

MINE ACTION IN MYANMAR

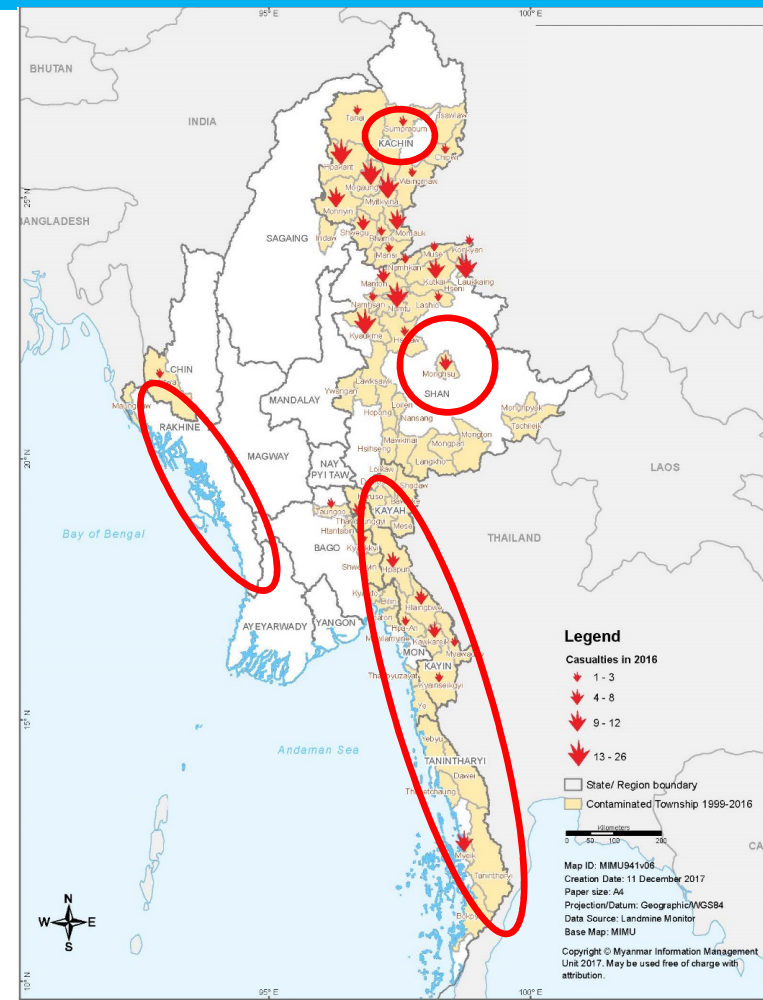
MASG MEETING
15 FEBRUARY 2018

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Background

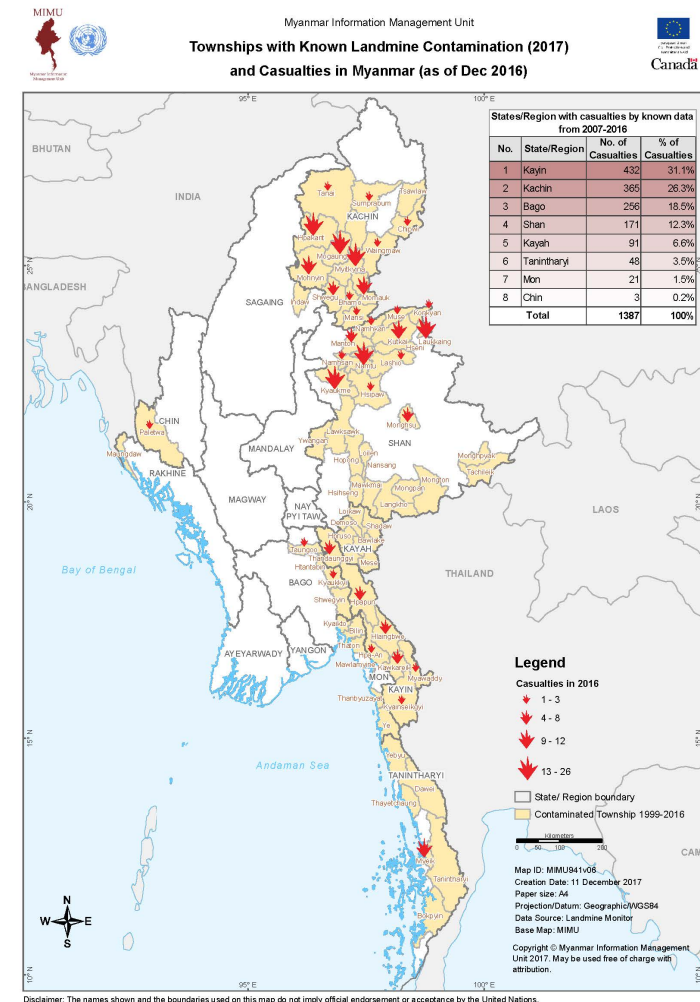
- Armed conflict continues in Shan, Kachin and Rakhine states and tension in South-East.
- Around 20 active ethnic armed groups. Eight armed groups signed National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in October 2015.
- “21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference” was held in May 2017. Eight NCA signatories along with seven (non-signatory) non-state armed groups attended.



