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**PLAN**  
**for implementation of humanitarian mine action activities on the de-occupied territories**  
**of Ukraine for 2026**

**KYIV-2025**

**Section I. EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
**regarding the procedure for the execution of the Plan for implementation of humanitarian mine action activities on the de-occupied territories of Ukraine for 2026**

**I. General Provisions**

**1. OBJECTIVE:**

1.1. Practical implementation of humanitarian mine action activities provided for by task 1 of strategic goal No. 1 of the Operational Plan of measures for the implementation in 2024-2026 of the National Mine Action Strategy for the period up to 2033, approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 28, 2024 No. 616-r;

1.2. Coordination of actions of mine action subjects involved in the execution of humanitarian mine action processes;

1.3. Ensuring effective and productive use of material and technical, organizational, and other resources aimed at reducing the impact of risks from explosive ordnance on the social, economic, and environmental recovery of territories affected by the aggression of the Russian Federation.

**2. COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN**

Section I. Explanatory note regarding the procedure for the execution of the Plan for implementation of humanitarian mine action activities on the de-occupied territories of Ukraine for 2026;

Section II. Generalized indicators of the Plan;

Section III. List of territorial communities defined for conducting non-technical survey for the purpose of identifying suspected hazardous areas and confirmed hazardous areas contaminated with explosive ordnance and their subsequent marking;

Section IV. Area of territories defined for conducting targeted non-technical survey upon requests of regional military administrations to meet the needs of local self-government bodies;

Section V. Area of territories for the execution of demining tasks (clearance from explosive ordnance);

Section VI. Area of territories defined for conducting external quality control (inspection);

Annex to the Plan: Extract from the consolidated database of the information management system for mine action regarding humanitarian mine action operations.



### **3. SUBJECTS OF COORDINATION**

The subjects whose activities are coordinated in accordance with this Plan include: the National Mine Action Authority, the Main Directorate of Mine Action, Civil Protection and Environmental Safety of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, which performs the functions of the secretariat of the National Mine Action Authority, mine action operators, the National Mine Action Center, the Center for Humanitarian Demining, regional military administrations, local self-government bodies.

### **4. PRIORITIES OF COORDINATION**

In the process of implementing the Plan, it is envisaged to carry out humanitarian mine action measures on the territories divided into queues, taking into account their priority level (from higher to lower), for conducting such measures, and the selection of such measures on specific territories will be carried out taking into account that their optimal result will be considered the phased land release (unblocking) of suspected hazardous areas / confirmed hazardous areas.

### **5. ABBREVIATIONS**

EO – explosive ordnance;  
CHA – confirmed hazardous area;  
EQC – external quality control of clearance activities (inspection);  
SHA – suspected hazardous area;  
NMAA – national mine action authority;  
NTS – non-technical survey;  
RMA – regional military administration;  
MA operator – mine action operator;  
BAC – battle area clearance;  
MA – mine action;  
IMSMA – information management system for mine action;  
NMAA Secretariat – secretariat of the national mine action authority;  
TS – technical survey;  
IM – information management for mine action;  
CHD – center for humanitarian demining;  
NMAC – national mine action center.

## II. Procedure for agreeing on humanitarian mine action measures on the relevant territory

1. Planned humanitarian mine action measures are conducted only on areas located outside of troops (armed forces) deployment areas and elements of the engineering obstacle systems.

2. The execution of humanitarian mine action measures by MA operators on territories located within 20 km from the line of combat engagement and/or the state border, who are not governmental MA operators, is **prohibited**.

2.1. In case of necessity (as an exception) to conduct identification of SHA/CHA located within 20 km from the line of combat engagement and/or the state border with defined geographical coordinates, the relevant RMA sends a request to the NMAA Secretariat regarding the possibility of conducting such NTS.

2.2. The NMAA Secretariat, through the relevant demining organization headquarters and operational coordination groups for demining, clarifies the possibility of conducting such measures; based on the results of such clarification, if there is a possibility to conduct NTS, it informs the Support Forces Command (SFC) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, SSTS, the National Police of Ukraine, and the SESU about the relevant needs for conducting NTS in the specified territories.

2.3. The SFC of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, SSTS, National Police of Ukraine, and SESU, if there is a possibility to involve units that are MA operators to NTS conducting, notify the NMAA Secretariat and NMAC about readiness to conduct such measures.

