BRIEFING TO THE MINE ACTION SUPPORT GROUP
ON THE MINE ACTION SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

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AGENDA

● Background of the Ethiopian Mine Action Office
● Overview of the Mine Action Situation in Ethiopia
● Mine Action Context (Contamination data)
● Explosive Ordnance Accidents
● Needs
● Future Plans and Priorities,
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By the end of 2018, the Ministry of Defense Head Office took over the responsibility from the Defense Engineering Main Department with the belief to provide a direct communication line from the Ministry to the external actors and allows direct control of resources.
Overview of the Mine Action Situation in Ethiopia

Context:

- The Explosive Ordnance contamination in Ethiopia goes back to 1935, with six major armed conflicts.
- 7 out of 11 regions affected by EO (Afra, Amhara, Benshangul Gum, Gambella, Oromia, Somalia)

- Ethiopia ratified the APMBC in 2004 and began enforcing in 2005, aiming to clear contamination caused by landmines and ERW by the year 2025.
- The recent conflict has increased the level of contamination
- Legacy minefields cross three international boundaries
In 2018 99.4% of the identified contaminated areas were in Somali.
CASUALITIES AND FATALITIES REPORTED JANUARY 2021 TO APRIL 2023

Share of reported Fatalities

- **Amhara**: 22.1%
- **Afar**: 25.3%
- **Tigray**: 52.7%

Sources:
- **Amhara**: iMMAP Situational Analysis report (published September 2022)
- **Afar**: OCHA reported based on local NGO
- **Tigray**: Mine Action AoR Partners

Bar chart showing fatalities:

- **Amhara**: 262
- **Afar**: 300
- **Tigray**: 625
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KEY FIGURES, 2023

- People in Need: 7.03M
- Beneficiaries reached: 74K
- Beneficiaries reached by age & sex:
  - Female: 42K (57%)
  - Male: 32K (43%)
- Funding Requested: 10 M

Total Beneficiary per Region:
- Tigray: 61.08K
- Amhara: 13.02K
- Somali: 2.21K

Beneficiaries reached by Activity Type:
- MA_Conduct_awareness_raising_and_education: 73.71K
- MA_Provide_assistance_to_survivors: 0.51K
- MA_Conduct_capacity_building_of_CMs: 0.14K
- MA_Identify_Explosive_Ordnance: 0.00K

Beneficiaries by Implementing Partner:
- UNICEF: 60.07K
- Humanity & Inclusion: 13.56K
- ASDEPO: 0.51K
- Concern worldwide: 0.21K
- Norwegian Church: 0.02K
- HALO Trust: 0.00K
NEEDS

- Funding resources and Technical support
- Limited IPs in the country, the accreditation process has recently commenced.
- Additional layer of contamination necessitates resurvey (7 m PiN)
- An estimated total of 4.6 million IDPs across the country.

- Urgent need to decommission/clean schools in Northern Ethiopia and allow for return to safe, quality learning of children.
- Lack of a centralized reporting system due to a non-functional Information management system
- There is a need to develop a national strategy and work plan (Art. V)
FUTURE PLANS AND PRIORITIES

- Sign MOUs with interested operating agencies
- Commence organizational accreditation to survey and clear ordnance
- Develop a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the scale of contamination
- Clear immediate blockages
- Expand risk education programme to all affected areas - introduce it into the national curriculum for affected regions
- Develop the capacity of EMAO to manage the sector