Disclaimer: The names shown and the boundaries used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Landmine and ERW Threat

- 9 out of 14 States and Regions contaminated (Source: Landmine Monitor)
- In 2017 = 176 casualties were documented (52 died and 124 injured. Out of total 46 were children: 8 died and 38 injured) (Source: MRWG)
- Long history of contamination; new contamination ongoing
- Many casualties go unrecorded in conflict area due to the lack of access and sensitivity.

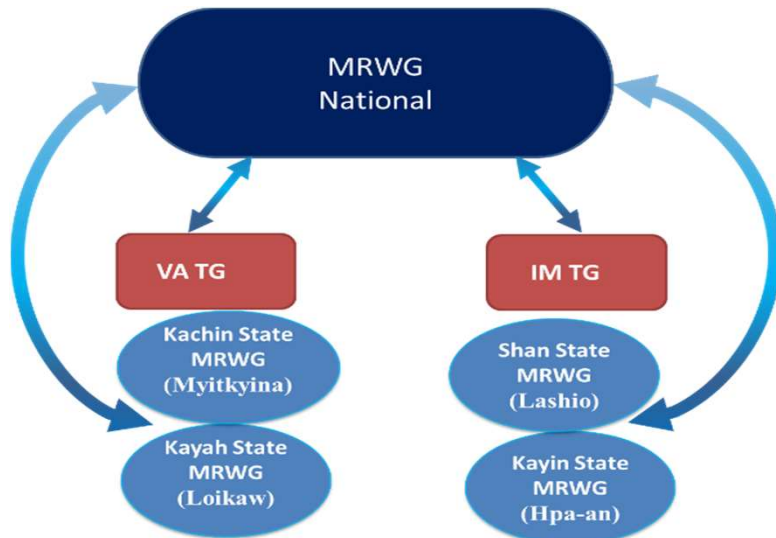


Ongoing Efforts

- ✓ Decentralized Coordination and Advocacy
- ✓ Mine Risk Education / Community Liaison
- ✓ Victim Assistance
- ✓ Non Technical Survey



Coordination / Decentralization



- National level Mine Risk Working Group since 2012
- 4 State level mine action coordination platforms: Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Shan
- Building trust among local government counterparts and ethnic groups
- Increasing role of UNRCO, UNDP and government Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)

