

Country/Territorial Profiles and Projects

Albania

SUMMARY

During the 1999 Kosovo conflict, forces of the Former Republic of Yugoslavia contaminated 15.3 million square metres in northeast Albania with mines and unexploded ordinance (UXO). In addition, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces dropped cluster bombs on the Yugoslav Army's positions along the Albanian border, leaving some UXO in Albania.

Albania has ratified the anti-personnel mine-ban treaty and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (Protocol II and Protocol V). It completed its anti-personnel mines stockpile destruction programme in April 2002. The Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), the national body in charge of coordination and monitoring, has handed over about 13 million square metres of land to communities in northeast Albania. This was surveyed and cleared by RONCO, Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. (HELP), the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) and Dan Church Aid (DCA).

Currently, DCA is the only demining organization operating in Albania. It is implementing a clearance project funded by the US State Department through the International Trust Fund (ITF)-Slovenia.

Two local non-governmental organizations (NGOS), the Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes and the Albanian Red Cross (ARC), are providing mine risk education to the 22 communities still affected by the presence of mines and UXO. They are being supported by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the US State Department through the ITF and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Victim assistance activities are being carried out by the Government and NGOs such as the National Ortho-Prosthetic Center, regional and district hospitals, the Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation, the ICRC Special Fund for the Disabled, Handicap International (HI) and the VMA, with funding from the US State Department through the ITF, the European Commission (EC) through the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and Albanian private donors through the ITF. The objective is to ensure proper treatment and reintegration of victims of accidents from mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), and other people with disabilities.

The Albania Country Portfolio Team's funding appeal for mine action projects in 2008 totals US \$2,949,616.

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

An area of 15.3 million square metres was originally identified as contaminated along the 120-kilometre border with Kosovo. According to survey results, 39 villages, with a population of 25,500, have been directly affected in this area; 120,000 people have been indirectly affected. Since 1999, 34 people have been killed and 238 injured from mines and UXO in northeast Albania.

COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

In 2007, the Mine Action Portfolio Country Team comprised a range of governmental and non-governmental bodies—international, national and local, especially in the victim assistance sector—along with donor representatives.

The portfolio process attained a broad consensus among mine action actors on the mine action strategy, and the division of roles and responsibilities. More potential donors and national and international agencies were encouraged to become actively involved.

Mine action partners include UNDP, UNICEF, DCA, HI, the ICRC, the ARC and the VMA. Donor representatives from the EC, the United States, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Germany and the ITF were consulted.

Mine action is specifically included in the UNDP Country Programme Document under the regional development component and in the National Action Plan for Pre-Accession to the European Union (EU).

STRATEGY

Albania aims to be free of mines by 2010. Its mine action strategy has several components.

- **Coordination and monitoring:** UNDP will support the regular functioning of the AMAE according to identified remaining needs. This will help ensure that all mine action activities will be coordinated and monitored per international standards, and that they contribute to mine-ban treaty reporting obligations. Revision and approval of mine action regulations and other relevant provisions, such as the National Mine Action Standards and standard operating procedures, should be completed.
- **Clearance:** Local demining teams will be fully trained and equipped, in partnership with DCA, to finish clearing the remaining affected area. Managerial support will require international expertise.
- **Mine risk education:** Two national NGOs will continue field activities until 2010. A mine risk education curricula is expected to be integrated into public schools.
- **Victim assistance:** A base for a suitable national capacity in medical assistance and physical rehabilitation has been established. It should be fully in place with the reconstruction of the National Ortho-Prosthesis Center in Tirana, the establishment of the Local Prosthesis Workshop in Kukes Regional Hospital, and the development of physiotherapy units at the local and national levels. Continuously implementing socioeconomic reintegration projects will also assist survivors of mine and ERW accidents.

