

ATC Strengths:

- ATC is registered with the Ministry of Economy, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
- Governed by a Steering Committee consists of prominent Afghan personalities.
- Accredited by DMAC/UNMAS.
- ATC applies National and International Mine Action Standards in its daily operations.
- Donors and audit companies appreciate and express their full satisfaction with the ATC performance. That enabled the organization to continue its services for the last 27 years without any disruption.
- Achievements of ATC contribute significantly towards:
 - Sustainable Development
 - Creating employment opportunities
 - Improving security situation
- ATC has 27-year experience in Mine/ERW Risk Education, Technical and Non-Technical Survey, Land Release by Manual and Mechanical Mine and ERW Clearance, EOD and Battle Area Clearance operations.



Mr. Rodney Robideau PM/WRA Program Manager talks to the ATC Director, ATC Head Office, Kabul Sep 2016

ATC Pioneer:

- ATC is the first humanitarian demining organization in the world that was established by UN request.
- The first mechanical demining system in Afghanistan was introduced by ATC using Aardvark Flails.
- For the first time, a Bomb Disposal team was established by ATC in 1993 in Kabul.
- ATC established the first BAC team in the country to clear IDP camp in Nangarhar in 1995.
- In 1993, the first EOD class III and IV was conducted by ATC Technical Advisors in Afghanistan.
- ATC was the first demining organization that conducted a DDR-related project.
- The first AP mines Stock-pile Destruction Project was conducted by ATC in collaboration with the Ministry of Defense in Afghanistan.

Donors Provided Direct Fund to ATC

While ATC thank all donors either direct or through UN/EU, some of them are listed here that provided direct fund to ATC:

UN Agencies, Japan, EU, USA, IRU, Switzerland, UK, Netherlands, South Korea and Christian Aid



HE Ambassador of Japan in Afghanistan with Mr. Eblagh ATC Director, GAGP Project Signing Ceremony, EOJ, 8 Feb 2016



Afghan Technical Consultants



ATC Deminer next to Salang Tunnel, DOS-Funded Project, Baghlan Province, Apr 2016



A Local child is treated by ATC Female Paramedic, Paghman Japan-Funded Project, 8 June 2016



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A stone-loaded Truck passes the First-Ever Minefield Cleared in Afghanistan by ATC. Asad Abad-Sarkanay Road, January 1990, Kunar Province

Historical Background of the First UN-Supported Humanitarian Demining Operations in Afghanistan

In early 1989 On a sunny day of Spring while I was busy managing my routine work as director of a department at party HQ and the Interim Government of Afghanistan in Peshawar Pakistan, the deputy Minister for Reconstruction of the said government informed me of the request of UNOCHA for an appointment. The next day I met Mr. Michael Keating UN field officer in Peshawar who requested me to implement a mine clearance project in the country by selecting suitable candidates from 3000 Afghans who had been trained in the United Nations Training Camp in Resalpor for clearing mines and UXO in Afghanistan. The establishment of Afghan Technical Consultants (ATC) the world's UN-funded first large scale humanitarian demining NGO started from that point. The first agreement was signed with the UN on 28 October 1989, later on administrative arrangements, policy and procedure set, and the selection process and pre-deployment training was completed and a demining team of 24 deminers and command group was deployed and practical demining operations started on the 1.7-KM road between Sarkanay and Asad Abad of Kunar province in Afghanistan on 06 Jan 1990, and completed within 15 days. In all technical aspects ATC was assisted by Australian liaisons from the UN training camp, and also by a British expert. With the successful completion of the first ever demining task and its hand-over by driving, many times, a **stone-loaded truck** on the above cleared road ATC justified and marked to the government's provincial high officials, locals, and, through photos to the UNOCHA that it was the first-ever achievement in the field of UN-funded humanitarian mine and UXO clearance in the world.

Financial Management:

ATC has developed high standard financial management policies and procedures that guarantee 100 percent transparency and accountability. As the following graph shows, since 2008 ATC has not received any external audit observations despite it was always audited according to the UN Audit TOR and by the following globally-recognized audit companies:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- KPMG
- RSM International



Summary of ATC Achievements

- 8,343 minefields and battlefields are completed in 31 provinces of Afghanistan.
- 377.5 Square KM of minefields and battlefields were announced mine-free.
- 3,390,104 Mines and ERW were destroyed.
- 188,238 people received mine risk education

Appreciation:

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- Mr. Ian Mansfield, Program Manager, MAPA
- Mr. Dan Kelly, Program Manager, MAPA
- Mr. Graeme Membrey, ATC Technical Advisor
- All other friends in the UN, whose names cannot be mentioned in this short brochure.



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