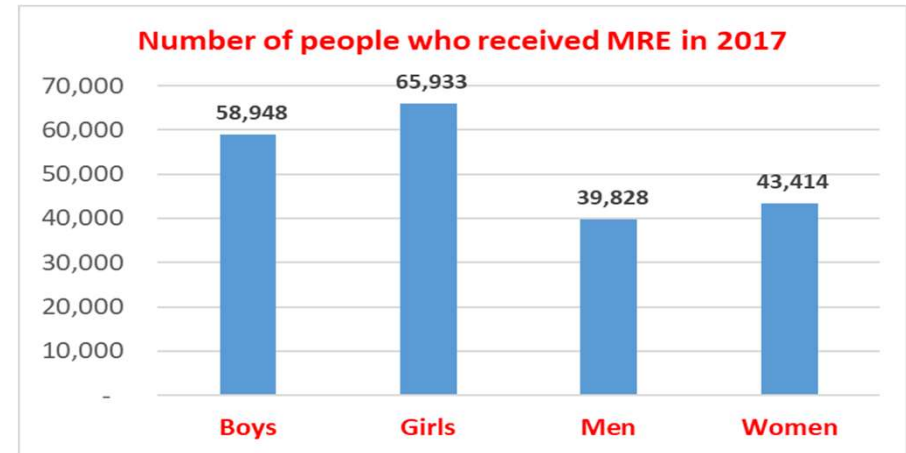
Opening Humanitarian Space through Survey and MRE

2014: nation-wide cluster survey

2016: Common MRE Tool Kit field-tested and approved by the Government



In 2017, 40 organizations including government, UN, I/NGOs and CBOs are using a common MRE tool kits.



In 2017, Over 208,123 people reached with MRE



Standardized MRE Messages and Tools



Leadership and involvement of line ministries: Social Welfare, Education, Defense, Home Affairs, etc.



From Traditional MRE to Mobile Technology



MRE Application



Increased Attention to Victim Assistance

- Victim Assistance Technical Working Group at the Union and State level co-led by HI (Five VATG)
- Four Physical rehabilitation centres supported by ICRC
- Victim Assistance centres, by 'Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association' and HI (Three Centers)
- Department of Social Welfare allocated funds for Victim Assistance in 2017
- Other services from Red Cross, DCA, HALO Trust, DRC-DDG, World Education etc.
- Linkages with Social Protection



Increased Attention to Victim Assistance

- The focus of the MRWG has been to improve coordination, expand and increase quality services.
- In 2017 UNICEF, HI and Red Cross supported over 150 child victims of landmines/ERW.
- Support included developing service directory, medical support, peer support, Psychosocial support, physical rehabilitation, livelihood and community mobilization



Land Release

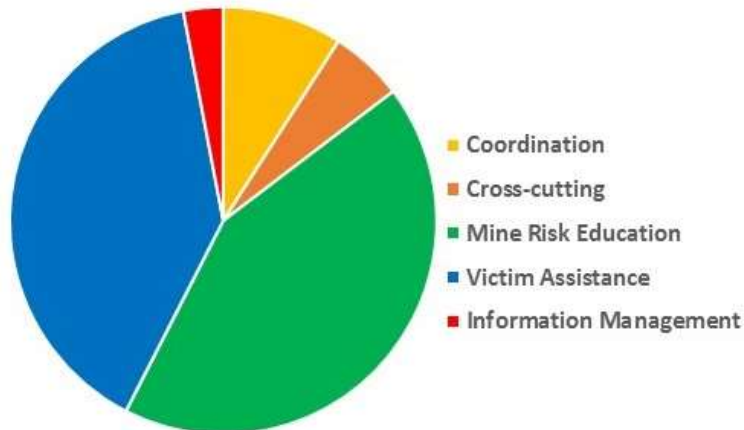
- Increased interaction between Mine Actors and Directorate of Military Engineers.
- Communities safety mapping and Non Technical Surveys in Kayah and Kayin are ongoing.
- Dialogue on “demining”
- Engaging Ethnic Armed Groups



2018 Mine Action Portfolio



**Funding requested for 2018:
\$ 6.2 M
Shortfall: \$ 5.0 M**



18 Projects
5 Areas of Work
8 Organizations (DCA, DRC-
DDG, MAG, HALO, HI, World Education, HMAI,
UNICEF)

Key Points



Evidence-based
advocacy by UN,
Donors and National
and International
NGOs



Competitive
environment



Peace Process
JMC



Coordination
Driven by the Government
Currently: supported by
UNICEF

In future: should be
supported by UNMAS or
UNDP



Three types of
contexts coexist
and sometimes
intersect:
Humanitarian,
Peace,
Development

Thanks to the contributors

Local NGOs and CBOs



International Organizations



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