



NPA MINE ACTION ETHIOPIA 2ND QUARTERLY REPORT 2010

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General Project 2008-2010



Representatives from South Sudan (orange overalls) together with the EMAO and NPA MA Ethiopia staff during the MDD Introduction Course.

Status on Outputs according to Project Plan 2008-2010:

Outputs 2010	Status on project (%)					Comment
EMAO continues to manage the NPA introduced MDD component with only 1 NPA MDD Advisor focusing on support to the Entoto Mine Action Training Centre	20	40	60	80	100	NPA MDD STA cooperating with EMAO MDD Coordinator and EMAO Training Officer.
EMAO is provided with 4-5 additional MDD (alternatively puppies if this is the assessed to be possible instead of dogs at the given time)	20	40	60	80	100	12 puppies will be delivered in September 2010.
EMAO with assistance of NPA complete training of the dogs received in 2009 and accredit them for field operations	20	40	60	80	100	10 dogs trained. Handover of dogs to EMAO to take place in July, during the refreshment training period.
EMAO is provided with a number of puppies (4-6 month old) with will complete their training in country	20	40	60	80	100	12 puppies will be delivered in September 2010.
EMAO with assistance of NPA conduct training with the puppies received early 2010	20	40	60	80	100	12 puppies will be delivered in September 2010.
EMAO is provided with necessary training of national staff in order to maintain the existing MDD component also including puppy project	20	40	60	80	100	Puppy project remaining. Puppy activator training is planned in connection with the arrival of puppies in Sep – Nov 2010, with support from NPA Global Training Centre.
NPA continue support to the EMAO TS/RRT with emphasis of mobility / flexibility, operational management of technical activities (Land Release Concept) and increasing emphasis on data management systems and long term task planning (national mine action plan)	20	40	60	80	100	NPA PM cooperating with EMAO Ops Officer, IMSMA officer and TS officer.

Outputs planned for 2008 and 2009 have been achieved, and annual reports approved by donors.



Personnel, Capacity Building and Training – EMAO and NPA MA Ethiopia

On the 1 July the Mine Action programme consisted of the following staff:

- Nationals: 5
- Internationals: 2
- **Total: 7**

EMAO has in 2010 fully taken over the responsibility for the Technical Survey / Rapid Response teams, so they are no longer funded through NPA MA funding. NPA are still advising on operational issues related to these teams. This will enable NPA to assist EMAO with funding future positions to run and operate the Entoto Training Centre.

During the period of 10 – 21 May the NPA MA Ethiopia Logistic Officer – Hasen Hedato, attended Agresso training in NPA Head Office in Oslo, together with the Logistic Controller from NPA MA Sudan. On behalf of the programme I would like to thank Ivar Aamodt for facilitating this course and taking care of the participants during their stay in Norway.

During the period of 24 May – 4 June the NPA Regional Information Management Technical Advisor – Ikram Shehu, implemented the NPA Tech Database in EMAO. Initially the database will be used for collecting operational and administrative information for the MDD asset, but there is a great potential for EMAO also to use the Tech Database to plan their future operations. If this is something EMAO want to implement, NPA will assist with this.



Friday maintenance of Zafar – one of 10 dogs that since September 2009 have been trained in Entoto.



Nedim training Uff in the carousel room at Entoto.

On 1 July the MDD capacity in EMAO was:

- Operational dogs: 29
- Sick dog under treatment at Entoto 01
- Dogs undergoing training 10
- Retired dogs used for training: 01
- **Total: 41**

During the reporting period EMAO lost two operational dogs – one due to cancer and one due to stomach twist. Both dogs were brought to Addis for treatment, but could not be saved.



Gender and other Cross Cutting Issues

Gender:

According to the UN Resolution 1325 (2000) the Security Council emphasize the need for all parties to ensure that mine clearance and mine awareness programmes take into account the special needs of women and girls.

In most of the mine affected communities in Ethiopia, daily routines for women and girls includes collection firewood, collect water and undertaking the home related activities for their families. Due to their unique knowledge fulfilling women's distinct roles in the communities, it is a common practice for women to identify suspected hazardous areas. Due to this women and girls have been especially important in effectively identifying mined areas by the EMAO survey teams.

Moreover women also participate in the prioritization of confirmed hazardous areas gathered by the survey teams, and used in the operational planning by the EMAO operations department. After the handover of a previous cleared area, women are engaged in different development activities along with men that boost their income and welfare, mainly farming and herding.