PROJECT	HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION IN ALBANIA
Pillar	Mine clearance
Appealing Agency	DanChurchAid (DCA) / National Clearance Capacity (NCC)
Project Budget	2008: US \$1,400,875
Funds Requested	US \$1,400,875
Implementing Partners	DCA, Albanian Mine Clearance Organization (AMCO)
Targeted Beneficiaries	Approximately 10,000 directly affected inhabitants of 22 villages within the regions of Kukes, Has and Tropja in northeastern Albania
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2008
Project Code	P04-AL02

OBJECTIVES

In cooperation with stakeholders, the project aims to release 500,000 to 600,000 square metres of cleared land to the population in 2008, and release any remaining square metres of land in 2009, thus clearing all known mined areas in northeastern Albania.

ACTIVITIES

- Continue mine clearance operations with an already established capacity, including seven manual clearance teams and one task preparation team (two clearance teams are cross-trained as battle area clearance teams).
- Promote full national ownership of all daily activities (operational, logistical, administrative and financial), with oversight from a DCA-appointed international programme manager.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- By the end of 2009, people will enjoy their basic human right to live, work and go to school free from any major threats from mines and unexploded ordnance.
- There will be the release of 500,000 to 600,000 square metres of land in 2008.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008
International staff (field staff, quality assurance visits from headquarters)	131,144
National staff	812,328
Supplies/capital costs	40,603
Operational costs	303,940
Indirect costs (headquarters administration, bank charges)	112,860
Total	1,400,875

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PROJECT	MINE RISK EDUCATION IN NORTHEASTERN ALBANIA
Pillar	Mine risk education
Appealing Agency	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Project Budget	2008: US \$70,000; 2009: US \$45,000
Funds Requested	US \$40,000
Implementing Partners	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Targeted Beneficiaries	17,000 community members and children in the mine-affected areas of 22 villages in the Kukes Region of northeastern Albania, indirect beneficiaries (the 115,000 inhabitants of Kukes, Has and Tropoje)
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2009
Project Code	P04-AL04

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to increase awareness of threats from mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) among 12,500 community members and 4,500 school children in 22 mine-affected villages.

ACTIVITIES

- Disseminate information on mine risks at community and school meetings.
- Produce and distribute mine risk education media materials.
- Host extracurricular mine risk education for school children (poster competitions, sports events etc.).
- Distribute mine risk education materials to school children and community members.
- Encourage community ceremonies for cleared lands.
- Organize speaking tours and theatre performances on mine risk education.
- Provide mine risk training to anti-mine committees and peace activists, government of pupils and school teachers in mine affected villages.
- Promote reuse of demined areas.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- The number of accidents resulting from mines and ERW will drop.
- There will be increased involvement of community members and school children in mine risk education.
- The capacities of anti-mine committees, peace activists government of pupils and school teachers to disseminate information on mine risks will increase.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009
Local staff	20,000	15,000
Transport	7,000	5,000
Publications	5,000	3,000
Mine risk education activities	35,000	20,000
Administrative costs (5%)	3,000	2,000
Total	70,000	45,000

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PROJECT HOME-BASED HANDICRAFTS FOR MINE SURVIVORS AND MINE-AFFECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES

Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Project Budget	2008: US \$247,000; 2009: US \$193,000; 2010: US \$74,000
Funds Requested	US \$247,000
Implementing Partners	Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), anti-mine committees in Kukes region, Council of Kukes
Targeted Beneficiaries	238 mine victims, women in families of mine survivors
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2010
Project Code	P04-AL06

OBJECTIVES

The project will facilitate the economic reintegration of women in families with survivors of mine accidents. It will help to establish home-based handicraft enterprises through training on new designs and production skills.

