



# THE ALBANIA MINE ACTION PROGRAMME

## “ALBANIA MINE/UXO- SAFE BY 2005”




## RESPONSES AND NEEDS



Visit of donors and authorities to  
NE Albania in September 2003



Launching of the Albanian APM Stockpile  
Destruction Programme on 15 Jan 2001





## ALBANIAN RESPONSE



KB 1 cluster munitions



AAF support to MA

- Clearance of 15 Hot Spots by the AAF with US and NATO assistance - 108.3 Ha, 851 tons
- Engaged in a programme for the destruction of 108,000 tons of redundant ordnance, with US, NATO, EC and Greek assistance
- Level 1 Survey and surface clearance of cluster munitions by the AAF in the NE, which drastically reduced casualties
- Ratification of relevant international treaties: Ottawa Treaty & CCW
- Adoption of international humanitarian mine action standards
- Establishment of a national humanitarian mine action structure: AMAC and AMAE
- Destruction of entire APM stockpile by the AAF and NAAMSA with Canadian support - almost 1.7m APM's were destroyed in 2 years by 4 April 2002
- Operation of the Tirana Orthopedic Centre, responsible for fitment of prostheses to Albanian mine victims
- Limited assistance to mechanical demining
- Support from the Albanian Government by the end of 2003 to the MA and EOD programmes will total US\$1,583,600



## NEEDS 2004

- Previous donors include UNDP, EU, DFID, ITF, ICRC, Canadian, Czech, German, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Swiss and US Governments.
- In 2003 the major donor was the State Department, through the ITF.
- The US\$5.2m budget for 2003 was largely funded
- Budget for 2004 is \$6.66m, of which \$4.59m is already funded/pledged



ML-1 medium flail donated by the State Department to AMAE and operated by FSD

|                                    | BUDGET      | SHORTFALL   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Capacity building and coordination | \$440,000   |             |
| Demining                           | \$5,800,000 | \$1,900,000 |
| MRE                                | \$100,000   |             |
| Victim assistance                  | \$320,000   | \$170,000   |
| Total                              | \$6,660,000 | \$2,070,000 |





## CONCLUSIONS



Mine affected districts in NE Albania

The focus for 2004 will be on:

- Accurately determining the extent of the mines and UXO problem (TS)
- Consolidating the transition strategy
- Expanding the victim assistance project
- Increasing the demining rate
- After 2005 – much reduced MA programme:
  - Leaner structure
  - Only low impact areas left to demine – Albanian NGO
  - Government responsibility will be largely phased in by 2006, but some international assistance will still be required
  - Albanian capacity for demining and victim assistance fully established
  - Mine awareness objectives will mostly be reached
  - A solid resource mobilisation base will be established
- The budget for 2005 will be less than \$5m and for 2006 will be under \$2m, primarily survivor assistance
- The strategic objective: Albania mine and UXO-safe by 2005, is still attainable given sustained funding and increased rate of demining.

