PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH
Evidence Base

MINE ACTION

Demining
Risk Education
Victim Assistance
Advocacy
Stockpile Destruction
DEFINITION OF HEALTH

“A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”

(WHO, 1948)
PUBLIC HEALTH

• "The science and art of preventing disease [and injury], prolonging life and promoting health through organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals”

(1920, C.E.A. Winslow).
PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH
PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (EXAMPLES)

- Hand Washing
- Armed Violence Reduction
- Tobacco control
- HIV Prevention
- Road Safety
- MINE ACTION!
- Disaster Response
- Mental Health
NEW PARADIGM AHEAD
PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH IN APMBC

Preamble of the APMBC:

“The State Parties, determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, that kill or maim hundreds of people every week (...)”
A study in Cambodia on the alignment of demining assets with casualties revealed that “only 27 per cent of assets were allocated to provinces that accounted for 75 per cent of the casualties” (GICHD, 2011).
PREVENTION CONTINUUM

Primary Prevention (before incident)

Demining

Victim Assistance

2nd/tertiary Prevention (after incident)
PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE (SPIEZ COURSES)

Two UNICEF certified courses promote the use of public health approaches and frameworks that are compatible with the land release approach:

Since 2016, **145 participants** (76 female, 69 male) from **40 countries** and **21 organizations*** learnt how to develop robust results ToC and frameworks, quality EORE, and break down silos between organizations and pillars.

* UN, NGOs, NMAA, ICRC, KOICA, OSCE, GICHD, DDPS, Balamand University
RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Consider** public health approaches when:
  - Developing Strategies, ToC, Theories of Action, results frameworks
  - Prioritizing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating mine action

- **Invest** in stronger national injury surveillance systems

- **Promote** the use of explicit priority-setting mechanisms (with explicit values, criteria, indicators)