



JORDAN: FIRST TRUST FUND PROJECT BETWEEN NATO AND A MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE COUNTRY LAUNCHED

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On 25 June 2008, an Implementing Agreement was jointly signed by NAMS A's General Manager, Mr. Karl Heinz Münzner, on behalf of the NATO Maintenance and Supply Organization, and by the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Sarayreh on behalf of the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

This event triggered the implementation of the first Trust Fund Project between NATO and a Mediterranean Dialogue country (MD). This 24-month project is valued at 3.4 million euros. Norway, Spain and Switzerland are the lead nations, and Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Iceland and Turkey are the other contributing nations.

NAMS A opened an office in Jordan at the Directorate of Military Production on 06 July 2008.

One of the aims of the project is to build a new ammunition demilitarization facility in a greenfield site that will meet current security and safety standards to ensure its continuing viability. The site is already selected by Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) and the infrastructures will support the demilitarization of surplus or obsolete ammunition stockpiles.



Area proposed for the location of the new demilitarization facility. Photo: NAMS A.

The project will also contribute to creating a specialized Propellant Surveillance Laboratory by refurbishing and improving an existing building in Zarqa and providing appropriate training to NATO standards.



External view of future Propellant Surveillance Laboratory. Photo: NAMSA.

Moreover, Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) detection equipment (ground penetrating radar) will be provided to the JAF Royal Engineers Corps.

A major part of the project will be an ERW Survey that will be performed by Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR) . The survey will identify the location, type and number of ERW in former war affected areas. By also providing socio-economical data on affected communities, this project aims at prioritizing clearance to enable safe land to be released to the communities therefore promoting sustainable development.

This project will contribute to the enhancement of NATO cooperation with MD countries as NATO Deputy Secretary General Ambassador C. Bisogniero said: *“The Trust Fund project should help to build confidence between us and demonstrate to the Jordanian public the merits of working together with the Alliance in the context of our Mediterranean Dialogue”*.