MINE ACTION IN ETHIOPIA

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LEGACY AND NEW CONTAMINATION
NEW CONTAMINATION IN THE NORTH (JULY)

Explosive Ordnance Contamination near IDPs Sites in Tigray
• 2021 impact of explosive ordnance on children
  — Hard to gather but 70+ confirmed cases in Tigray (source UNMAS)
  — Child Rights Monitoring mechanism will likely include gathering data on EO-related killing/maiming

• 2021 results
  — EORE: 4x 10,000 posters and 100,000 brochures printed. Dissemination plan agreed with partners. Awaiting dispatch via road to Tigray
  — UNICEF EORE presentations to Protection cluster and AoRs with UNHCR in Mekelle, Abi Adi, Adwa and Shire; mostly informal reach as materials have not yet been delivered

• Plans for 2022 (UNICEF)
  — 500,000 USD proposal in Japan supplementary 2022. Not yet confirmed.

• Challenges, trends and lessons learnt
  — Acceptance of advocacy materials developed at federal level, for use in Tigray

• Inter-agency collaboration
  — Steady collaboration with UNMAS and protection colleagues from UNHCR and less often with IOM CCCM colleagues, establishing ad hoc biweekly meetings to update on situation/progress. Deliverables incl.: validating EORE messages, finalization and dissemination of interim messages, collaboration on distribution plan (using protection/CP/GBV AOR networks and CCCM)
  — Since Sep/Oct, MA AOR has been established.
INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO MINE ACTION IS WELCOMED

- April: HALO Trust registered
- May: mine action consultation (5 Heads of Security services from Afar, Benshangul, Gambella, Somali and Tigray; Ministries of Peace, Defense, Foreign Affairs, Health, Labor and Social Affairs and the AG office; 7 Defense Attaches (Austria, Australia, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA); OCHA, UNICEF and UNDP as well as Secretariat of APMBC, 4 INGOs)
- June: Tigray administration request
- July: UN Emergency Directors’ mission, NPA re-registration “supported”
- September: Mine Action Area of Responsibility activated
### NOW

From Feb to Oct 2021 |

- Mine action international and national stakeholder conference held
- UNMAS participated in two integrated assessments to Tigray
- Humanitarian Access to North including Tigray remains
- Mine Action Area of Responsibility activated
- HALO Trust registered (not related to the North)

### FUTURE

Two-pronged approach |

1. Northern Ethiopia: UNMAS/UNICEF to scale-up emergency mine action response (Tigray, Afar, Amhara)

2. Country-wide: support the Government with regards to its obligations under APMBC ($4.7million for multiple INGOs and UN entities)

MA AoR/ UNMAS HQ support mission

Fundraising for both ‘prongs’
THANK YOU