



Enhancing Implementation of Articles 3 & 4 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in South East Europe: the country coalition concept

**Connecting affected and donor countries:
Lessons learned by the CCM Coordinators**



The role of the CCM Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance



- CCM Article 6
 - States Parties have the right to seek and receive assistance
 - States Parties with capacity shall provide technical, material and financial assistance to States Parties affected by cluster munitions





The role of the CCM Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance (contd)

- Dubrovnik Action Plan Action 5.1 para 38(b)
 - Agreement to share information and good practices, technologies, resources and expertise to implement the CCM
- Dubrovnik Action Plan Action 5.2 para 39
 - Agreement to communicate challenges and needs for cooperation and assistance for the full implementation of CCM obligations





The role of the CCM Coordinators on International Cooperation and Assistance (contd)

- CCM Coordinators facilitate communication between CCM States Parties of their challenges and needs, and the sharing of information and good practices, technologies, resources and expertise
- Effective communication of needs of affected States is the first step toward establishing successful Country Coalitions



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance



- Problem
 - More to be done to enhance communication between affected and donor States
 - Needs and challenges are not being communicated, or have been communicated with little or no response
- Solution
 - A closed meeting between affected and donor States to discuss challenges on cooperation and assistance



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)



- Objectives

- A new, additional channel for raising unmet needs and challenges
- Help affected states understand how to access assistance more effectively and help donor states understand difficulties of accessing assistance
- Provide the foundations for the establishment of enhanced partnerships between affected and donor states, such as Country Coalitions



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)



- Questions for affected States
 - Key obstacles to meeting clearance and/or stockpile destruction deadlines
 - Key obstacles to addressing the needs of victims
 - Specific ways for donor states to assist
 - Obstacles to communicating needs to donor states, and how these might be addressed
 - How available channels of information within the CCM might be better used



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)



- Questions for donor States
 - Priority issues to address through international cooperation and assistance
 - How affected states should communicate with donors to secure funding or technical assistance
 - Obstacles to providing international cooperation and assistance, and how to address these
 - How available channels of information within the CCM might be better used



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)



- Questions for all
 - Potential of initiatives like Country Coalitions to enhance international cooperation and assistance?
 - What can Coordinators do better to enhance international cooperation and assistance?
 - What actions or steps should the Coordinators include in the next (2020) Action Plan?



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)

- Key points raised
 - Major obstacles to meeting deadlines: lack of funding, technical expertise and resources; and lack of national will
 - Key areas in which donors might assist: provision of funding, expertise and resources; building capacity for national ownership; direct engagement with authorities, NGOs and areas on the ground
 - Key to securing assistance: detailed information on progress, obstacles and the specific assistance necessary to achieve completion



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)

- Key points raised (contd)
 - Need for better coordination amongst donors to ensure that assistance was distributed to all states in need, not just those with higher profile problems
 - Need for Coordinators to find further ways to help affected and donor states communicate needs and ways to access funds, such as separate meetings



Informal meeting on enhancing international cooperation and assistance (contd)



- Key points raised (contd)
 - An individualised approach like Country Coalitions offers significant potential for accelerating progress
 - Enables more targeted assistance accounting for specific and different circumstances faced by each country
 - Should be made the key tool for international cooperation and assistance, including in next Action Plan
 - Effectiveness depends on direct engagement on the ground and ongoing dialogue between partners



Conclusions

- Important elements for the success of Country Coalitions concept
 - Political will
 - Building capacity for national ownership
 - Detailed information and effective communication
 - Enhanced donor coordination
 - Existing appetite

