

Sudan National Mine Action Centre (NMAC)

Mine Action Environmental Management Policy

Sudan Mine Action Programme under the leadership and coordination of National Mine Action Centre (NMAC), is an environmentally conscious programme and acknowledges that the mine action especially the land release operations may potentially have adverse impact on the environment. NMAC as regulatory and coordination body for mine action in Sudan is charged with responsibility to develop, administer and enforce mine action strategies, policies, standards, procedures and best practices and to ensure that the programme achieves its strategic goals and operational objectives in a safe, effective and efficient way and delivers high quality services with maximum benefits and without adverse effects on the natural environment of Sudan territory.

It is the policy of NMAC to ensure protection of natural environment from the adverse effects of mine action operations, and to determine compliance obligations and ensure that mine action operations in Sudan are carried out in consideration of National Environmental Protection Legislation and in accordance with the requirements of International Mine Action Standards (IMAS 07.13) and Sudan National Mine Action Standards (SNMAS 07.04); which are in compliance with ISO 14001:2015.

NMAC is committed to continually improve programme's environmental performance through incorporating environmental protection responsibilities to the programme structure, integrating EMS requirements into the management system, standards, processes and operational procedures throughout the programme and undertake regular audits, management review meetings (MRM) and improvement actions. NMAC is specifically committed to:

- a) Integrate EMS requirements in accreditation of mine action organizations and operations.
- b) Include EMS requirements in external monitoring and sampling processes of the mine action projects operations, activities and services.
- c) Evaluate fulfilment of the environmental compliance obligations, implement and maintain an environmental management system that is following National and International EMS standards and national legislation on Environmental Protection.
- d) Ensure taking immediate corrective actions on environmental noncompliance as soon as identified through environmental monitoring during the design, implementation and completion of mine action projects and activities.
- e) Allocate suitable resources to enable the programme to achieve its environmental management objectives.
- f) Prevent pollution, reduce waste and ensure that the measures are implemented to protect and preserve natural habitats, flora and fauna through implementing a systematic waste minimization process to reduce and manage waste and eliminate their negative impact on the Environment.
- g) Eliminate the adverse environmental impact of mine action operations on the local communities and infrastructure pursuing continual improvement in environmental performance where

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reasonably practicable, by setting objectives, especially in addressing the areas of resource use, by reducing energy and water consumption.

- h) Promote environmental awareness of the staff, within working structures including the field offices and mine action teams, being committed to maintaining effective communication channels on environmental issues through training and proper awareness programs.
- i) Conduct internal and external audits and reviews and maintain continual improvement as a permanent objective of the programme and ensure that the mine action senior managers are fully engaged in the management of environmental protection.
- j) Promote and ensure working in partnership with affected communities by performing in a considerate and socially responsible manner.
- k) Ensure effective and expedient incident control, rapid response, investigation, reporting and improvements.

All the mine action staffs in Sudan have the responsibility regarding this policy implementation by participation and contribution to its success through their actions and suggestions. This policy and environmental objectives are subject to regular review on annual basis. NMAC leadership has the overall authority and responsibility with regard to the management of mine action EMS in Sudan.

Approved by: