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The progress made so far are, the large scale technical survey and the ongoing and planned clearing operations. The large-scale technical survey aimed to define with accuracy of the location and surface(s) contaminated to have clarity on the magnitude of the problem and its challenges.

The results of the first survey can be presented as follows:

Including coustins

2559 mines (1298 antipersonel and 1261 antitank) and 5335 UXO have been collected and destroyed.

Of the 32 743 108 sqm of suspected hazardous areas have been located. 1 027 506 sqm have been cleared and over 49 million sqm have been marked.

The remaining challenge is being summarized as follows:

9 over the 22 administrative regions of the country are mine and/or UXO contaminated

The technical survey has covered 4 regions (N'Djamena, Sila, Salamat, Hadjer-Lamis) plus most of the suspected areas of 2 others (Borkou, Ennedi)

Towards the end of the 2011, A rapid Intervention Team funded by IMO and MAG as an implementing partner. is assigned with not only rapid response tasks, but also with survey and clearance of dangerous areas found along their way between Faya, Ounianga, Wadi Doum and Zourake the team;

Located 43 dangerous areas with 515 ERW including cluster munitions. The team cleared 8 of the 43 dangerous areas with a total of 92 ERW destroyed. The 423 ERW and are yet to be destroyed

The ongoing clearance operation around Fada and more specifically on the kiki road jointly funded by UNMAS and the CND is preparing the access to the Mechanical device, the Armtrac to arrive to clear the kiki road in an estimated time of six weeks, then the machine will work on clearing the other seven confirmed or suspected hazardous areas around the city of Fada. Which are currently being cleared by the National Deming Center using six multi task teams? It worth mentioning that these six teams are 100% financed by Chad.

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The government has just financed six teams to start clearing operations in the Tebisti area. The Demining Special Deligate to the Tebisti is crruntly under its final preparation to deploy the teams to start working on May 1, 2012

The second technical survey planned to commence in the coming month using the UNDP under spent funds and it should now be implemented in 3 regions (Ouaddaï, Tibesti, Wadi Fira)

The results of the first technical survey the IMO funded rapid intervention teams operations had been consolidated with the existing data, therefore, significant progress have been made on understanding the true extent of the remaining challenge. The result of the ongoing operation funded by UNMAS, the nationally funded operations and the second technical survey will also be consolidated with the existing data.

The completion of the survey is a must to develop an operational plan that provides a precise estimate of the technical and human resources required to meet our obligation. Based on the operational plan, Chad would be able to evaluate the costs of the operations and present a revised action plan with specific timeline to clear the whole country.