ICRC Mine Action activities in the I.R. of Iran

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General Objective

- People living/moving in contaminated areas after the Iraq-Iran war and Afghan returnees to their country are less affected and have their exposure reduced by the threat posed by weapons contamination in their daily lives
Partnership with Iranian Mine Action Center (IRMAC)

• Signed MoU on
  ▶ Joint cooperation in the mine risk education program
  ▶ Joint cooperation on sharing mine action knowledge and international standards, including exchange of experience, organizing special events
  ▶ Joint cooperation in provision of support services and advocacy efforts for mine victims
  ▶ ICRC support to IRMAC for safe humanitarian demining
Producing MRE material

• Series of animation (12 episodes) and MRE brochures
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Improve first aid capacities of the demining teams by the Blast Trauma Care course
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Introduction to IHL and weapon conventions
Support IRMAC participation in the international meetings and events
International round table on “Humanitarian Mine Action, Challenges and Best Practices” March 2019
Diplomatic visit to the Humanitarian mine action achievements in Iran
Partnership with the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) in delivering risk awareness

- Quality, direct and consistent technical and financial support to IRCS on MRE implementation:
  - Training of trainers
  - Support a network of national and provincial focal points
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- Quality, direct and consistent technical and financial support to IRCS on MRE implementation
  - Sharing international experience and knowledge
  - Quality assurance
Around 210,000 Afghans received MRE in 2019
Around 78,000 Iranians received MRE in 2019
Quality assurance
Best practices

- Develop a SoP for implementation of MRE with the IRCS
Best practices

• Develop the SoP for implementation of MRE with the IRCS
  ▶ Scope of Application/Governing Instruments
  ▶ Job Descriptions
  ▶ Education (Specifications of Training Courses, Instructor Training Course, Refresher course for Instructors)
  ▶ Reporting
  ▶ Regulations and Action
Best practices

- Joint activities on developing MRE materials and agreement with the Iranian authorities (IRMAC, IRCS and SWO) to establish a joint MRE secretariat
Best practices

Target groups

- Afghan returnees to their country
- Rahian Nour caravans
- Population in cities
- Nomads and villagers close to border
- Pilgrims to Iraq
Risk Awareness for tourists
Risk Awareness for Arbaeen pilgrims
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Best practices
Coordination with other stakeholders
Best practices

• Message testing
Challenges

- Remote areas and access
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Challenges

• Assessment of effectiveness of the project
• Difficulties in measuring and documenting behavior change
• Coordination with other stakeholders in some contexts
Partnership with State Welfare organization (SWO)

- Signed MoU in 2017 on MRE with the purpose of prevention of disabilities
  - Knowledge sharing on MRE implementation
  - Capacity building on MRE national standards
Future plans

• Continue technical support on Risk Awareness and Safer behavior to the partners
• Assessment of the MRE project with IRCS
• Develop joint educational materials with the IRMAC and the IRCS
• MRE smart phone Application
• Version 2 of the IRCS SoP on MRE
• Support international cooperation and humanitarian mine action at regional level
Thank you!