

# Lebanon Mine Action Forum

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المركز اللبناني للأعمال المتعلقة بالألغام

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# Mine Action Forum in Lebanon

*How the Forum Is Structured and Coordinated*

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In 2016, Norway and the Netherlands, in their capacity as co-coordinators in clearance and risk reduction education under the CCM, hosted a first clearance and survey workshop in Lebanon. Since then, partnerships have strengthened. Lebanon Mine Action Centre (LMAC) is currently implementing new standards and techniques aimed at more efficient

## Role of the Forum

- A national coordination platform bringing together the principal stakeholders engaged in mine action in Lebanon.
- Established through a country coalition approach to reinforce **coordination, operational efficiency, and transparency** across the sector.
- Intended as a practical forum for decision-making and action, rather than discussion alone.

## Leadership and Coordination Framework

- The Forum was initially led by Norway and the Netherlands in their capacity as Coordinators under the Convention on Cluster Munitions.
- It now operates under a **champion donor model** led by the Netherlands, in close coordination with LMAC and UNDP.
- UNDP serves as Secretariat, supporting coordination, invitations, and meeting logistics.

### National Platform



Serves as a coordination platform bringing together **the national authority, operational partners, donors, and technical institutions.**

### Neutral Setting



Usually held on **neutral ground**, typically in a hotel meeting room, and conducted as a closed-door session.

### Diplomatic Value



Creates space for candid dialogue, consensus-building, and shared accountability.

# How the Forum Functions in Practice

*Structured dialogue, technical follow-up, and inclusive participation*

## Meeting Format

Initially convened twice per year. Today, the Forum **meets once annually** at high level, complemented by regular Technical Working Group meetings throughout the year.

### 1. Review



**Previous action points** are assessed against what has been achieved, partially achieved, or remains pending.

### 2. Prioritize



Stakeholders discuss current **operational, technical, and financial challenges** and agree priority issues.

### 3. Decide



**New action points** are agreed, documented, circulated, and followed up in the next meeting cycle.

## Participation

- LMAC as national authority, donors and embassies, UN agencies including UNDP, national and international NGOs, support partners(GICHD, ITF...), the Lebanese Armed Forces, and other relevant stakeholders.
- **Specialized experts** may be invited according to the agenda and technical requirements.

## Thematic Scope

- Originally focused on cluster munition clearance under CCM obligations, then broadened to **all explosive hazards** including ERW and IEDs.
- Current agenda includes land release and clearance, EORE, MVA, national standards, information management, funding gaps, treaty reporting, and emerging issues such as **battle area rubble removal**.

# Results, Strategic Value, and Transferable Lessons

*The Forum's Value and Key Lessons for Other Affected States*

## Strategic Impact

- The Forum has helped **turn coordination into real progress**. Its action-oriented approach has improved implementation, strengthened accountability, and brought greater alignment across the mine action sector.
- Lebanon is now recognized as **one of the best-performing** mine action programmed globally, according to Mine Action Review.
- This shows how structured coordination can strengthen technical performance while reinforcing confidence in national leadership.

## Key Lessons

- Strong national ownership remains essential.
- Inclusive and transparent dialogue builds trust among stakeholders.
- Practical action points carry more value than general discussion alone.
- Consistent follow-up helps sustain credibility and results.



## Operational Results

Improved efficiency through better prioritization, more effective resource allocation, and the introduction of new methodologies.



## Institutional Results

National standards were strengthened through a more inclusive and consultative approach.



## Partnership Results

Coordination, information sharing, donor engagement, and funding dialogue have improved significantly.

The Forum works because it turns **coordination into action, and action into results.**

## Replication Requirements

- Strong national leadership
- A committed champion donor, where relevant
- Regular and structured dialogue
- A clear focus on implementation and accountability