Women and Youth
in Mine Action Somalia

Somali Explosive Management Authority (SEMA)
Explosive Hazards

• Somalia suffers from landmines, explosive remnants of war, and the use of improvised explosive devices.

• Communities have been generationally blocked from accessing land.

• Conflicts are still going on – increasing the explosive hazards

• In the last 12 months [Jan 2018 – Jan 2019] recorded ERW/ mine victims: 51, 77% youth children
Context

• Unemployment and social marginalization - key drivers of instability.
• Youth unemployment rate in Somalia is among the highest in the world
• Youth need jobs to promote livelihoods opportunities
• Mine action empowers marginalized communities including youth and women through job creation, undertaking clearance operations, providing Risk Education, promoting protection.
National Development Plan

• placing youth empowerment at the core of all peace building and development goals is critical

• Youth and women are untapped rich resources for sustainable peace and community resilience in Somalia.
Stabilization Strategy

• Programme interventions should aim to utilize 30% of available funds in support of gender and diversity based initiatives.
National Mine Action Strategic plan

• This plan reflects the specific needs of women, girls, boys, and men through the delivery of gender equality programming, and an insistence on the adoption of this approach by implementing partners.
The Mine Action Concept of Operations

Decentralized, bottom up community based approach

Focus on vulnerable and marginalized

Infuse resources into communities

Job creation for youth and women

Promote skills and community resilience
Victim Assistance - Youth and Women

77% of ERW and mines casualties were among children and youth over the last 12 months
An example of the implementation of our approach for empowering youth and women

- 241 Locals employed
  - 35% youth
  - 13% women
Conclusion

Mine Action can make marginalized communities including youth and women empowered and resilient by creating jobs and providing skills.