ACTIVITIES

- Conduct vocational training on new handicraft designs and production, using local materials.
- Develop a business enterprise structure.
- Establish a collection and distribution system for finished products.
- Initiate a community marketing system and establish proper marketing structures.
- Organize participation in national and regional exhibitions of handicrafts produced by mine victims and their families in Tirana, Pristina and Skopje.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Women in rural households, mine victims and members of their families will be earning a sustainable income from embroidery, the manufacture of wool and felt fashion goods, and traditional handmade souvenirs.
- Marketing links will be established to sell the handicraft products.
- By the end of the third year, the enterprise will become totally independent in generating incomes for families of mine survivors.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009	2010
Human resources (local staff)	37,800	37,800	6,000
Technical advisors (international)	58,000	20,000	0
Project operating costs	28,400	13,960	6,000
Capital expenses (creative design centre)	28,600	23,600	9,000
Technical training and support	52,278	42,075	21,000
Production activities	15,276	28,010	11,000
Marketing activities	15,000	18,460	21,000
Administrative costs	11,646	9,095	0
Total	247,000	193,000	74,000

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PROJECT	SUPPORT TO THE ALBANIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAMME
Pillar	Multiple
Appealing Agency	UN Development Programme (UNDP)
Project Budget	2008: US \$448,000; 2009: US \$448,000
Funds Requested	US \$448,000
Implementing Partners	Ministry of Defence, Albanian Mine Action Committee (AMAC), Mine Action Executive (AMAE), Kukes Prefecture
Targeted Beneficiaries	120,000 inhabitants of Kukes Prefecture, 22 villages with 14,000 directly affected people, the AMAC, the AMAE, regional authorities of Kukes Prefecture, non-governmental organizations
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2009
Project Code	P04-AL07

OBJECTIVES

The project will help improve the AMAE's capacity to coordinate and monitor programme activities, with the final aim to complete anti-personnel mine-ban treaty obligations by the 2010 deadline.

ACTIVITIES

- Hold regular meetings to review advancement and plans.
- Coordinate field operations, adjusting priorities and monitoring activities in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).
- Prepare annual reports for the Government in accordance with the mine-ban treaty and Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).
- Promote awareness-raising events at national and international levels.
- Define the annual work plan for clearance, task the implementing agencies, perform quality management and hand over the land to local communities.
- Strengthen administrative management of the AMAE.
- Use support services from the Ministry of Defence for field activities.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- National mine action plans will be updated and implemented with the involvement of all stakeholders.
- Albanian international treaty obligations will be fulfilled.
- National and international advocacy of mine action will take place.
- Mine clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance activities will be effectively coordinated and monitored according to IMAS.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009
Human resources	182,748	182,748
Capital costs	2,500	2,500
Operational costs	237,152	237,152
Overhead	25,600	25,600
Total	448,000	448,000

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PROJECT EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR (ERW) AND MINE RISK EDUCATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULA

Pillar	Mine risk education
Appealing Agency	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Project Budget	2008: US \$125,000; 2009: US \$25,000
Funds Requested	US \$100,000
Implementing Partners	Ministry of Education and Science, Institute of Curricula and Standards, Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)–Kukes
Targeted Beneficiaries	7,500 students, 500 teachers of compulsory school, 16,500 community members and children from mine-affected areas in 39 villages of the Kukes Region during the pilot phase
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2009
Project Code	P06-AL01

OBJECTIVES

The project will seek to integrate mine risk education in school curricula to inform students about risks, and reduce threats related to mines, unexploded ordnance, ERW, road traffic, drugs and human trafficking.

ACTIVITIES

- Revise and re-publish books for students and teachers.
- Train 500 teachers on new approaches to mine risk education to reach about 7,500 pupils in the Kukes Region.
- Help 500 teachers in compulsory schools create cross- and extracurricular mine risk education activities by providing ready-made models, methods, techniques and strategies.
- Produce and provide mine risk education materials to targeted pilot schools.
- Monitor and regularly assist the targeted schools to make sure that teachers have adopted new techniques and methodologies for conducting mine risk education.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- The number of accidents from mines and ERW will decline.
- Mine risk education will be integrated into compulsory school curricula.
- School children and community members will be kept continuously informed about mine and ERW threats.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009
Local staff, resource mobilization	15,000	5,000
Logistics, transport	15,000	8,000
Publication of books for students and teachers	30,000	0
Training, mine risk education activities	60,000	10,000
Administrative costs (5%)	5,000	2,000
Total	125,000	25,000

