

MDD *Atos*



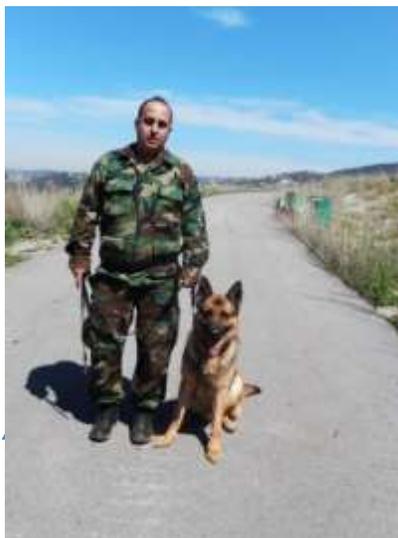
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Mine Detection Dog (MDD) *Atos*, generously sponsored by the American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL), was donated to the Lebanese Armed Forces Engineer Regiment (LAF) in 2014. Since MDD *Atos* received his certification and started working, he has proven to be an invaluable aid in helping to rid the country of the devastating and destabilizing effects of landmines and returning vast tracts of land to the Lebanese people. *Atos* and other MLI-donated Mine Detection Dogs are a crucial tool in the cause for demining, and we look forward to continuing to receive consistent results from them in the years to come.

OVERVIEW OF LEBANON OPERATIONS

Since 2014, MDD *Atos* has assisted with searching nearly 170,000 meters squared of contaminated land, contributing to over 1 million squared meters searched by MLI's MDDs in Lebanon since MLI first established its partnership with the Lebanon Mine Action Center (LMAC) in 2001. An average of 42,500 square meters of land is searched and cleared every year, most of which lies in beautiful, rural areas like Akoura and Ain Majdalayn. These are either part of or adjacent to ancient Mount Lebanon, an incredible mountain range that has seen entire eras of history pass by. For the past few decades, however, landmines and other explosive remnants of war have made this region dangerous. It is only recently that these areas are seeing a marked decrease in mines and are gradually becoming safe for development, tourism, and other productive use. This has in large part been made possible thanks to the efforts of lifesaving canines like *Atos*, his handler Makram Khoder Malaab, and others who continue to work hard in the struggle against the horrors inflicted by mines.

The Marshall Legacy Institute is very proud of *Atos*, who is helping Lebanese men, women, and children to live, work, and play free from the fear of mines. On behalf of all of us at MLI and the thousands of people that benefit from the work of *Atos*, we thank ATFL once again for your generous support!



Atos with his handler



Atos during training