

OVERVIEW

CHAPTER 1

General introduction to anti-personnel landmines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war (ERW) as well as their use and consequences. Mine action (MA), the role of international conventions and the first national mine action programmes.

CHAPTER 2

Mine action programmes: their life cycle including the different phases of transition to national ownership.

CHAPTER 3

The laws and standards in MA: main international legal instruments (Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Convention on Cluster Munitions). International and national standards of mine action and how they apply to the different components of mine action.

CHAPTER 4

Management of MA programmes: strategic considerations, the importance of quality management (QM) and results-based management (RBM) to measure performance. The fundamental role of information management. Gender and diversity and how to mainstream them in MA programmes. Environmental issues.

CHAPTER 5

The different stages of land release (including survey activities and clearance), how it is achieved, what the greatest advances in the field have been. The problem of residual contamination from mines/ERW. Manual, animal, mechanical systems used for clearance. Legal aspects of land release (contracts, insurance aspects).

CHAPTER 6

Ammunition safety management (ASM) and the increasing concern about unplanned explosions of ammunition stockpiles. Methods and techniques for stockpile destruction of ammunition, anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions. International efforts.

CHAPTER 7

Mine risk education (MRE) as an integral part of mine action planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. How it promotes safe behaviour. Stages of MRE management. Community liaison.

CHAPTER 8

Definition of victim and victim assistance by international human law. How it should be integrated in broader contexts and policies. Mine action organisations' role through data collection and dissemination, advocacy, and coordination.

CHAPTER 9

Broader security and development issues. Mine action and a country's broader social, political and economic context. The 'do no harm' approach.