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PROJECT	VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND MID-CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR MINE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Project Budget	2008: US \$190,000; 2009: US \$145,000
Funds Requested	US \$190,000
Implementing Partners	Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), anti-mine committees, Kukes Prefecture
Targeted Beneficiaries	238 mine victims with 1,800 family members
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2010
Project Code	P06-AL04

OBJECTIVES

This project will provide young survivors of accidents from mines and explosive remnants of war and their family members with access to vocational training and other economic activities to ensure their socioeconomic reintegration and increase employment opportunities.

ACTIVITIES

- Equip a community mine survivors centre to function normally.
- Conduct vocational courses for trades such as barbering/hairdressing, electrical repair, etc..
- Teach skills in high-technology/enterprise/household management, and tourism/hospitality.
- Expand and diversify local household economies by helping people improve the use of local assets and providing short-term training on entrepreneurship, management, curriculum vitae preparation, job-seeking, career development, and enterprise establishment and management.
- Increase mine victims' access to community support services.
- Provide mine victims with free Internet access and a resource centre.
- Support the enterprise initiatives of mine survivors and their family members.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 30 to 40 mine victims per year will gain employable skills and enter the national job market or establish their own businesses.
- A community mine survivors resource centre will be operational and providing a wide range of social services to survivors and other people with disabilities.
- An Internet café and youth newspaper will support mine survivors and people with disabilities.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009
Local staff	18,000	18,000
Operational costs	14,000	15,000
Equipment for community mine survivors (Internet server, computers)	60,000	7,000
Vocational trainings	80,000	80,000
Support of youth enterprise development initiatives	10,000	20,000
Administrative costs	8,000	5,000
Total	190,000	145,000

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PROJECT ENSURING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND STRUCTURE SUPPORTS SURVIVORS' ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Project Budget	2008: US \$69,000
Funds Requested	US \$69,000
Implementing Partners	Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), anti-mine committees, Kukes Prefecture
Targeted Beneficiaries	238 mine victims in northeastern Albania with their 1,800 family members
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2008
Project Code	P07-AL01

OBJECTIVES

The project will strengthen a revolving loan fund that has already provided interest-free loans to 63 mine survivors in northeastern Albania. It will seek to link the fund to the appropriate micro-finance structure at the regional level, and ensure that the fund provides equal opportunities to all survivors and contributes to their socioeconomic reintegration.

ACTIVITIES

- Train communities on self-help initiatives.
- Conduct community mobilization activities related to income generation and development of the area through anti-mine committees.
- Strengthen the loan tracking system.
- Finalize procedures for a transparent selection of future beneficiaries.
- Advocate for the employment of survivors.
- Organize advocacy activities for survivors.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Through the anti-mine committees, 30 sustainable income-generation projects will be established for survivors.
- Income-generation schemes will support the revolving loan fund.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008
Local staff	15,000
Operational costs	9,000
Advocacy activities	6,000
Trainings	10,000
Support for the stability of the revolving loan fund	29,000
Total	69,000

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PROJECT	REINTEGRATION OF MINE-AFFECTED CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Project Budget	2008: US \$50,000; 2009: US \$50,000; 2010: US \$50,000
Funds Requested	US \$50,000
Implementing Partners	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Targeted Beneficiaries	15 to 20 children per year
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2010
Project Code	P07-AL02

OBJECTIVES

The project will improve access to education and learning for 15 children who have survived accidents related to mines or explosive remnants of war (ERW), or who live in families with mine survivors. It will help improve social well-being through encouraging children to return to their studies, increasing their motivation to study and improving social interactions with other children of their age.

ACTIVITIES

- Provide support to children to attend school.
- Purchase and distribute school and educational materials for pupils.
- Organize special classes and teach specific skills through private tutors during the normal school period to help pupils catch up to their peers.
- Teach specific skills (computer and English classes).

