

CRITERIA FOR FORMALLY ANNOUNCING AREAS FREE FROM KNOWN EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS

To meet the main goal of Sudan free from known Explosive Ordnance (EO) and to regularly communicate land release achievements to the mine action beneficiaries and stakeholders, the programme needs to formally announce each community, township, locality and a state free from known explosive hazards after being released from known EO contamination.

To ensure that the subject locations are completely released from the known explosive hazards, in addition to all documented information of mine action efforts made there, the following CRITERIA shall be met, signed, stamped and recorded as evidence to support the decision-making process in announcing those areas free from known EO contamination.

NMAC Operations and Information Management departments, UNMAS Operations and Mine Action Organizations involved in land released operations in subject areas shall review all the relevant documented information and evidence and then recommend either to announce the locations free from known EO contamination or to make further land release efforts before such a formal event.

The following CRITERIA shall be considered:

1. NMAC sub office confirmed that no more requests or reports of EO contamination are received after the entire locations are covered during the land release operations:

Name:..... Title:.....Signature:.....Stamp:.....Date:.....

2. Local and or state authority confirmed that no more requests or reports of the EO contamination or accident/incidents are received from the subject area since¹:/...../.....:

Name:..... Title:.....Signature:..... Stamp:.....Date:.....

3. Local or state hospital confirmed that they have not received any mine or ERW casualties from the subject areas since²:/...../.....

Name:..... Title:.....Signature:.....Stamp:.....

4. If a community or township, the community or township elders confirmed that there are no more known explosive hazards in their community or township:

Name:.....Position in the community:.....Signature:.....

Contact details:.....

Name:.....Position in the community:.....Signature:.....

Contact details:.....

¹ The last request, report and casualty date shall be confirmed to be before the completion of the land release operations.

² The last casualty date shall be confirmed to be before the completion of the land release operations.

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5. If a locality, the elders of the communities (5 to 10%³ of the communities in entire locality) confirmed that there are no more known explosive hazards in their communities:

Name	Position in the community	Contact details	Signature

6. In case of a state⁴, 20 to 30% of the localities shall be targeted and the same approach as covered in criterion 5 is applied, the communities' elders confirmed that there are no more known explosive hazards in their communities:

Locality	Name of community elder	Contact details	Signature

This document shall be signed and stamped by relevant NMAC sub office and NMAC Operations department:

NMAC Sub Office ():

Name: (), Title: (), Signature/Stamp ()

Date:

Verified by NMAC Operations Department:

Name: (), Title: (), Signature/Stamp ()

Date:

³ The communities shall be selected randomly from the different parts of the locality.

⁴ If the localities within a state are already formally announced free from known hazards following the application of the same criteria, then only the last locality shall be considered as covered in Criterion 5, and then the state is formally announced free from known EO contamination.