



Convention on Cluster Munitions

## Thematic Coordinator on Risk Education

Workplan 2025-2026

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### 1. Background and Workplan Context

At the 12MSP, for the first time in the Convention's history, States Parties made the decision to decouple risk education from clearance. This decision led to the appointment of a dedicated risk education coordinator within the CCM machinery and the creation of a distinct agenda item within the MSP framework. Lao PDR was the first Risk Education Coordinator of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) after the adoption of the new arrangement. During its tenure, Lao PDR led efforts to reinforce the distinct identity and strategic positioning of risk education within the Convention.

At the 13MSP, Lebanon was appointed as second Risk Education Coordinator. By drawing on its longstanding experience and expertise in risk education, as well as on the work of its predecessor, the new Risk Education Coordinator intends to play a leading role in defining the risk education section of the new action plan to be adopted at the Third Review Conference, consulting states that have implemented risk education activities, and leveraging the risk education sector's considerable progress and existing technical expertise.

The LAP n includes a dedicated set of actions and indicators addressing risk education (Actions 27-30), separated from survey and clearance, which reflects the recognition of its distinct role within the Convention's overall implementation framework and its increasing critical protective role for civilians, particularly in contexts characterised by high casualty rates or where survey and clearance operations cannot proceed due to ongoing insecurity or active hostilities. Furthermore, the fact that the CCM was the first among the humanitarian disarmament conventions to do so confers the CCM an important profile.

### 2. Objectives

This year, the activities of the Risk Education Coordinator will aim to

- (a) showcase the development of expertise and innovation in the field of risk education, drawing on the experience of the State Parties and other stakeholders engaged in the field.
- (b) highlight the importance and relevance of risk education in protecting civilians and prevent harm, both in connection with other areas of implementation of the CCM (survey, clearance, and victim assistance) and as stand-alone activity.
- (c) ensure the inclusivity of risk education, so that the needs and views of all affected people and communities are collected, contributing to more contextualised civilian protection and a more inclusive implementation of the CCM.

### **3. Strategy**

As risk education coordinator, Lebanon will draw on the experience and expertise developed in the sector by State Parties, organisations, operators, and civil society, to promote the value and relevance of risk education. Furthermore, Lebanon will work towards valuing the specific needs of risk education in areas contaminated by cluster munition remnants and ensuring that the implementation of the CCM could innovatively contribute to the broader EORE sector.

#### *3.1. Contributing to and Coordinating a Community of Practice*

The CCM risk education coordinator will be the first point of contact that links the Convention with the rest of the EORE sector, while, at the same time, the Coordinator will ensure that the specificity of risk education in case of cluster munition contamination is valued. This will be done, among other things, by mobilising other State Parties that developed important expertise on risk education as risk education champions.

#### *3.2. Supporting Technological and Substantive Innovation*

The Coordinator on risk education will stay abreast with the developments in the risk education fields, not only in terms of technological developments, but also in terms of substantive innovation, including the linking of risk education to broader sectors, including the triple nexus and the protection of the right to life from cluster munition-related hazards.

In doing so, the Coordinator ensures that the CCM maintains a leading role in the EORE sector and that its implementation always remain relevant to the needs of affected people.

#### *3.3. Emphasising the Preventive Role of Risk Education and Promote the Development of Sustainable National Capacities.*

In line with the very nature of risk education, the coordinator's activities will be driven by the aim of emphasising the preventive nature of risk education, along with the benefits of investing resources and expertise in risk education to prevent the need of more expensive operations.

In doing so, the Coordinator will ensure that the impact of risk education on the life and livelihoods of affected people and communities is properly documented and disseminated.

#### 4. Expected Outcomes

At the end of this workplan, the following outcomes are expected to be achieved.

- I. Risk education-related actions are properly included in the new action plan and they address the concrete needs of affected people and reflect the views of them and other stakeholders.
- II. The inclusivity of risk education is further improved and relevant evidence of this is gathered.
- III. More States Parties report about their risk education activities during relevant reporting processes, as well as in their statements during the different events in preparation of the 3RC and the 3RC itself.
- IV. Risk education experiences and lessons learned related to cluster munitions are shared even outside the CCM community, in other humanitarian disarmament initiatives and other sectors.
- V. The understanding and appreciation of how risk education could be implemented during active hostilities is improved within the CCM community.

#### 5. Timeline

- **March 2026**, an informal roundtable on risk education is organised to share the impressions and views on the topic, including those emerged during the CC Retreat.
- **April 2026** formulation of the first inputs to be included in the new action plan considering the needs related to the implementation of the CCM and the whole CCM Community.
- **April – May 2026** organisation of the CCM Risk Education consultation forum, inviting the whole risk education community of practice to discuss the innovations in the sector and to strategize for the future.
- **June-July 2026** a working paper on the application and implementation of risk education during active hostilities is produced and later presented at the 3RC.

#### 6. Strategic Actors

- Coordinator on risk education (Lebanon)
- [The EORE Advisory Group](#)
- CCM Implementation Support Unit

- GICHD

## **7. Potential Partners**

- States Parties that have experience in risk education, as well as those that have interest in the sector and its link with the implementation of the CCM.
- States Parties in the position to provide relevant assistance or to cooperate with the activities of the coordinator.
- The EORE Advisory Group, operators, GICHD and representatives of other sectors (e.g. education, protection, migration). .