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Fifteen pupils per year will be reintegrated into the educational system.
- Access to education will improve, and learning achievements will increase.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009	2010
Local staff (human resources)	6,000	6,000	6,000
School materials	10,000	10,000	10,000
Costs for teachers for additional lessons	28,000	28,000	28,000
Operational and administrative costs	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total	50,000	50,000	50,000

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PROJECT ACCESS TO PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES IN ALBANIA

Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	Handicap International (HI)
Project Budget	2008: US \$233,241; 2009: US \$254,272
Funds Requested	US \$233,241
Implementing Partners	HI, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sciences/Nursing Faculty of Tirana, HELB-E.Prygogine, Bruxelles and Charleroi Europe Physiotherapy School, Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), National Orthotic Prosthetic Center (NOPC), Kukes Regional Hospital
Targeted Beneficiaries	Any inhabitant of Albania needing physical and medical rehabilitation (medium term), people with disabilities and mine accident survivors in need of physical rehabilitation in Kukes (300 persons) and more than 100 people from the prosthetics workshop (short term)
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2009
Project Code	P08-AL01

OBJECTIVES

The project will help public authorities develop and implement a consistent and long-term plan to ensure access to physical and medical rehabilitation services to the entire Albanian population, while implementing more immediate measures responding to the needs of mine accident victims.

ACTIVITIES

- Create a physical and medical rehabilitation national plan of action and monitor implementation.
- Set up a sustainable physiotherapy training programme at the nursing faculty in Tirana.
- Improve the quality of existing prosthesis services and develop the training capacities for prosthetics.
- Deliver basic rehabilitation services, especially to mine accident survivors, through the rehabilitation unit of Kukes hospital.
- Improve ortho-prosthetic facilities at the regional level in Kukes with better equipment and more qualified staff.
- Ensure the ongoing specialization of doctors allows adequate follow up of clients in need of rehabilitation services.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- There will be equal access for all to quality physical and medical rehabilitation services in Albania.
- The project will address the immediate needs of the Kukes Region with regard to rehabilitation.
- The development of a national training programme will help cover Albania as a whole.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008	2009
Overall management	45,765	45,765
Travel costs for project staff, international consultants and evaluators	28,838	28,838
National physical and medical rehabilitation action plan	4,860	4,860
Physiotherapy training	56,228	64,327
Prosthetics technicians training	43,673	45,022
Regional Kukes hospital rehabilitation unit	11,582	6,180
Physical and medical rehabilitation specialization programme	28,418	37,462
Communication	675	675
Evaluation costs	0	6,750
Administrative costs	13,202	14,393
Total	233,241	254,272

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PROJECT	EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR (ERW) AND MINE RISK EDUCATION IN NINE PREFECTURES
Pillar	Mine risk education
Appealing Agency	Albanian Red Cross (ARC)
Project Budget	2008: US \$28,500
Funds Requested	US \$28,500
Implementing Partners	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), prefectures
Targeted Beneficiaries	Communities affected by mines and ERW, local authorities in affected communities and municipalities
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2008
Project Code	P08-AL02

OBJECTIVES

The project will contribute to developing appropriate national strategies to reduce risks to communities through sustainable mine risk education. The project also intends to carry out surveillance of ERW incidents and report this information to national mine action authorities.

ACTIVITIES

- Select and prioritize villages, communes and municipalities, and forms of coordination for mine risk education.
- Promote re-use of demined areas in Kukes Prefecture.
- Organize a workshop for training coordinators, staff in ARC sub-branch offices, and volunteers in the Tirana, Durresi, Elbasani and Lezha branch offices.
- Broadcast TV spots and distribute leaflets through schools and village leaders.
- Submit to the AMAE the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) forms on any new and/or unreported incidents.
- Monitor and evaluate the process.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Trained coordinators and volunteers will engage in mine risk education.
- The number of mine and ERW victims will decline.
- The capacity of the ARC to develop mine action programmes will be strengthened.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008
National coordinator	11,500
Local staff	5,100
Training of coordinators, sub-branch staff, volunteers	1,600
Mine risk education, surveillance of incidents, monitoring	8,300
Publications (TV spot, leaflets)	2,000
Total	28,500

