

## Monitoring Report

<b>Contract number:</b>	2843-00/2021
<b>Project/programme title:</b>	Clear then Grow: Explosive Hazards Clearance and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education with Agricultural Recovery in North East Syria (Phase II)
<b>Country / countries / region:</b>	North East Syria
<b>Implementing Organisation(s):</b>	ITF – Enhancing Human Security (contractual partner); SAG - Saratoga Advisors Group LLC; Khair Organization (Khair)
<b>Project duration:</b>	01/06/2021 – 31/05/2022
<b>Interlocutors:</b>	Katarina Cviki Balić, Project Manager, ITF Dino Šujak, Project Manager, ITF SAG Project Team Al Khair representatives

### Project progress

1. Progress in achieving project outcome(s) and outputs per logical framework:  
*The project is on track to achieve most targets.*
2. Assessment of project expenditures: (slow/as planned/adequate?)  
*Adequate.*
3. How do you assess measures taken to manage gender, social and environmental impact (follow-up of any recommendations from the EGSI assessment, if applicable)?  
*Adequate.*
4. Are risk assessment and risk management plans up to date? How do you assess the functioning of risk monitoring and risk management of the project?  
*Yes, due to the intense security situation and fluid context, risk monitoring and risk management of the project is updated on a regular basis. The project has extensive and experienced security personnel, security management in general of high quality.*
5. Has the project encountered unexpected challenges? If yes, please explain.  
*Yes, two main challenges: The newly established Mine Action Center (MAC) is planning to sign an MoU with all mine actors in NES, which could have serious and immediate consequences for recruitment and taxation. For the agricultural component, Al Khair is not able to implement the barley activity in one of the cleared villages because of serious water shortage (from drought and Turkey's dams).*
6. How do you assess perspectives for impact and sustainability of the intervention? (only if monitoring visit takes place towards the end of the project)  
*n/a since project visit took place in month 5 of the 12-month project. With the incorporated agricultural component, the sustainability of the project increased. In general, the project is considered sustainable as mine clearance significantly increases the physical safety of communities in the long term. Some of the cleared land from phase I has been farmed again and in another area, shepherds used the land for their livestock and temporary shelter.*
7. How have past recommendations (incl. evaluations) been considered (if applicable)?  
New recommendations (to whom)?

*Recommendations from the previous evaluation have been taken into account in the new phase as far as can be seen at this point. There is a stronger focus on adequate impact assessment and data collection. ITF also seems strongly involved in the project, especially when it comes to coordination with other humanitarian actors. Samples for post-tests in EORE activities should be randomized better.*

### **ADA internal controlling / contract management issues**

8. Have the progress report/s (narrative and financial) been submitted on time?  
Yes.
9. Have the audit report/s been submitted on time?  
*N/a for phase II.*
10. Are visibility rules respected?  
*Yes, limited to no-visibility (due to security situation) as agreed with ADA.*
11. Has the co-financing contribution been secured (if applicable)?  
Yes.
12. Is an (no-cost) extension / budget reallocation required?  
*No, not to date.*
13. Are procurement procedures understood and being followed?  
Yes.
14. Are systems for project documentation in place?  
(filing of supporting documents, receipts, etc.)  
Yes.
15. Is an inventory / assets list in place? (if applicable)  
Yes, but not reviewed as part of monitoring visit.
16. Has the handover of equipment, assets etc. taken place as agreed? Is documentation of the handover (e.g. protocols) available? (if applicable)  
Yes.
17. Support/follow-up required from/by ADA?  
*Follow-up for agricultural component according to EGSS recommendations, as well as MoU issues (new taxation, data protection).*

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