



At a Glance

Project: Reconstructing Demining
Research from Regional Initiatives

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The Problem

Humanitarian de-mining R&D has made good progress. There is now a better overview of R&D activities and communication between researchers has improved thanks to information sharing initiatives. Current research shows a stronger tie with end user needs and more emphasis on area reduction, trace explosive detection and remote sensing as well as environmental and soil conditions and a better understanding of the limitations of sensors and techniques

Nonetheless, given the take-up gap for European technology it is of interest to analyze the lessons learned from Humanitarian Demining R&D and seek for possibilities to apply the results of the analysis prospectively to future R&D in the broad field of ICT for risk & crisis management.

Project Objectives

1) Given the take-up gap for European technology it is of interest to go to a sample developing country to identify the presence or absence of indigenous technology and how take-up works in these countries, the key question are:

- o has there been local development of technology for humanitarian demining
- o has there been local take-up of either (a) imported, or (b) indigenous technologies.

2) Detailed summary of the ending of the R&D project funding in Europe and a thorough analysis of the reasons why this has happened.

3) Analysis of the lessons learned which seeks to apply the results of the analysis prospectively to future R&D in the broad field of ICT for risk/crisis management.

Methodology

In order to realise its objectives, the project:

- Is analyzing Humanitarian Demining R&D organizational aspects;
- Organizing visits & interviews of major European technology developer;
- Disseminating information towards end-users and Decision Makers in Humanitarian Demining;
- Organizing workshops to analyze lessons learnt;
- Is developing services that are useful for different thematic Humanitarian Action management applications like displaced persons and mine action.

Expected Results

DELVE will not only disseminate information on R&D and organizational aspects for Humanitarian Demining aspects, but will also analysis the lessons learned and seeks to apply the results of the analysis prospectively to future R&D in the broad field of ICT for risk/crisis management.

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