Advancing Protection Through Prevention
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Five Pillars of Mine Action

- Clearance
- Mine Risk Education
- Victim Assistance
- Advocacy
- Stockpile Destruction
Concerns Related to landmine/ERW Contamination in Syria

• Estimated **8.2 million people** living in areas affected by hostilities and explosive devices
• **43% of communities** reported the presence of explosive devices (HNO)
• **Returns continue** despite the widespread presence of explosive remnants of war eg: Raqqa city – nearly 60,000 returned
Trends of Killing and Injuring of Children 2016 (MRM)

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Main use of weapons of killing and injuring for children

- Mortar, rocket and IED attacks 243
- Sniper attacks 17
- Airstrikes 708
- Suicide attacks 70
- Victim-activated IEDs and unexploded ordnance 130
MRE In Syria

- Absence of structured MA programme
- RE – life-saving component of humanitarian response in Syria
- MRE started in 2013 (5 governorates)
- Expanded to 12 governorates by 2017
Expansion of MRE

- 2014: 250,000
- 2015: 1,200,000
- 2016: 1,822,106
- 2017: 1,835,323

95% Children
MRE in Schools

- Training of teachers
- MRE in schools (MRE materials)
- Integration of MRE into school curriculum
Community based
MRE - CFS
Community based MRE – Mobile Teams
• Capacity development of national and local entities

• Convoys:
  • Interactive Awareness game
  • Colouring brochure: to promote safe behaviour
MRE in Newly Accessed Areas

East Aleppo, Raqqa, Hama, Der Ez Zore
Training Religious Leaders
MRE THROUGH MOSQUES/CHURCHES
Working with Police officers

Police – institute mandated to take report/action for UXO sightings/incidences. MRE training for police officers (emergency desk, traffic police).
Working with Health Centers
MRE in Aleppo Crisis
MRE campaign through media

• **Social Media:** Videos with MRE messages, in UNICEF Facebook page and in the Syrian Researchers –website of MoE.

• Capacity development of journalists and media (Ministry of Information) –TV animations to promote safe behaviour.
Way Forward

• Support advocacy for Injury Surveillance System (MoH, MoSAL) - important for prioritization of MRE and other MA initiatives (through better understanding pattern of injury; identify at-risk area/population)

• Support the integration of UXO victim in broader public health and social services programmes.
Significance of MRE in Syria

• RE – life-saving component of humanitarian response in Syria

• Broadening community liaison – exchange of information between authorities and affected population

• Preparing area/ground for wider MA programme – such as VA, clearance
How much does it cost?
THANK YOU