



Fact sheet

Global Clearance Solutions AG

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Corporate mission	<p>Global Clearance Solutions (GCS) is a leading provider of safe, reliable, fast and cost-efficient solutions and services (consulting, training and operations) for the mechanical clearance of landmines, the removal of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and the disposal of improvised explosive devices (IED).</p>
History	<p>Established in 2015</p>
Competence and expertise	<p>GCS took over the entire team of former company MineWolf Systems in the summer of 2015, acquiring staff with over 20 years' experience in the use of mechanical clearance solutions. The GCS team has been deployed in over 30 different countries, and has worked together with the United Nations, international NGOs, governments and commercial organisations.</p>



Workforce

GCS has over 50 employees.

Clients

- Governments (e.g. the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, Colombia and Thailand)
- Commercial organisations (e.g. G4S, TA'AZ Group, AKAF, Bactec and The Development Initiative)
- International aid organisations (e.g. Handicap International, the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action, Danish Demining Group and Norwegian People's Aid)

A new challenge

The challenges following wars and civil wars in Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Libya and Iraq have seen their focus shifting from traditional mine clearance to the disposal of explosive remnants of war (unexploded ordnance – UXO and abandoned explosive ordnance – AXO) and improvised explosive devices. This is the case now, particularly in regions where the so-called Islamic State has been defeated, where widespread distribution of IEDs is preventing Iraqi refugees from returning to their towns and villages.

In addition, attacks with car bombs and IEDs are also increasing in the countries bordering the conflict states, with the intent of creating the greatest possible damage among the civilian population. These remnants of war will need to be removed once the wars in Syria, Libya and Iraq are over.

Nevertheless, in terms of humanitarian demining, traditional mine clearance will continue to be a task that will occupy the international community for many years to come.