upon request.

AUDIT REPORT



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Report of the statutory auditor on the financial statements to the Council of Foundation of Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, Geneva

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, which comprise the balance sheet, the statement of income and expenditures, the statement of changes in capital, the statement of cash flow and notes for the year ended 31 December 2019. The audit of the prior year financial statements was performed by another auditor, which expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those financial statements in its report dated 7 May 2019.

Council of the Foundation's Responsibility

The Council of the Foundation is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (core FER), in particular FER 21, the requirements of Swiss law and the statutes of the Foundation. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council of the Foundation is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (core FER), in particular FER 21, and comply with Swiss law and the statutes of the foundation.



Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Council of the Foundation.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

MAZARS SA

Jean-Marc Jenny
Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in Charge

Hélène Laumone
Licensed Audit Expert

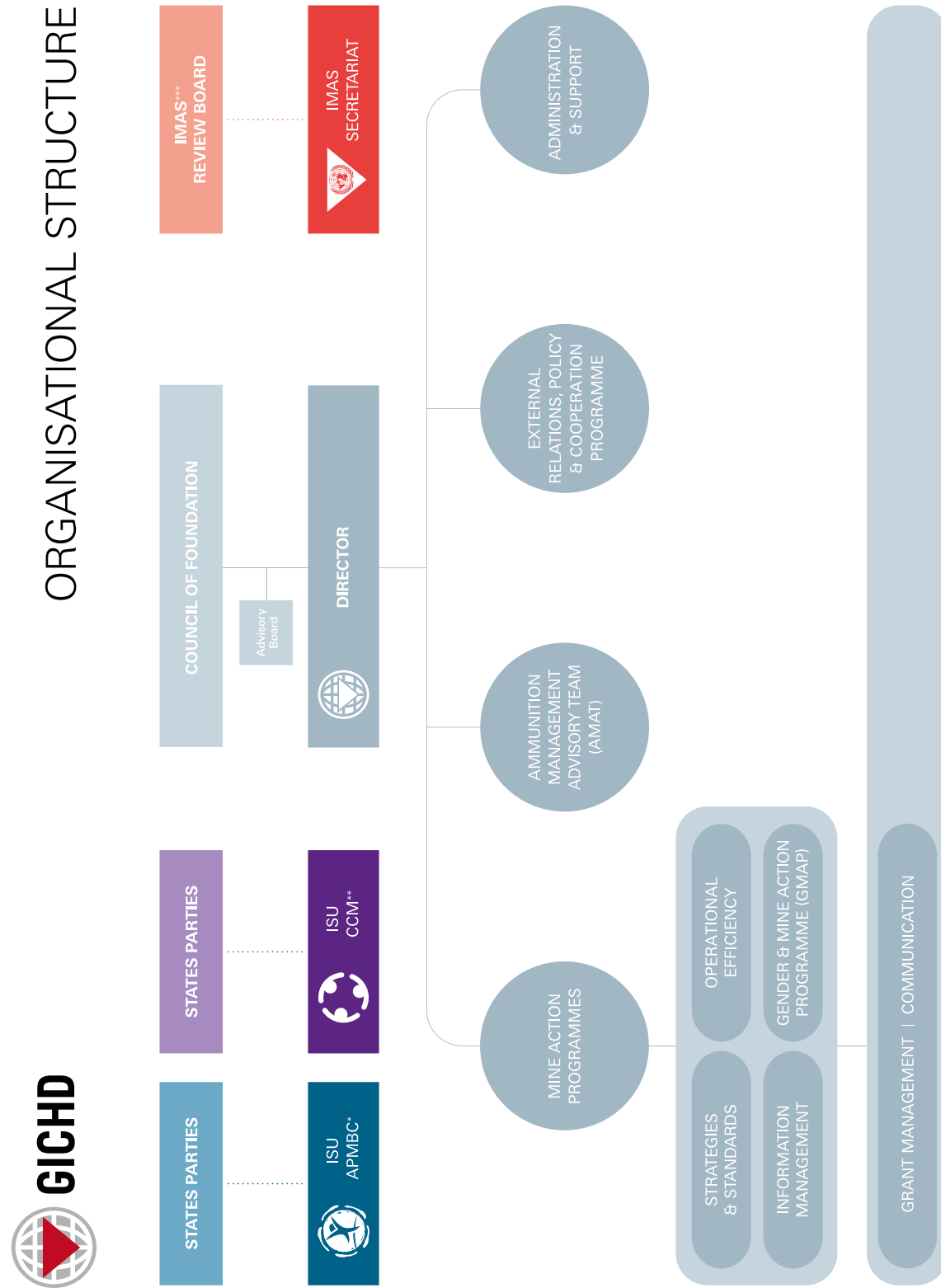
Geneva, 19 May 2020

Enclosures :

- Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditures, statement of changes in capital, statement of cash flow and notes)

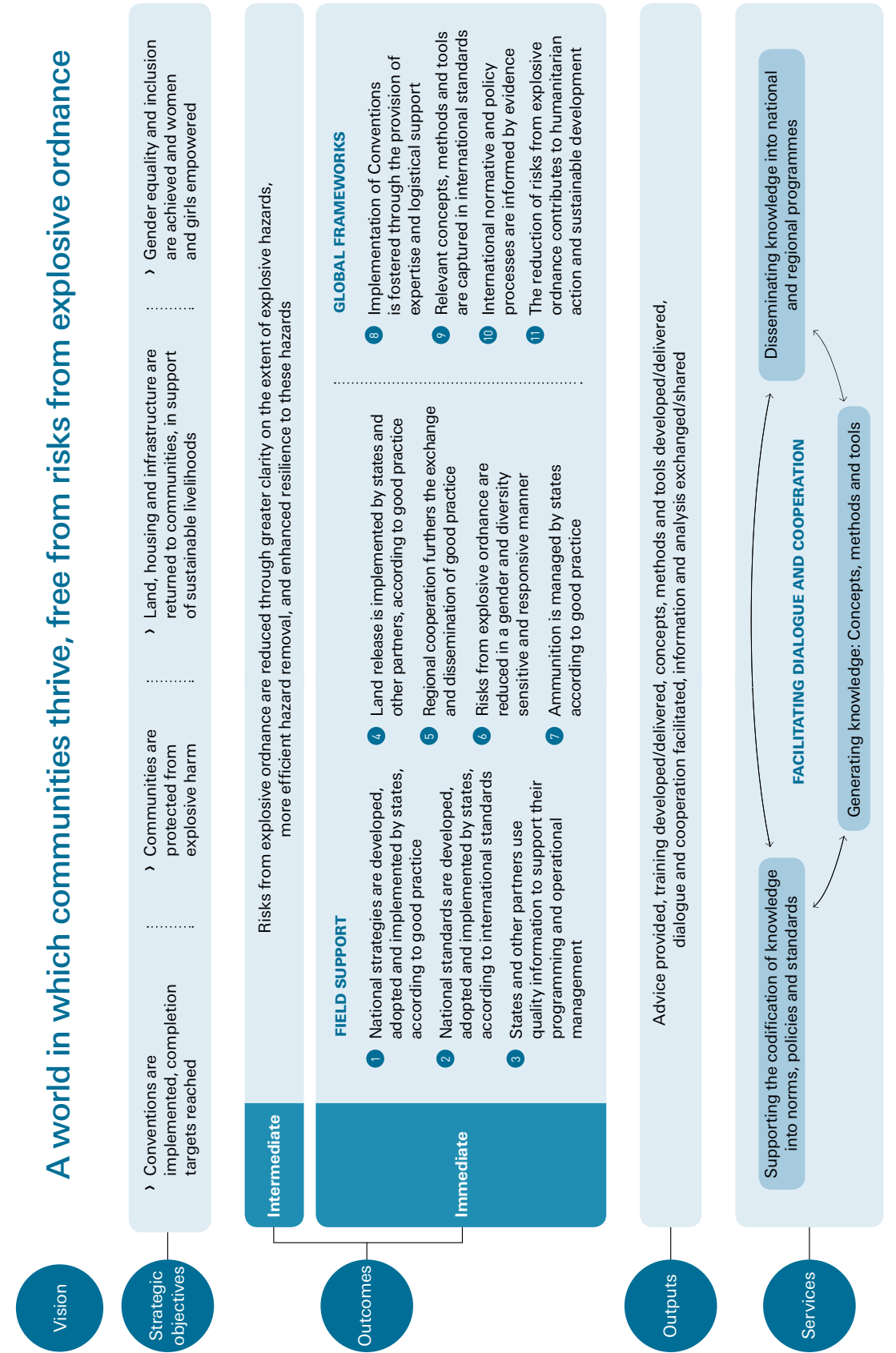
ANNEXES

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



* Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention ** Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions *** International Mine Action Standards

STRATEGY 2019-2022 – AN OVERVIEW



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