



Grant Assistance for Grass-Root Human Security Project “The Project for the Provision of Equipment for Mine/UXO Clearance in Basra Governorate”

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1 Summary

- (1) The Government of Japan will provide the modern Japanese equipment for removing mines / unexploded ordnance (UXO) to the Iraqi NGO “IMCO”, which is conducting clearance of mines/UXO in Iraq. The Japanese company “Nikken” will give training for how to use and maintain equipment to IMCO staff within the framework of the public-private partnership.
- (2) The Iran-Iraq War, the Gulf War and the Iraq War have left Basra with lots of explosive remnants and UXO, which have killed or maimed over 10,000 people in Basra at least since 2009. They have also hindered the daily life and economic activities in Basra.
- (3) This project will foster the mines/UXO clearance activities in 6 districts in Basra (350 km²), which will benefit around 8,800 people.

*IMCO, Iraq Mine/UXO Clearance Organization, an Iraqi NGO, has conducted inspection, search and clearance activities of mines, training to staff and mine detection dogs and workshops for local people to avoid mines.

2 Amount of the Grant : \$ 1,020,000

3 Equipment : A Mine/UXO clearance machine and its four attachments



Main body

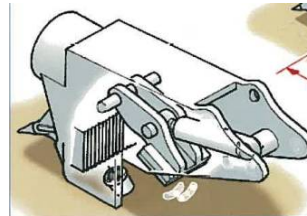
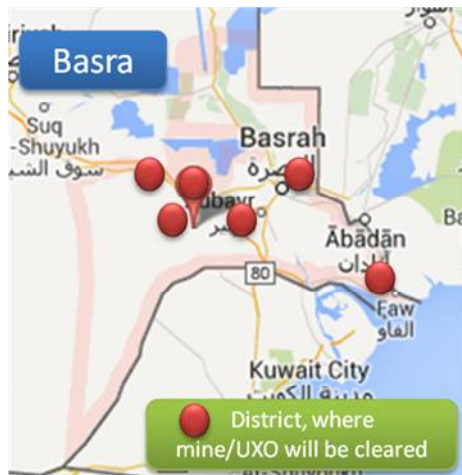


An attachment to remove mines buried in unlevel lands (mountain range, water ways)



An attachment to dig up mines without being exploded

【Map】



An attachment to press and explode mines without littering them



An attachment to separate dirt from the iron scraps after exploding mines/UXO

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