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Afghanistan Programme

Mine Action Support Group
9 February 2017

Context

- **Established in 1989** – the oldest and one of the largest humanitarian mine action programmes
- Over **45 humanitarian and commercial organizations** and employing **close to 10,000 Afghans**
- Afghanistan remains one of **the top four mostly heavily contaminated countries in the world**
- Reporting **more victims annually** than any other country

Main Achievements

- **65% reduction in the civilian casualties** caused by mines and ERW since 2002
- **421,000** people have received **victim assistance**
- **2,751** communities and **114** districts **free** from known **explosive hazards**
- **Clearance of:**
 - University of Kabul
 - Haratan–Kabul powerline
 - Kabul International Airport
 - Bamyan historical sites
- Full and **sustainable national capacity** built

History of UNMAS in Afghanistan

- **2002:** UNMAS entrusted by the Government of Afghanistan with interim responsibility for coordination of the MAPA
- **2002 to 2012:** UNMAS maintains interim responsibility (through UNMACA project)
- **2012:** Start of transfer of responsibility for coordination from UNMAS to DMAC

Status and Plan for Transfer

- **Oct 2016:** All operational departments transferred to DMAC strategic leadership (end of UNMACA project)
- UNMAS Exit set for **September 2018**
- **UNMAS priorities until then:**
 - Implementation of UNMAS exit strategy, gradually decreasing UN footprint
 - Continuing, but decreasing, UNMAS support on: Normative standards; Advocacy; Resource mobilization and fund/finance management; Capacity building

Rationale for Transfer

- Government's 2015 Tripartite Review Report
- President Ghani: UNMAS only UN AFP with exit strategy
- Strong national capacity
- Government Vision, Roadmap and Project Concept Note
- GoIRA inclusion of mine action in SDGs, NPPs, regional budget proposals etc
- Decreasing resources available for MAPA (requires leaner structures)
- Creating sustainability

Support to DMAC

- **Currently supported by**
 - UNMAS
 - US-DOS (through ITF)
 - ANDMA – Civil Servants

- **Creation of On Project Bank Account for DMAC**
 - Financial manual with donor approval
 - Donor agreed reporting and disbursement mechanisms
 - DMAC ambition to be exemplary fund management centre for Afghanistan

VTF Funding Available for 1396

Specifically for coordination and support to DMAC

Donor	Amount (USD)
Confirmed:	3,178,003
Canada	2,121,000
Finland	520,000
Japan	458,033
<i>Pipelines :</i>	<i>4,082,787</i>
Italy	1,132,503
Denmark	500,000
Germany	2,450,284

Resource Requirement 1396

Coordination and support to DMAC

Item	USD	Comment
Total Costs	5,125,993	Based on current levels
Funding available	3,178,003	Confirmed
Current shortfall	1,947,990	Based on current levels
Planned cuts	1,336,075	Ambitious
Remaining shortfall	611,915	<u>Very approximate</u>
New projects: cap assmnt + dev	1,500,000	For remaining support to DMAC

Thank you
Any questions?