

# MINEACT

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## TOPICS

### 1. UKRAINE - Emergency response / challenges and opportunities

Military operations inside the sovereign territory of Ukraine, which began in February 2022 with the attack of the Russian army on military and civilian targets, resulted in the displacement of several million Ukrainians and huge destruction of the civilian population.

The war in Ukraine has affected key agricultural infrastructure, having significant impact on the global shortage of elementary food produce and increase in prices. In this regard, an emergency response of all countries is needed in order to maximize support to Ukraine, with the aim of clearing agricultural and infrastructural areas as quickly as possible, given that this is a precondition for economic development of these areas and, above all, the safe return of the population.

How can we help Ukraine in the fastest, most concrete and safest way possible?

### 3. Mine victims

After the end of the war activities, unfortunately, the suffering does not end, considering the risk of landmines, which continue to threaten the population for years after the war itself.

The United Nations estimate that every year around 26,000 people are killed or injured as a result of mine explosions, and almost all of them are civilians.

Mine victims are persons who need long-term care and support, rehabilitation, social, legal and economic support.

What can we do to reduce the number of landmine casualties? How to reach out to the victims and in what way to strengthen them psychologically and motivate them after the accidents? How to help mine victims integrate into society as easily as possible?

### 2. Infrastructure safety in relation to ERW

Every year, large number of civilians are killed and injured by explosive remnants of war – unexploded shells, grenades, bombs, etc. left behind after a conflict. Decades after the end of armed conflicts, ERW threats lay under residential areas, roads and other infrastructure and present a huge danger to human life. What is the best way to hand over safe and cleared land back to the community and make it ready for use?

### 4. New technologies within mine action

The scientific community has made a significant contribution to the development of new tools, equipment and procedures in mine action. Numerous scientific projects have been validated and implemented in mine action systems and as such represent a huge contribution to the mine action community.