

CROATIA

Risk prevention & management

Location

Sisak-Moslavina County

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P3 – Food chain & risk
management

Measure

M5 – Damage/restoration
/prevention actions

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 22 707 143.59

Project duration

2015 – 2020

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A project to support demining of agricultural land in war-affected areas of Croatia.

Summary

The project removed landmines from agricultural areas in Sisak-Moslavina County, the second largest area of suspected mines in Croatia. In total, it searched and demined 13.4 million m² of agricultural land. Restoring agricultural land enables production to be sustained and prevents abandonment of agricultural holdings in war-affected areas.



Results

Phase 1 demined 13.4 mil m² of agricultural land, for a cost of 12.1 mil EUR.

Phase 2 demined 6.7 mil m² of agricultural land, for a cost of 7.5 mil EUR.

Phase 3 will demine 1.8 mil m² of agricultural land, for a cost of 2.3 mil EUR.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ It is important to take into account external factors (weather, terrain type, etc.) when planning the removal of landmines.

Context

Sisak-Moslavina County is estimated to have the second largest number of landmines in Croatia. Sisak-Moslavina County is 61 467 km² and includes 10 towns and municipalities.

In 2015, money from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development was allocated to support "Demining of Agricultural Land". This is an ongoing process that is taking place throughout the county.

Objectives

The aim of this project is to restore agricultural land and restart production on demined land.

This will enable production to be sustained and prevent abandonment of agricultural holdings in war-affected areas.

Activities

The demining of the county will be realised from 2015 to 2020 in 3 phases. The first 2 phases have been completed; the third is ongoing.

Participants in this project include the Croatian Mine Action Centre, Sisak-Moslavina County, and mine removal companies.

The process starts with the county administration, which produces a list of areas for demining and submits it to the Croatian Mine Action Centre. In accordance with the county's priorities, the centre sets up projects and the tender process for the demining work. It assigns contracts to specialist mine clearance companies based on the results of the calls for tender.

Phase 3 will finance demining:

- 558 762 m² in Kobiljak settlement worth 745 016 EUR
- 491 635 m² in the settlement of Gradusa Posavska and Brđani road worth 664 371.62 EUR
- 260 227 m² in the Ostioć and Gornji Žirovac settlement worth 373 636.74 EUR
- 535 927 m² in Strmen settlement and Sunja channel for the amount of 769 489.78 EUR

The total value of the 3rd phase of the investment is 2 307 808.36 EUR.

Main results

The first investment phase was implemented from 2015 to 2017. The project demined:

- 2 759 342 m² in Petrinja (contract worth 2 460 956.70 EUR)
- 6 130 521 m² in the area of the city of Glin and Petrinja (contract worth 5 460 821.37 EUR)
- 2 542 779 m² in the area of Sisak and the municipality of Sunja (contract worth 2 330 880.75 EUR)
- 1 992 880 m² in the area of Topusko (contract worth 1 903 200.40 EUR)

The total value of the first phase was 12 115 859.07 EUR.

The second phase of the investment was implemented from 2016 to 2018. This phase demined the following:

- 3 179 046 m² in Novoselci Bobovac settlement (contract worth 3 311 506.25 EUR)
- 125 574 m² in the Hungarian settlement (contract worth 140 220.95 EUR)
- 759 286 m² in Kričke (contract worth 907 346.77 EUR)
- 2 007 944 m² in the town of Glina and the municipality of Gvozd (contract worth 2 355 003.20 EURO)
- 256 648 m² in Košutarica (contract worth 290 439.99 EUR)
- 402 627 m² in Gora (contract worth 490 533.89 EUR)

The total value of the second phase was 7 502 594.39 EUR.

Demining has made productive land available for agricultural activities, thus increasing the owner's income. Increased agricultural activity also increases the number of employed and self-employed workers in agriculture.

The 3rd phase of demining is ongoing. Work will end in 2020.

Key lessons

It is important to take into account external factors (weather, terrain type, etc.) when planning a project. For example, in one year the works could not be carried out in parts of the land because of floods.

Additional sources of information

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