2.4. Approvement of the technical assignment (statement of work) and preparation of relevant documentation related to the execution of such an assignment is carried out by the NMAC in the established order.

3. The RMA, in case of deterioration of the security situation or expansion of areas where measures to repel the armed aggression of the Russian Federation are carried out by the Security and Defence Forces, **may prohibit** the execution of planned humanitarian mine action measures in any territories (access to certain areas).

4. The sequence of execution of humanitarian mine action measures by MA operators, in accordance with clause 6 of part 1 of Article 22 of the Law of Ukraine "On Mine Action in Ukraine", shall be agreed by the RMA and local self-government bodies in whose territories such measures are planned, based on the priority of such territories and the security situation, by obtaining written confirmation of the necessity to conduct measures on the relevant territory.

4.1. The MA operator notifies the NMAC about readiness to implement the Plan according to the established form (to which the MA operator shall attach the confirmation of the necessity to conduct measures in the relevant territory and the technical assignment for operations) no later than 10 calendar days before the day the operator intends to start executing the relevant measures.

4.2. The NMAC, no later than 7 working days from the moment of receiving the notification from the MA operator, issues an order to the MA operator for the execution of humanitarian mine action measures, in which it defines the procedure for interaction with other mine action subjects, geographical information regarding the place of execution of processes, timelines, as well as the reporting procedures.

4.2.1. When issuing an order for the execution of humanitarian mine action measures, the NMAC may define specific features of task execution taking into account analytical data regarding incidents involving EO among the population (except for cases related to violation of safety measures), concentration of operational calls regarding discovered EO in one place, location of a land plot with a specific cadastral number within SHA/CHA (for operators executing measures based on contracts concluded at the initiative of owners/users of such plots), etc.

4.2.2. The specifics of task execution are determined in a form established by the NMAC independently for each specific case.

4.2.3. The priority of humanitarian demining tasks, as of the day of approval of the Plan, is reflected in the extract from the consolidated database of the information management system for mine action regarding humanitarian demining operations, which is contained in the Annex to this Plan.

4.3. If the NMAC receives notifications of readiness to execute the Plan from several MA operators regarding the same territories (including territories that partially overlap), the decision on selecting the MA operator to whom the order regarding such territories will be issued is made by the NMAC, taking into account that preference is given to the MA operator whose notification was received first.

4.4. The MA operator, in accordance with DSTU 8820:2023 "Mine Action. Management Processes. Basic Provisions", no later than 10 calendar days before the day it intends to start executing humanitarian mine action measures in the territory of the relevant territorial community, sends a notification to such territorial community and RMA about the start of such measures in order to ensure community participation at the relevant stages of their execution.

4.5. If, at the moment the relevant RMA and territorial community receive notification from the MA operator about the start of execution of measures, changes in the security situation have occurred, and the execution of such measures has not started, the relevant community shall notify the MA operator about the changes that have occurred within 5 working days from the moment of receiving the specified notification.

4.6. The MA operator informs the NMAC in writing about the inability to carry out measures in the territories defined in the NMAC order for the purpose of redistributing territories and issuing a new order for the execution of such measures, which must be done by the NMAC no later than 5 working days from the moment of receiving the relevant notification from the MA operator.

5. Redistribution of territories is also carried out by the decision of the NMAC in case of a need to conduct local or targeted NTS or the occurrence of any other circumstances that necessitate a change of the executor of humanitarian demining measures and/or relevant territories.

5.1. In case of redistribution of territories, the NMAC informs in writing all mine action subjects whose rights, duties, or interests will be affected by such redistribution about the changes envisaged.

5.2. The involvement of MA operators who are not defined as executors of humanitarian mine action measures in the relevant annexes to this Plan (extract from the consolidated database of the information management system for mine action regarding humanitarian demining operations), redistribution of territories, as well as any other changes in the annexes to this Plan (extract from the consolidated database of the information management system for mine action regarding humanitarian mine action operations) do not require amendments to the approved Plan, but are taken into account by the NMAC in the process of its practical implementation during the calendar year.

6. Carrying out humanitarian mine action measures in territories that were not included in the Plan (absent in the extract from the consolidated database of the information management system for mine action regarding humanitarian demining operations) in a case if a need for their conduct arises after the approval of the Plan, is carried out through the NMAA Secretariat.

6.1. A person interested in conducting humanitarian mine action measures sends a relevant request to the NMAA Secretariat, which must contain information about the MA operator who will carry out their execution and sources of financing.

