

# Case Studies in Cooperation III: The Role of the OSCE in the Region

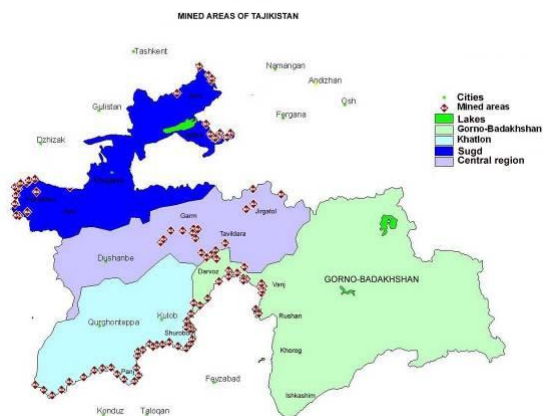
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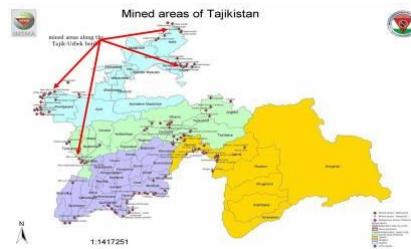
Implementing Partner: The International Trust Fund  
for Demining and Mine  
Victims Assistance (Slovenia).

## Scale of the KNOWN mine threat in Tajikistan



## Regional Engagement Mine Action: Rationale

- Tajikistan being able to meet obligations Ottawa Convention.
- Call for regional engagement after 2007 OSCE Organised Regional Conference on demining in Almaty.
- Call from OSCE MC for regional engagement
- Mined areas direct negative impact on development and security. (Current bilateral source of contention)
- Frequent requests from RoT for assistance with engagement on common mined borders in Sugd Region.
- Mined border areas have negative impact on current border projects.
- Success of SEEMACC and Caucuses Initiative (ITF)
- OSCE ideally suited as regional political organization.
- Frequent requests from Permanent Council for Regional Cooperation in Central Asia



Map does not include mined enclaves in the Ferghana and legacy minefields.

## Regional Engagement: Strategic Objectives



- **Regional Engagement (CSBM)**
- Border Minefields
- Information Management System for Mine Action
- Prioritization methodology/cooperation.
- Regional SOP's
- Mine clearance training
- Mine detector dogs
- New technologies
- Donors
- Victim Assistance
- Mine Risk Education

## CAMACC – possible structure.

### OSCE

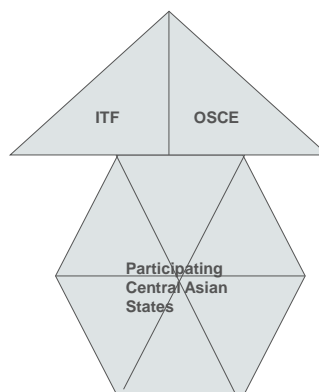
- Political Support
- Neutral Arbitrator
- Limited CAMACC operational support/funding

### ITF

- Mine Action Funding
- CAMACC Operational Funding
- Project Management and Guidance
- Technical support

### Central Asian pS

- Modus Operandi of CAMACC
- Level on Engagement
- Decides what projects to support.



## Implementing Partner: ITF

The OSCE OIT has engaged the **International Trust Fund** for demining and victims assistance, (ITF), to collaborate with as an implementation partner for regional engagement for Mine Action in Central Asia.

What is the ITF: The mission of the ITF is to raise funds and administer donations made by the public and private donors for the implementation of mine action related activities by addressing the needs of mine-affected communities in accordance with donor's interests. <http://www.itf-fund.si/>

Why the ITF: Since its inception in 1998, ITF has gained extensive experience in the field of mine action and played a vital part in the implementation of close to 1,500 mine/UXO clearance projects, demining over 66.8 million square meters of land. It has rehabilitated 15% of mine/UXO survivors in SE Europe, trained more than 650 experts in the field of mine action management, demining and rehabilitation, and is one of the founding members of South-East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC)

<http://www.see-demining.org>

