

FACTSHEET

Angola

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Scope of the problem

In 2007, the Landmine Impact Survey (LIS) identified 3,293 suspected hazardous areas (SHAs) covering approximately 1,025km² in all 18 provinces; by 2012, the estimated number of SHAs had been roughly halved.

NGO operators reported 1,006 confirmed mined areas (CHAs) remaining that cover approximately 150km² in the 12 provinces in which they operate.¹ Combined with the 642 SHAs identified by the LIS in the six other provinces which are estimated to cover 50km², overall there are approximately 1,648 SHAs and CHAs covering approximately 200km².²

The full extent of the remaining problem will be known when the National Intersectorial Commission for Demining and Humanitarian Assistance (CNIDAH) releases the survey results, planned for the end of 2013.

Land release

In 2012, international NGOs reported clearing 78 CHAs covering 6km² and cancelling another 234 SHAs through survey covering 83km².

Mine area clearance in 2012

Operator	No. of areas cleared	CHA (km ²)	No. of AP mines destroyed	No. of AV mines destroyed
HALO	52	1.83	3,063	322
MgM	12	2.19	342	5
DCA	0	0.78	41	0
NPA	9	0.75	187	5
MAG	5	0.46	95	8
Total	78	6.01	3,728	340

Clearance data for 2012 from the Executive Commission for Demining (Comissão Executiva de Desminagem, CED) was not yet available as of mid-May 2013.

Compliance with Article 5 of the Mine Ban Treaty

At the Meeting of States Parties in December 2012, Angola's Article 5 deadline Extension Request for five years through 1 January 2018 was approved. Angola has two major tasks to complete by 2018, at which time Angola plans to submit a second Extension Request. One task is a national survey to identify the remaining problem and the other is to complete a project that will map all present and past mined areas. The survey is scheduled for completion in 2013. The time needed for the mapping project and the value of mapping already cleared areas remains uncertain.

¹ Emails from DanChurchAid (DCA), HALO Trust, Stiftung Menschen gegen Minen (MgM), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and Norwegian Peoples Aid (NPA), February–April 2013.

² It is estimated that on average each of the 642 SHAs measures 80,000m² based on the average size of the confirmed mined areas identified by the NGOs. Final survey results may determine a different average size.