6.2. The NMAA Secretariat sends the request received from the interested person to the NMAC for the purpose of organizing the issuance of an order to the MA operator defined by such person for the execution of relevant measures.

6.3. The NMAC, within 10 calendar days from the moment of receiving the relevant request from the NMAA Secretariat, issues an order for the execution of measures to the defined MA operator, about which it informs the NMAA Secretariat in writing.

### **III. Specifics of organizing the execution of individual humanitarian mine action measures**

1. In the process of executing humanitarian mine action measures provided for by this Plan, the specifics caused by the nature of hazards from EO contamination of individual sites, results of previous surveys, specifics of the activities of individual categories of MA operators, etc., are taken into account.

2. Primary NTS is conducted in territories that require survey for the presence of areas contaminated with EO and where no humanitarian mine action measures have been previously conducted.

3. Resurvey (NTS) is conducted in territories that were previously identified as SHA/CHA and require resurvey for the presence of areas contaminated with EO, due to the absence of signs of the presence of such EO and for the purpose of excluding them from the category of SHA/CHA (issuing a guarantee letter) or for the purpose of confirming the presence of such EO due to the receipt of information about incidents discovered in such territories.

4. Local NTS is conducted on sites that are within territories where any humanitarian mine action measures have already been conducted, but a need arises to conduct additional NTS on such sites for the following reasons:

4.1. The subject of the contract concluded with the operator is NTS of a site which is only part of the territory classified as SHA/CHA;

4.2. NTS was not conducted on part of the territory classified as SHA/CHA due to the termination of the operator's work before the completion of the survey of the entire territory;

4.3. A paid contract has been concluded with the operator for conducting humanitarian mine action activities on a site that is part of a territory where such measures are conducted by another operator on a free-of-charge basis.

5. At the initiative of local communities and/or RMA, targeted NTS may be conducted without considering the sequence or other indicators of this Plan, if facilities/objects are located on them, the functioning of which constitutes a special public interest for the local community or the placement of such facilities is envisaged.

5.1. To ensure coordination of activities with other MA subjects in the relevant territories, the initiator notifies the NMAC of their intention to conduct targeted NTS and the MA operator selected for its conduct no later than 15 calendar days before the start of the MA operator's work.

5.2. The selection of the MA operator who will carry out the targeted NTS is carried out by the initiator of such measures independently.

6. In case if, during the process of conducting local or targeted NTS in territories identified as SHA/CHA, no evidence of the presence of EO is found and/or facts of their use for their intended purpose are discovered, such territories must be cancelled by a guarantee letter (through resurvey) according to criteria defined in accordance with DSTU 8820-5:2024 "Mine

Action. Management Processes. Part 5. Land Release Processes", as those containing no evidence of contamination with explosive ordnance by initiation of resurvey by the MA operator.

7. In case of a need arising in local communities and/or local state administrations to select an MA operator who will carry out MA measures, it is necessary to take into account the specifics of the economic activity of individual categories of MA operators in order to assess the nature and volume of resources that need to be used to conduct such measures:

7.1. Commercial MA operators conduct humanitarian mine action activities for the purpose of obtaining profit at the expense of funds received from the customer for conducting relevant works.

7.2. Non-commercial MA operators are non-profit national, foreign, or international organizations that conduct humanitarian mine action activities at the expense of their own funds and/or donor funds for the purpose of fulfilling their own statutory tasks, which do not aim to obtain profit.

7.3. Governmental MA operators conduct humanitarian demining at the expense of state funds to ensure the fulfillment of tasks and functions that fall within the sphere of their competence.

8. The organization/coordination of humanitarian mine action measures for agricultural lands, which are executed at the expense of the state budget, is carried out by the CHD in accordance with normative-legal acts regulating the activities of the CHD.

9. The determination of an accredited body for conducting EQC (inspection) is carried out by the NMAC upon agreement with such bodies through the NMAA Secretariat.

9.1. Upon receiving an application for EQC from a MA operator, the NMAC sends the request to NMAA Secretariat for coordination of EQC activities on the territories specified in the application with the defined accredited (certified) EQC body;

9.2. The NMAA Secretariat sends a request for coordination of EQC measures to the accredited body defined in the request, which indicates information about the objects of EQC conduct and contact persons for interaction on issues of organizing joint work.

