

HAMAP-Humanitaire

MINE ACTION PROJECT

TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE NOUADHIBOU PENINSULA



PENINSULA OF NOUADHIBOU,
MAURITANIA



LOCAL CONTEXT

The contamination of the north of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania by anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war is due to its involvement in the Western Sahara conflict of 1976-1978, marked by chaotic mining and the use of a large number of mines, generally without any laying plan. Forty-six years after the war, mines continue to kill, hinder development in the north of the country, and block economic activities such as: agro-pastoral activities, mining research, fishing, tourism, trade. Today, the Mauritanian government has estimated the total area of mine contamination in the country to be 16.18km². However, 96% of this mine contamination (both anti-personnel and anti-tank) is concentrated in Nouadhibou region.

OBJECTIVES

// Carry out demining operations targeting land contaminated by mines and explosive remnants of war in the Nouadhibou peninsula :

- Manual demining of confirmed dangerous areas according to task orders from the national authority.
- Continuous implementation of internal quality control of operations.
- Destruction or removal of mines/ERW.

// Promote and engage at-risk individuals in Nouadhibou in the promotion of safe behavior regarding explosive risks :

- Explosive device risk education sessions in Nouadhibou schools.
- Broadcasting awareness messages through a local radio station in the city of Nouadhibou.
- Targeting communities most at risk, likely to be the priority beneficiaries of demining activities.

// Strengthen the mine action capacity of the local partner :

- Initial training and refresher courses for EOD manual demining personnel.
- Ongoing training of technical, DOE, operational management and quality control personnel.

ACTORS AND PARTNERS

HAMAP-Humanitaire: Supervision of the HAMAP-Humanitaire headquarters based in Alfortville, and on-site monitoring by an expatriate team.

National Humanitarian Demining and Development Program (PNDHD)
Attached to the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization

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Project duration

15 months



Beneficiaries

- 140.000 people living in the city of Nouadhibou (demining)
- 30.000 inhabitants of the city of Nouadhibou (awareness)
- PNDHD (local partner).

