

## CCM THEMATIC WORKING GROUP ON CLEARANCE AND RISK EDUCATION

### WORK PLAN 2023 -2024

*Coordinators: Italy and Norway*

#### **Workplan context**

According to Art. 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 mobilise 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.

There has been relevant progress achieved over the last 12 months, a period in which ten States Parties had outstanding obligations under article 4. All States Parties with Article 4 obligations submitted their 2022 annual reports detailing progress in implementing strategies and plans; of these, five have reported to be on track to meet their Article 4 deadlines. Moreover, all ten States Parties reported to have allocated national resources to clearance operations. Seven States Parties requested international cooperation and assistance due to implementation challenges. Nine States Parties provided risk reduction education and three of them provided detailed information on their risk education efforts, including disaggregated data.

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. In 2022, risk education was also delivered in many non-signatories, often in the context of ongoing conflict and insecurity.

#### **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 art. 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

## **1. Planned activities**

Italy and Norway (the coordinators):

- 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
- Will encourage States Parties with art. 4 obligations to include aspects related to gender, age, disability and diversity in their risk education programs, highlighting the importance of risk education as a priority of the Mexican Presidency. Specifically on gender, we 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 produce two working papers dedicated respectively to the future of risk education and the inclusion of environmental aspects into demining work plans
- Will host at the CCM premises a dedicated two-hour seminar on risk education with presentations provided by a leading organization in the field such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) or/and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).
- 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

## **2. Outputs**

- States Parties with art. 4 obligations present detailed reports in line with relevant provisions of the LAP
- States Parties that cannot meet their art. 4 obligations present high quality extension requests including risk education aspects
- 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 Anti-personal Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) are enhanced with a particular focus on gender mainstreaming aspects
- The aforementioned working papers present ideas to be further developed at the next Review Conference and included in the future Action Plan
- The aforementioned seminar provides a better understanding of risk education aspects in clearance processes

## **3. Estimated Budget**

- Limited costs, depending on activities to be undertaken

## **4. Strategy implementers**

- Italy and Norway, Coordinators
- CCM Implementation Support Unit

## **5. Potential Implementing Partners**

- Thematic coordinators
- CCM ISU
- Members of the Analysis Group

- Mine action operators and other expert organisations
- Donor and Partner States

## **6. Timeline of the activities up to the 12 MSP**

### **➤ Fourth Quarter of 2023**

- Discussion of priorities and activities with the CCM ISU
- Outreach to partners for developing the first draft of the working papers

### **➤ First Quarter of 2024**

- Review of the extension requests
- First meeting of the Analysis Group
- First review of the working papers
- Outreach to the gender focal points of the CCM and APMBC for the exchange of best practices in gender mainstreaming

### **➤ Second Quarter of 2024**

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

### **➤ Third Quarter of 2023**

- Presentation of the working papers
- Report on the activities undertaken by the co-Coordinators up to the 12<sup>th</sup> MSP