9.3. After receiving the request from the NMAA Secretariat, the accredited body, in the absence of obstacles to the execution of measures indicated in such a request, ensures the conduct of EQC by direct interaction with the contact person indicated in the request.

10. Destruction of discovered and neutralized EOs is carried out by MA operators who have a certificate of conformity for carrying out the process of "disposal (destruction) of mines/explosive remnants of war" or by EOD groups of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, SSTS, pyrotechnic units from the SESU, and explosive technicians of the National Police of Ukraine.

#### **IV. Monitoring the State of Implementation of the Plan and Information Exchange**

1. Exchange of information about humanitarian mine action measures is carried out using the IMSMA, access to which is granted to MA operators by the NMAC, and to other MA subjects – by the NMAA Secretariat, upon the application of the interested subject within 5 calendar days from the moment of receiving such an application.

2. Functioning and administration of the IMSMA, with the help of which collection, quality control, verification and validation of data on humanitarian mine action measures provided by MA subjects is carried out, as well as preparation of information products in the interests of the NMAA, is ensured by the NMAC in accordance with DSTU 8820-3:2024 "Mine Action. Management Processes. Part 3. Information Management System".

3. Generalized information on the current state of conducting NTS, TS, demining/clearance of territories (water areas), reports on the completion of humanitarian demining processes, as well as external quality control (inspection), is provided by MA operators to the NMAC monthly by the 5th day of the month following the month after the reporting one.

4. Reporting of MA operators and their interaction with the NMAA is carried out through the NMAC and the NMAA Secretariat in a form determined by the NMAC and agreed by the NMAA Secretariat.

5. Together with the report, the MA operator provides information on the total area of the community (within the territory of the settlement with a clearly defined geographical perimeter), the total area of identified SHA/CHA and the difference between these values, which indicates the area of the community's territory (within the territory with a clearly defined geographical perimeter) that contains no evidence of EO contamination.

7. If, based on the results of conducting resurvey, the fact of the presence of EO evidence is confirmed, MA operators compile an additional report in a form determined by the NMAC, to ensure planning of humanitarian demining measures in territories where the presence of such evidence is confirmed.

8. After accredited bodies verify the correspondence of the SHA/CHA boundaries defined by MA operators with the data of the completion report entered in electronic form into the IMSMA database, the NMAC carries out verification of reports and updating of visual information in information systems, and also informs the NMAA Secretariat and the relevant territorial community about the completion of primary NTS, and carries out monitoring of communities (boundaries of settlements, boundaries of territories with a clearly defined geographical perimeter) where primary NTS is completed.

9. Not less than once every three months (based on the results of each calendar quarter), the NMAC reports on the state of implementation of the Plan to the NMAA Secretariat for its consideration at the NMAA meeting.

9.1. The report on the state of implementation of the Plan must contain information on the fulfillment of planned indicators of NTS, local NTS, demining and EQC as of the last calendar day of the reporting quarter, as well as the results of the analysis of the state of implementation of the Plan (assessment of the dynamics of Plan implementation, information about obstacles in its

execution and their causes, as well as proposals for measures that need to be applied to eliminate such obstacles).

9.2. Based on the results of consideration of the report on the state of implementation of the Plan at the NMAA meeting, a decision is approved regarding the assessment of such state, and measures are determined that need to be applied to eliminate obstacles in the implementation of the Plan (if such obstacles exist).

## Section II. Generalized indicators

Measures	Performance indicators	Responsible executors	Source of financing
<b>Non-technical survey (NTS)</b>	SHA/CHA identified in the territory of: <b>146 communities</b>	Governmental MA operators	At the expense of budget allocations
		Non-profit MA operators	At the expense of donor funds
<b>Targeted NTS</b>	Suspicions regarding EO contamination confirmed/refuted in territories with an area of: <b>1935,81 km<sup>2</sup></b>	Governmental MA operators	At the expense of budget allocations
<b>Clearance</b>	Territories cleared of EO with an area of: <b>95,67 km<sup>2</sup></b>	Governmental MA operators	At the expense of budget allocations
		Non-profit MA operators	At the expense of donor funds
		Commercial MA operators	At the expense of the budget program "Humanitarian Demining"
<b>Quality control of clearance</b>	Territories handed over to local communities with an area of: <b>20,98 km<sup>2</sup></b>	Accredited conformity assessment bodies	At the expense of budget allocations