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PROJECT	POST-CLEARANCE IMPACT SURVEY OF USE OF RELEASED LAND
Pillar	Mine clearance
Appealing Agency	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Project Budget	2008: US \$95,000
Funds Requested	US \$95,000
Implementing Partners	Anti-mine committees, schools in former mine-affected communities, local authorities
Targeted Beneficiaries	30,000 mine-affected community members in 39 villages of Kukes; indirectly, 110,000 inhabitants of Kukes, Has and Tropoje
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2008
Project Code	P08-AL03

OBJECTIVES

The project will analyse the actual and perceived use of recently released land by mine-affected communities to measure social and economic changes. About 30 percent of households in mine-affected areas will be targeted for interviews and focus group discussions. Through the analysis of the data collected, priorities for development planning and action will be determined for each village.

ACTIVITIES

- Collect and analyse data on the socioeconomic impacts of mines in northeastern Albania, and on the danger from mines as a factor influencing behaviour.
- Collect and analyse data on the assistance provided to mine-affected communities as compensation for damages caused by contamination from mines and explosive remnants of war.
- Assess socioeconomic improvements.
- Collect and analyse data on infrastructure and income-generation potentials.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- The project will produce a report on the socioeconomic impact of mine action in Albania.
- A portfolio of projects for each village will be developed by the end of 2008.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008
International consultant	10,000
Local staff	13,000
Operational costs	12,000
Capital costs	5,000
Programme costs	50,000
Administrative costs	5,000
Total	95,000

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PROJECT	SUPPORTING ACCESS TO KUKES REHABILITATION AND PHYSIOTHERAPY WORKSHOPS
Pillar	Victim assistance
Appealing Agency	Victims of Mines and Arms (VMA)-Kukes
Project Budget	2008: US \$48,000
Funds Requested	US \$48,000
Implementing Partners	VMA-Kukes, Kukes Regional Hospital, Institute of Primary Health Care, villages nurses, local authorities
Targeted Beneficiaries	238 mine survivors, about 450 survivors of explosive remnants of war, people with disabilities in need of prosthetic/physical rehabilitation
Project Duration	January 2008 through December 2010
Project Code	P08-AL04

OBJECTIVES

Considering the tough terrain, lack of infrastructure and immobility of mine survivors in northeastern Albania, the project will facilitate logistics for mine survivors to access physiotherapy and orthopaedic services in Kukes Regional Hospital. The project will include collaboration with non-governmental organizations to provide referrals for people with disabilities in need of these services.

ACTIVITIES

- Support mine survivors with logistics and accommodation to access services at the prosthetic and physiotherapy workshops in Kukes.
- Conduct regular home visits to mine survivors to provide counselling sessions and track their health situation.
- Provide referrals for physiotherapy and orthopaedics services to other people with disabilities.
- Conduct recreational activities for mine survivors.
- Monitor survivors' access to rehabilitation and physiotherapy services.
- Produce media materials and distribute to people with disabilities and mine survivors.
- Promote the Kukes prosthetic and physiotherapy workshop services across Albania.
- Train survivors on the maintenance of prostheses.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- All mine survivors and an increased number of other people with disabilities will gain access to orthopaedic and physiotherapy services offered by the workshops of Kukes Regional Hospital.
- Mine survivors and other people with disabilities will have access to the Kukes rehabilitation and physiotherapy workshops.
- All mine survivors will have their prostheses repaired in Kukes.

BUDGET ITEMS IN US\$	2008
Local staff	16,000
Capital costs (equipment, vehicle)	5,000
Project activities (medical services, logistical support, recreation, trainings)	25,000
Administrative and operational costs	2,000
Total	48,000

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