Advancing Protection through Prevention

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Historical achievements

Land Released (Legacy Contamination)  2,152 sq km
Land Released (Firing Range)  849 sq km

Achievements:
- **1** Province
- **129** Districts
- **2,913** Communities
  - People received Mine Risk Education  **24.5 millions**
  - People received victim assistance  **433,057**
Historical achievements since 1989

Devices Destroyed

AP : 1,251,264
AT : 60,858
ERW : 18,265,173

Total Devices destroyed: 19,577,295

Source: IMSMA
Total Remaining Contamination
(As of 31st Dec 2017)

3,860 Hazards 1,601.5 Sq Km
Mine, ERW, PPIED Casualties and Mine Action Funding
2001 - 2017

Source: IMSMA
Civilian Casualties (Mine, ERW Including Abandoned Improvised Mine “AIM”)  
Jan to Dec 2017

Average 171 casualties /month

Source: IMSMA
Landmines & ERW Effect on Public Health

- Traumatic injuries
- Long-term physical disabilities/impairment
- Welfare and Economic impact (*Losing of income source and skill*)
- Psychological impact
- Impact on health system (*Extra work for Immediate and long term medical care*)
- Social impact (*Social exclusion*)
- Impact on Education system (*Required wider Inclusive Education*)
National Mine Action Strategic Plan (NMASPS) 1395 – 1399 (2016 -2020)

4 Goals

Goal 1
Support Development

Goal 2
Linking with other sectors

Goal 3
Five pillars of mine action

Goal 4
Gender & Diversity Mainstreaming

Preventive Functions (Demining, MRE & Advocacy)

Responsive Functions (Victim Assistance & advocacy)
Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

a) Risk Education:

- included in school curriculum (grade 7 – 12)
  - 23,000 school teachers trained
  - 2 Child Protection Officers per province
- 80 X RE teams deployed to fields
- RE messages through mobile phones
- Integration of RE with other sectors
  - MoUs signed with MoE, MoIC, Directorate of Kuchies/Nomads
  - Integration of RE in other humanitarian programmes through the cluster system
Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

b) Clearance

- Legacy hazards
- Kinetic engagement sites
- Weapon Ammunition Destruction (WAD)
- Hotline

c) Advocacy:

- Mainstreaming MA into Protection Cluster
- MoUs with relevant ministries
- Inclusion of MA into National Priority Programmes
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Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

c) Victim Assistance

- Immediate Assistance
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Income Generation
- Psychosocial Counseling
Best Practices & Lesson Learned

**Best Practices:**
- Hotline system
- Integration of RE and demining into other sectors
- Good coordination with protection cluster

**Lesson Learned:**
- M/ERW RE material requires revision to address the current context
- Sustainable victim data collection process required
Challenges

- Surge of IDPs/Returnees
- Accessibility/Security
- Known unknowns
- Influencing behavioral changes of children
- VA responses inadequate compared to the need
Future Activities for Prevention Casualties

- Implement Five years NMASP (all pillars)
- Implement 10 years operational plan (Survey, Clearance & MRE)
- R & D in support of continual improvement
- Coordinate with relevant ministry for effective response
- Finding ways to effectively engage HMA in clearance of Improvised landmines
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