



# **United Nations Support to the Lebanon Mine Action Programme**

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# UN Agencies involved in Mine Action

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Fourteen United Nations departments, programmes, agencies and funds are involved in mine action.

UN Department of Peace Keeping Affairs

UN Mine Action Service

UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Children's Fund

UN Office of Project Services

Food and Agriculture Organisation

# UN Agencies involved in Mine Action

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- Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- World Food Programme
- World Health Organisation
- World Bank

# UN Mine Action in Lebanon

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Three UN Agencies have had a long relationship with Lebanon in the field of mine action

UNMAS

UNDP

UNICEF

# United Nations Mine Action Service

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## Chronology

- Mine Action Coordination Centre (MACC) was established within UNIFIL in July 2000
- UNMAS through UNOPS established MACC SL, provide the services requested and to oversee and monitor the UAE funded clearance project in January 2002
- Current MOU between MACC-SL and GoL expires end of 2008

# United Nations Mine Action Service

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## Support to the Lebanon Mine Action Programme

- Management of clearances in southern Lebanon
- Capacity building through imbedded LAF officers
- Support to transition (end 2008)
- Support to RMAC until mid-2009

# United Nations Development Programme

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## Chronology

- 2001 appointment of CTA located in UNDP
- June 2003 co-located with LMAC (then NDO)
- Current project mid 2010

# United Nations Development Programme

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## Support to the Lebanon Mine Action Programme

- Support management and policy development
- Support to data management of the LMAC
- Capacity building for LMAC/RMAC
- Support to Nahr Bared

# United Nations Children's Fund

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## Chronology

- Gradual involvement with NDO with MRE prior to 2000
- Increased involvement after withdrawal of Israeli forces in 2000
- One of the founding members of the National Steering Committee for MRE

# United Nations Children's Fund

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## Support to the Lebanon Mine Action Programme

- Technical and financial support to MRE activities in Lebanon (throughout country)
- Support to CCM events in Lebanon (2006-2007)

# Coordination of UN Support

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## Through the LMAC

Lebanon has a policy based mine action authority, most coordination for UN agencies involved is completed in conjunction with national authorities

## Through the office of the RC/HC

Some activities or situations (during the 2006 conflict) require additional coordination. UN agencies inform LMAC on all aspects of this coordination

# Coordination of UN Support

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Goal is to use resources to compliment the national programme and to build the national capacities in order to phase out international support.



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