



NEEDS
DRIVEN.
PEOPLE
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IMPACT



199,783m² of land released in northern Cyprus since August 2016 to remove the threat of mines and to facilitate confidence building measures, agricultural activities, and livelihood activities.



7 anti-tank mines recovered and destroyed; and six mortars removed.

20,000m² of land released and unexploded ordnance (UXO) removed for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) to conduct safe operations and facilitate agricultural activities in Sector 4.



101,891m² of land released in the buffer zone through battle area clearance and technical survey to facilitate safe UNFICYP operations and confidence building measures.

UXO removal, field support, technical advice, and training for the Committee on Missing Persons to safely conduct operations and promote reconciliation between the communities.



Awareness training for UNFICYP personnel to enhance force protection and facilitate operations in areas potentially contaminated with mines/UXO.

UNFICYP mine action technical standards and guidelines were fully updated to conform to International Mine Action Standards. The standards help ensure safe UN mine clearance operations.



Data analysis of information on “suspect hazardous areas” to prepare for future surveys and clearance when access to the sites becomes available.

ABOUT

UNMAS Cyprus: “Removing threats, building confidence, and facilitating lasting peace”

In July 2016, UNMAS became an integral component of UNFICYP, providing dedicated expertise in mine action planning and coordination, demining capacity, quality assurance oversight, and data management of mine action information. The objectives of UNMAS operations are to: reduce the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) to contribute to confidence building measures; facilitate a return to normal living conditions; and to ensure safer freedom of movement for UNFICYP, UN partners, and communities. UNMAS also provides assistance to the Committee on Missing Persons to ensure safe access to areas it conducts activities and technical guidance to UNFICYP for small arms ammunition