Environmental issues

EMAO field based teams are living in the communities they are clearing. In each site there is a site manager in charge of all activity. Normally this is the company commander, and he is also the senior link to the local community. Before deploying to a new area the site manager visit the community and agrees in detail what regulations the team is to follow, in addition to the guidelines in the EMAO SOP. During these meetings the site manager agrees with the community on how the field camp is to be established and run without destroying the local environment.



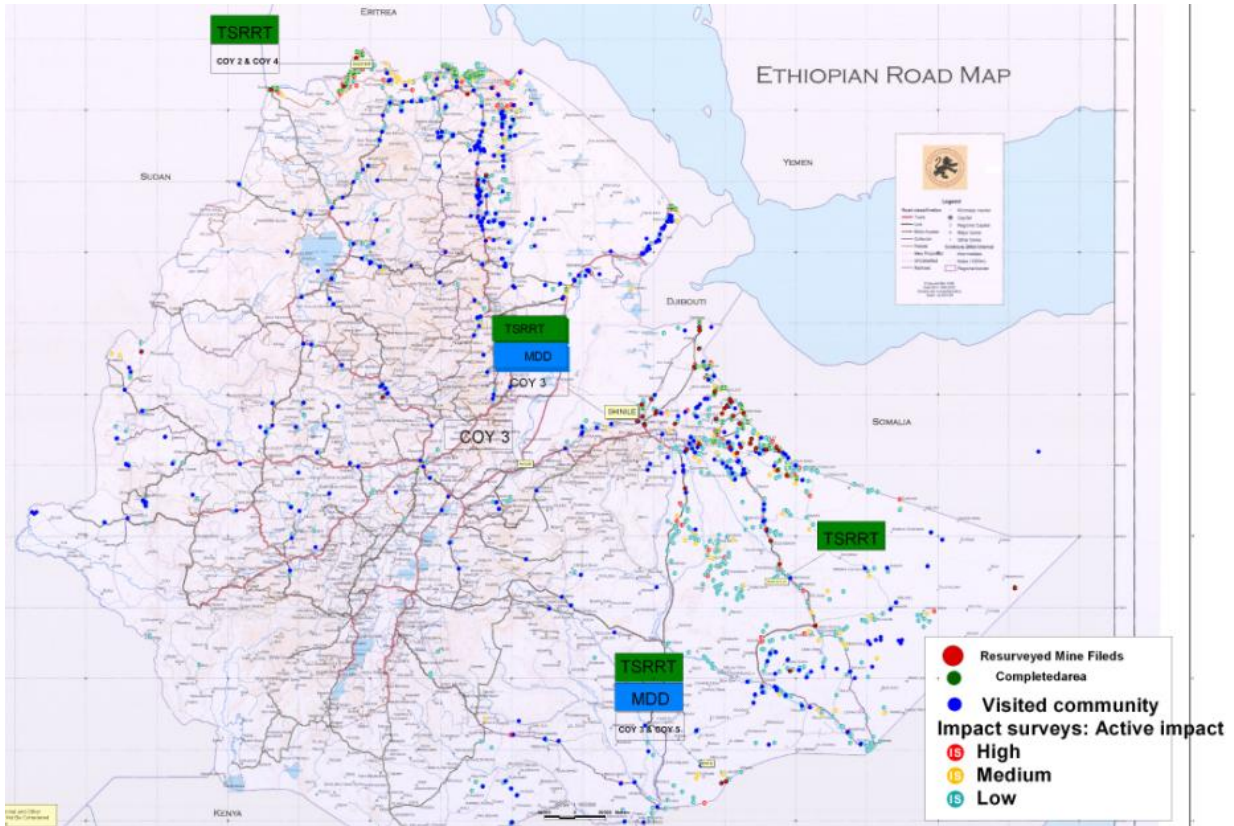
Female EMAO staff in Shenelle field camp. These women work on short term contract, in an agreement between the local community and EMAO.



Eskedar – the NPA Finance officer together with Tesfu - the EMAO MDD Coordinator, during a internal control visit, assessing that assets paid through NPA are in use.



EMAO Operations



Deployment



Site brief by the company commander in Coy 3 in Awash.

As previous reporting periods, EMAO has focused their operational clearance assets in **Tigray** (2 manual companies), **Afar** (2 platoons from company 3), **Somali** (1 manual company in Bare, one platoon from Coy 3 in Shenelle). By the end of this reporting period one manual company deployed to **Dire Dawa**, to clear a minefield just outside the town. In the reporting period no machines have been operational.



