



PRESENTATION

ON

THE ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION TO THE MINE

ACTION REVIEW MEETING

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INTRODUCTION

- Zimbabwe is on the fifth and undoubtedly the last extension period with a deadline of 31 December 2025.

LAND RELEASE

- Contamination as at 31 December 2019 was **42 692 666m²**
- Area released January to 31 October 2020 is **8 293 819m²**
- The 2020 target is to release **7 750 923m²**

LAND RELEASE Continued..

- Remaining CHA as at 01 November 2020 is **35 238 322m²**.
- Mines recovered and destroyed in 2020 is **22 892 AP mines**.

- The Zimbabwe Mine Action Programme employs the demining tool box approach with manual demining, mechanical demining as well as MDDs.

RELOCATION OF ZIMAC OFFICES

- ZIMAC offices relocated outside military cantonment in August 2019
- Mine action stake holders can now freely access the ZIMAC offices in the Harare CBD

NATIONAL OWNERSHIP OF THE PROGRAMME

- Zimbabwe has National Mine Action Authority of Zimbabwe (NAMAAZ) for policy formulation which is made up of 10 ministries.
- Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre (ZIMAC) which is under the Ministry of Defence and War Veterans Affairs is the focal point and coordinating centre of all operational matters.

NATIONAL OWNERSHIP Cont...

- While the Zimbabwe economy is going through hard times, the Government is prioritising the mine action programme. Funding is allocated yearly for the operations of the NMCU as well as ZIMAC activities.

COORDINATION OF MINE ACTION ACTIVITIES

- The harmonious working relationship between the operators and ZIMAC makes the programme record successes all the way.
- Meetings are held once every quarter of the year to discuss progress, plans and challenges. This is an important set up as views are shared amongst operators

COORDINATION OF MINE ACTION Cont..

- ZIMAC has taped much from the experiences and lessons learnt by international NGOs somewhere else and used it to improve the standing of the programme.



CHALLENGES TO THE PROGRAMME

- The zeal to succeed drives the programme through the challenges

CHALLENGES TO THE PROGRAMME

Cont...

- **The Zimbabwe Economic Environment**
 - ✓ the Government could not maximise its National Mine Clearance Unit capacity However, has managed to maintain current capacity.

CHALLENGES TO THE PROGRAMME

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- **Donor Funding**
 - ✓ It has been a challenge to bring in new donors
 - ✓ APOPO, who were scheduled to start in 2016 has been facing challenges to secure start up funding

CHALLENGES TO THE PROGRAMME Cont...

- **The COVID-19 Pandemic**
 - ✓ Lockdowns and some restrictions resulted in loss of up to two months' time
 - ✓ efforts are being put to cover for the lost period by seeking more funding from both the donor world and the Government.
 - ✓ The pandemic hindered the launch and implementation of the Communication and Resource and Mobilisation Strategy

CONCLUSION

- ✓ Zimbabwe is committed to maintain an exemplary programme which can be helpful to other States Parties.
- ✓ ZIMAC acknowledges the contribution of the operators as well as GICHD to all the achievements registered to date.