

CCM – Cooperation and Assistance

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Assistance for clearance of cluster munitions and mines remains an important policy priority for the Netherlands. We believe in the power of innovation in the field of international cooperation and assistance.

One example of such innovation is the excellent concept of country coalitions, devised by the German presidency, can strongly contribute in this regard. To that end, we favour formalising the concept and focus on its implementation. Because the key to its success lies in its application, in the ability and willingness of all states to implement it and thereby to further the Convention's aims.

Another example of innovation pertains to financing. As many in the room may know, since 2012 the Netherlands has been committed to multi-annual financing of mine action operators. These operators are selected via a tender procedure.

Last year, our Minister allocated 45 million Euros for humanitarian mine action and cluster munition clearance over the period 2016-2010. Our selected partners are Mines Advisory Group, the Halo Trust and Dan Church Aid.

These organisations have received funding for projects in Afghanistan, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, the Palestinian Territories, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria and Ukraine.

In addition, we contribute 3 million Euros per year to UNMAS in unearmarked core funding.

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