

## **The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a private, humanitarian organisation covering all aspects of the refugee cause.**

The aim of the organisation is to protect refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) against persecution and to promote durable solutions.

The assistance to refugees consists of relief and other humanitarian aid, rehabilitation, removal of landmines, support to return and repatriation as well as contributing to the promotion of durable solutions. Durable solutions often take the shape of rehabilitating livelihoods, educational programmes, rehabilitation of water sources, roads or other infrastructure, protection schemes and training, counselling and community safety enhancement.

Support and capacity-building of local and national authorities and NGOs form an integrated part of the work.

The Danish Refugee Council works in more than 30 countries throughout the world.

## **Danish Demining Group (DDG)**

Danish Demining Group (DDG) is part of the DRC and conducts mine action activities and projects that address insecurity in communities in regards to small arms and light weapons. DDG was established in 1997 as an independent organisation. It is now part of the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in order to create a Humanitarian Mine Action unit within the organisation, hence benefiting from synergies in cooperation but not subject to limitations at the same time.

DDG bases its approach upon the principles of the Ottawa Convention's five pillars of Mine Action, which are:

Removal (clearance) of mines and UXO

1. Mine Risk Education
2. Stockpile Destruction
3. Advocacy
4. Victim Assistance

Communities affected by conflict are routinely included in the planning and implementation of field activities in order to ensure that they provide maximum benefit and transparency. It is important for DDG to ensure that concerns of lives and livelihoods are addressed through the implementation of mine action activities. DDG also strives to achieve a coordinated approach in order to maximise effectiveness and efficiency with partner agencies and the UN, as well as with national stakeholders.

DDG implements and utilises the following activities and tools within the field of Mine Action; Landmine Clearance, Mine Risk Education (MRE), Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), Stockpile Destruction, Victim Assistance (VA), Landmine Impact Survey (LIS), and Survey at all levels, Total Quality Management (TQM) along with Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) and Village By Village Clearance (VBVC).