

SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL ANNUAL REPORTS AMENDED PROTOCOL  
II OF THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS RESTRICTIONS ON THE  
USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED  
TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OF TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE  
EFFECTS

General

1. At the end of the 3 decade long armed conflict, one of the highest priorities of the government was to resettle those persons who were internally displaced during the conflict. However, the main impediment to the resettlement process was the contamination of the areas earmarked for resettlement with mines and Explosive Remains of War (ERW). Therefore, mine action operations became vital precursor for the safe return of IDPs.
2. The Sri Lanka Army Humanitarian De-mining Unit (SLA HDU), has scaled up their operations in the North and East to manage the surge in mine action. This involves the clearance of contaminated land by detection, removal and destruction of all mines and Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) and also conducting Mine Risk Education (MRE) programmes.
3. At the end of the war in May 2009 1,416 Square Kilometers (Sq Km) had been identified as confirmed hazardous areas in the Northern Province; Jaffna 53 Sq Km, Kilinochchi 596 Sq Km, Mullativu 219 Sq Km, Vavuniya 227 Sq Km and Mannar 321 Sq Km.
4. Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA), reports that confirmed hazardous areas have been reduced in the Northern Province. Progress of de-mining in Northern Province and summery of MRE activities conducted in Northern Province are enclosed (Annex 'A' and Annex 'B').

5. During the war LTTE indiscriminately laid a large number of mines, booby traps, IEDs in the Northern Province. (Details of casualties Annex 'C').
  
6. De-mining is a difficult task that consumes considerable amount of time and labour. As per the international standard only 6 to 8 meters could be cleared by one de-miner per day. The terrain within the remaining area is full of scrub and this limits the deployment of de-mines and machines. Details of the recovered mines and accessories Annex 'D'.
  
7. It is emphasized that de-mining programme in Sri Lanka has been recognized as one of fastest programmes in the world by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian De-mining (GICHD)

## Annex A

DEMINEING PROGRESS IN NORTHERN PROVINCE AS AT END OF 30 SEP 2013

SER	Districts	Confirmed Hazardous Areas (CHA) in Sqm	Area Cleared in Sqm (BAC & MF & Mech V)	Areas released by Survey in Sqm	Total Area Cleared in Sqm	Areas to be cleared in Sqm
01	Jaffna	51,935,532	34,950,619	12,983,880	47,934,500	4,001,032
02	Kilinochchi	597,375,765	32,005,467	546,554,949	578,560,416	18,815,349
03	Mullaitivu	230,331,444	166,632,226	45,564,185	212,196,411	18,135,033
04	Vavuniya	223,251,300	81,243,155	136,840,211	218,083,366	5,167,934
05	Mannar	314,669,910	195,614,372	102,511,817	298,126,189	16,543,721
	TOTAL	1,417,563,951	510,445,839	844,455,042	1,354,900,882	62,663,069

## SUMMARY OF MRE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN NORTHERN PROVINCE BY SLA HDU AS AT 30

SEP 2013

S/N	District	Participants						Total
		Adults		Children		Total		
		Male	Female	Male	Female			
1	Jaffna	7,277	7,477	25,124	28,183	68,061		
2	Mannar	24,342	28,728	14,284	17,293	84,647		
3	Kilinochchi	5,998	7,618	3,713	3,775	21,104		
4	Vavuniya	21,106	43,989	16,927	19,614	101,636		
5	Mullativu	8,974	9,269	3,822	4,818	26,883		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,697</b>	<b>97,081</b>	<b>63,870</b>	<b>73,683</b>	<b>302,331</b>		

## CASUALTIES DUE TO MINE ACTION FROM APRIL 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2013

YEAR	MONTH	AP MINES						BOOBY TRAPS						IED					
		ARMY		CIVIL		ARMY		CIVIL		ARMY		CIVIL		ARMY		CIVIL			
		KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA	KIA	WIA		
2012	MAY																		
	JUNE																		
	AUG		2															1	
	SEP																		
	OCT						1											1	
2013	SEP																	1	
TOTAL		0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	3	

## Annex D

## Devices Recovered Demining Organization as at 30 Sep 2013

Agency	Type of Device	Devices Recovered			
		From Year 2002 to 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013	Cumulative (From 2002 to end Sep 2013)
FSD	AP	80,370	17,435	13,441	111,246
	AT	117	0	0	117
	UXO	19,838	1,306	21	21,165
	Total	100,325	18,741	13,462	132,528
DEG	AP	49,571	13,958	3,232	66,761
	AT	277	10	9	296
	UXO	33,482	6,108	246	39,836
	Total	83,330	20,076	3,487	106,893
HALO Trust	AP	101,906	18,654	15,437	135,997
	AT	62	360	194	616
	UXO	215,456	66,169	4,270	285,895
	Total	317,424	85,183	19,901	422,508
MAG	AP	19,051	1,995	4,863	25,909
	AT	131	45	0	176
	UXO	11,567	1,210	473	13,250
	Total	30,749	3,250	5,336	39,335
Horizon	AP	43,413	459	0	43,872
	AT	46	-	0	46
	UXO	3,956	54	0	4,010
	Total	47,415	513	-	47,928
MMIPE	AP	9,212	1,040	0	10,252
	AT	50	-	0	50
	UXO	167	9	0	176
	Total	9,429	1,049	-	10,478
Saryatra	AP	61,894	16,014	0	77,908
	AT	117	7	0	124
	UXO	5,477	252	0	5,729
	Total	67,488	16,273	-	83,761
DASH	AP	478	2,537	18,104	21,119
	AT	0	-	12	12
	UXO	22,825	1,110	39,858	63,793
	Total	23,303	3,647	57,974	84,924
JCCP	AP	282	-	-	282
	AT	-	-	-	-
	UXO	11	-	-	11
	Total	293	-	-	293
NPA	AP	29,907	-	-	29,907
	AT	24	-	-	24
	UXO	8,063	-	-	8,063
	Total	37,994	-	-	37,994
Grand Total	AP	437,413	77,383	56,893	571,689
	AT	920	427	217	1,564
	UXO	346,077	86,826	45,896	478,799
	Grand Total	784,410	164,636	103,006	1,052,052

Note:-

AP - Anti Personnel Mines

AT - Anti Tank Mines

UXO - Unexploded Explosive Devices