The Technical Survey teams / Rapid Response teams have been deployed in the same regions as the clearance assets, but one team deployed shortly to Gambela to assist the road construction company building the road from Gambela to Sudan with clearance of nuisance mines inside the corridor the construction is going to take place.



The TS /RR team doing the Phase 1 of the Task Impact Assessment in one community in Somali region.

The MDD teams have been deployed with the manual capacity in Somali region. 10 MDD teams 21 dogs) in Shenelle and 4 MDD teams 8 dogs) in Bare. Due to the road condition in Bare the MDD asset was pulled out in beginning of June, and redeployed with the manual capacity working in Awash – Afar region.



M-15 AT mine found by MDD in Shenelle – 70 cm deep.



MDD and dog handler operating in Shenelle. On this task MDD are used as the first asset.

Productivity in 2nd Quarter

- MDD teams have cleared 346,905 m2 and verified 0 m2.
- Technical Survey / Rapid response teams have cleared 24,979 m2, and surveyed 21 communities and released 23,110,309 m2 by cancellation.

Findings in 2nd Quarter

Type	MDD asset	TS / RRT	Comment
Anti Tank	24	16	
Anti Personnel	0	13	
UXO	2	385	



Entoto Training Centre – Construction and Activity



Instructor house already in use and equipped with furniture. Here in use during the MDD introduction course in June.



Cobble stone is being fixed on the inner road.

The construction of the training centre is going according to schedule.

Phase	Status on project (%)					Comment
Phase 1 MDD training centre	20	40	60	80	100	Completed end of 2007, and in full use.
Phase 2 (administrated by EMAO) Store , one dormitory, canteen	20	40	60	80	100	Proper floor is left to be done. This will be completed in relation to the workshop end of 2010. Purchase of inventory remains.
Phase 3 Classroom / Office building, Instructor house, Guard house, one dormitory,	20	40	60	80	100	Final assessment is not conducted, but partly in use in relation to external courses. Purchase of inventory remains.
Phase 4 Sitework, walkway, internal road, drainage, workshop (EMAO administrated)	20	40	60	80	100	Work started mid May, and is going according to schedule.
Water Supply Project	20	40	60	80	100	Cleaning of inside of the water reservoir to be done before system is put in used to avoid contamination of the whole system. Final assessment is not conducted.
MDD training and accreditation area	20	40	60	80	100	Fencing of accreditation area remaining. Placing mines and UXO in ground remaining.
Puppy Infrastructure Project	20	40	60	80	100	Proposal for project sent to The Japanese Embassy in Ethiopia. Awaiting reply.

The training of the 10 young dogs EMAO received from GTC in September 2009 has been ongoing during the whole reporting period, and they are now ready to be handed over to EMAO dog handlers.



Zultan - one of the 10 dogs now ready for hand over to EMAO, is being trained by Nedim in Entoto.

Between 31 May – 8 June the first external course was conducted at Entoto Training Centre by Ethiopian Mine Action Office (EMAO) with assistance from NPA MA Ethiopia. 9 representatives from South Sudan Demining Authority (SSDA), United Nation Mine Action Office in Sudan (UNMAO) and NPA MA Sudan participated in a Mine Detection Dog Introduction Course. The training is a part of a partnership agreement NPA has facilitated to be signed between EMAO and SSDA, on behalf of the two governments. In the agreement the two authorities agrees in principle to assist each other, both in the capacity building and in specific mine action projects in the border region.



Each student was issued a dog. Here during the first day long walk outside the centre.



Tesfu briefing the participants inside the minefield in Shenelle – Somali Region.

Stakeholders and Visitors

On Friday 23 April the annual meeting with donors was held at the EMAO office in Addis Ababa. Unfortunately the representatives from Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland could not participate, so only representatives from Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended. During the meeting the annual report for 2009 and the annual plan for 2010 was approved. After the meeting all participants visited Entoto Training Centre, and got an update on the construction activities and a demonstration from the MDD assets that were undergoing training when the meeting was held.



Margot from the NMFA are briefed by Rune inside the Office / Classroom building.



Margot testing her dog handler skills with A-piu, with assistance from Nedim.



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Rune testing out if NPA MDD Methodology also works on hyenas in Harar.

On behalf of the programme I would like to thank Rune for his hard work in the programme, and wish him good luck in Head Office. His way of running the programme is a good guideline for us that are remaining in Ethiopia.

NPA Mine Action Ethiopia thanks its donors for the 2008-2010 project period:



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