

MEF Proposal Template

Abstract

MAG International is a UK based charity that finds and destroys landmines, cluster munitions and unexploded bombs in places affected by conflict. It works across the world in conflicts in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Europe to rebuild their lives and livelihoods after war. It also destroys and helps to secure light weapons and ammunition to prevent them being used in armed violence and to reduce the risk of unplanned explosions.

<https://www.maginternational.org/>

Recommendation Summary

In this section, the author should summarise the feedback received during the Deliberation Phase on the related Mina Research Topic.

It can also be given on the Mina Research Forum as a reply message to the proposal.

Decision

A multi-sentence (short paragraph) to state if the proposal should be approved (and funded) or rejected (and not funded), positive or negative, and provide a high-level explanation of the reasoning for this decision.

Risks

A list of the risks identified by community members and reviewers that the proposal could present to the Mina Ecosystem, As well as their recommendations for how to manage them

Benefits

A list of benefits identified by community members and reviewers that the proposal (if approved) could provide to the Mina Ecosystem and why it's important to consider them.

Motivation

A multi-sentence (short paragraph) that explains the motivation for the proposal. It should describe the "why" of this proposal. What problem does it solve? Why should someone vote for it to be funded? What value does it provide to the Mina Ecosystem? What use cases does this proposal address?

What problem does it solve?

During the past decade, there has been an increase in the intensity and impact of conflict and violence on civilians globally. Landmines and unexploded bombs can remain in the ground for decades after a conflict has ended.

Small arms and ammunition are regularly stolen and trafficked across borders and illicitly traded, fuelling more armed violence against civilians. Weapons and ammunition are often stored in or near built-up areas where an unplanned explosion can have devastating consequences.

Landmines, bombs, small arms and ammunition need to be found and destroyed.

Why should someone vote for it to be funded?

- *Humanitarian values.* Wars come and go but the aftermath leaves people living in danger and fear for years. Half of landmine and unexploded bomb casualties globally are children; no child should pay the price for war.
- *Poor communities.* These conflicts usually take place in the poorest parts of the world so the affected local communities lack the resources to pay for these services themselves
- *High skilled work is needed that is expensive.* Work is painstaking, checking minefields metre by metre using metal detectors and other excavation tools; mine detection dogs trained to sniff out explosives; and specialised armoured machines to destroy the mines.
- *Support local empowerment.* Where possible, workers are locally recruited to understand where landmines and unexploded bombs are located and to help them raise awareness of risks within their community.

Rationale

For engineering/development proposals, a multi-sentence (short paragraph) that explains the proposed design approach and why particular design decisions were made. It should describe alternate designs that were considered and related work.

For other proposals, a multi-sentence (short paragraph) that provides relevant context and background to explain the delivery plan.

Delivery Plan

A multi-sentence (short paragraph) that details the delivery plan divided into 1-2 week milestones and a detailed schedule.

For engineering/development proposals, architecture should explain in detail how the code will be split into pure functions and their relations. A Reference Implementation section could include a reference/example implementation that people can use to assist in understanding or implementing this specification.

For other proposals, architecture should provide a visualization (or diagram) of the proposed approach, how it'll be implemented/deployed, and maintained (if applicable).

- This proposal request is £70 = \$92
- This would be spent on two package that are available by clicking on the donation page on the website:
 - 'Help fund a landmine destroying expert' (in Ukraine): £48
 - Help fund a life saving risk education pack' (to teach children how to stay safe around landmines and unexploded bombs) £22
- There would be follow up with MAG International to learn about where exactly these funds are spent
 - the specific expert funded
 - the specific community of children supported.

Security and Performance Considerations

A multi-sentence (short paragraph) that describes the security and/or performance implications/considerations relevant to the proposed project, initiative, or operation.

A list of possible risks across the proposal's lifecycle with a likelihood of their occurrence and severity to inform the decision whether to approve funding this proposal.

A list of ways to manage each of these risks to acceptable levels.

Possible risk	Risk management
They steal the money by suddenly vanishing overnight and running off with the \$70	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAG International is a member of the Institute of Fundraising and registered with the Fundraising Regulator.• They have a MAG-US branch that is registered in the USA as a 501(c)3 non-profit organisation
They don't steal the money but donation	Their website has a commitment to accountability

funds are abused	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donations will be put to work as quickly as possible and they promise to be transparent about where they are spent.• Every year they publish an Impact Review of how their donations were spent.• They welcome feedback and promise prompt response to any queries or question• The website explains their formal complaints procedure.
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