



CCM Thematic Working Group on Clearance

WORK PLAN 2024 -2025

Coordinators: *Italy and France*

1. Background to the work plan

According to article 4 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), “each State Party undertakes to clear and destroy, or ensure the clearance and destruction of, cluster munition remnants located in cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control”, which encompass areas affected by the presence of cluster munitions remnants at the date of the Convention’s entry into force or that became affected after entry into force of the Convention.

To this end, taking into account international standards including the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), the State Party should survey and assess the threat posed by cluster munition remnants in order to identify all contaminated areas; establish priorities in terms of marking, protection of civilians, clearance and destruction trying to mobilize resources and develop an action plan; take steps to ensure that all contaminated areas are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means.

During the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, all States Parties with article 4 obligations submitted their annual reports. In terms of survey and clearance obligations, one State Party declared completion of its obligations, three submitted extension requests for consideration at the 12 MSP, eight reported detailed progress in implementing strategies and plans, including tailored-made risk education activities.

We appreciate that there has been progress in the development of approaches and messages sensitive to context, gender, age, disability, and diversity, based on data and reporting, in line with the Lausanne Action Plan’s (LAP) Action 29, even in the context of ongoing conflicts and insecurity.

Regarding risk education aspect, the 12th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (12MSP) decided to appoint a dedicated coordinator for risk education. This decision was made based on a working paper on EORE submitted by the co-coordinators Italy and Norway. The goal is to improve the effectiveness of risk education efforts and to better monitor the indicators outlined in the Lausanne Action Plan. Additionally, the Meetings of States Parties will now have a separate agenda item for risk education, distinct from clearance.

2. Objectives

Objectives of this workplan are tailored on the basis of Action 18-30 of the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP):

- Support reporting and extension requests under article 4 in an efficient and timely manner;
- Increase reporting on the indicators associated with LAP Actions 18 to 30;
- Support the establishment of Country Coalitions.

3. Planned activities

The coordinators Italy and France:

- Will actively lead and participate in the work of the Analysis Group providing guidance and strategy;
- Will focus outreach efforts on countries with approaching deadlines;
- Specifically on gender, will support synergies under the CCM and the APMBC and foster dialogue amongst gender focal points under both the Conventions to share best practices of mainstreaming gender in implementation activities;
- Will engage with relevant agencies to produce one working paper dedicated to the inclusion of environmental aspects into demining work plans also focusing on synergies between CCM and APMBC conventions in terms of clearance and building on the results achieved in the context of the 2024 Siem-Reap Review Conference;
- Will empower synergies with other thematic coordinators within the CCM, especially international cooperation and assistance and gender, as well as relevant stakeholders: donor and partner States, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and civil society;
- Will encourage the investigation of alternative financing methods in line with the attempts undertaken within other Conventions.

4. Expected outputs

- States Parties with article 4 obligations present detailed reports in line with relevant provisions of the LAP;
- States Parties that cannot meet their article 4 obligations present high quality extension requests including risk education aspects (in line with other coordinator in charge of this aspect);
- The coordinators encourage the establishment of Country Coalitions and support States in their search for funds to complete clearance;
- The relations among relevant actors of the CCM and the APMBC are enhanced with a particular focus on gender mainstreaming aspects.

5. Strategy implementers

- Italy and France, Co-coordinators;

- CCM Implementation Support Unit.

6. Potential Implementing Partners

- Thematic coordinators;
- CCM ISU;
- Members of the Analysis Group.
- Mine action operators and other expert organisations;
- Donor and Partner States.

7. Timeline of activities in the lead up the 13th MSP

Fourth Quarter of 2024

- Discussion of priorities and activities with the CCM ISU;
- Initial meetings with CCM ISU in order to discuss and analyse extension requests in December;

First Quarter of 2025

- Continuation of the meetings with the Analysis Group and preliminary review of the extension requests;
- Outreach to relevant agencies in terms of the working paper;
- Outreach to the gender focal points of the CCM and APMBC for the exchange of best practices in gender mainstreaming.

Second Quarter of 2025

- Additional meetings of the Analysis Group;
- Final review of the extension requests;
- Finalisation of the working paper and their translation in all official UN languages;
- Joint discussion with CCM and APMBC gender focal points;
- Finalisation of working papers.

Third Quarter of 2025

- Presentation of the working paper;
- Report on the activities undertaken by the co-Coordination up to the 13th MSP.