

An Alternative to REST

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NPA GTC/MDD

- Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) established the Global Training Centre – Mine Detection Dogs (GTC-MDD) in April 2004 in Vogošća, on the outskirts of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Its establishment was the result of:
- NPA's concerns about the imbalance between supply and demand for quality mine detection dogs that meet International Mine Action Standards.
- The need to create a unified standard for NPA Mine Action programs. The only way to meet this need was to undertake breeding and training internally.



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What does GTC do?

- Breeding
- Training
- Follow up
- Staff training

- R&D assistance



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Over the period 2004 to September 2010 GTC bred 69 litters and transferred 292 trained dogs:

Activities	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	Total
Litters bred	3	3	7	9	13	14	20	69
Dogs transferred	10	18	24	57	49	60	74	292

In 2010 118 GTC-trained MDDS/EDDs were operational in 6 countries.



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REST

- MEDDS
- How does it work?
 - Dogs sense of smell
- Area reduction
 - Roads
 - Procedure



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REST

- NPA used REST in Angola for a short period
- 2001 GICHD got involved
- 2006 “REST” moved to Tanzania
 - Concept changed
 - Research project
- 2009 concept changed
- 2010 Project was not extended



SDD

- 2009 GTC developed new search pattern
- NPA didn't see operational REST as an efficient solution any more
 - Alternative is obviously faster than REST
 - Similar procedure
- Requires experienced trainers and “the best” dogs
 - Long time is needed for training
 - Training area
 - Testing procedures and poligons

