UNMAS Response to Displacement: The Case of Syria

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Overview of Displacement in Syria

• Syria is the largest displacement crisis globally

• Displacement into Syria from Iraq

• Multiple displacement
  – Compounds the already severe consequences for survivors of explosive hazards

• Movement is unsafe for a variety of reasons, including the threat posed by explosive hazards

• IDPs and returnees are particularly vulnerable to explosive hazards

Kobane, Aleppo, Northern Syria
Displacement in Syria (as of end December 2016)

- **IDPs**
  - 186,652 this month
  - 5.7M in total
  - 41,738 households
  - 1,222 locations
  - 82% fled due to violence
  - 56% displaced for the first time
  - 40% live in abandoned buildings
  - 26% live with host family
  - 18% live in rented accommodation

- **Geographical Data**
  - 6% in Ar-Raqqa
  - 16% in Idlib
  - 72% in Aleppo
  - 91% in Jebel Saman sub-district

- **Graph**
  - Trends from January to December 2016
Emergency Response: A Case Study of Menbija
UNMAS Response to the Long-Term Impact

Handicap International Report
- 67% of those assessed sustained injuries directly related to the conflict
- Of these: 53% are due to the use of explosive weapons.

Long-term consequences exacerbated in the context of displacement:
- 89% of people with injuries due to the use of explosive weapons have permanent or temporary physical impairments.
- 80% expressed signs of high psychological distress.
- 66% were unable to carry out essential daily activities because of feelings of fear, anger, fatigue, disinterest and hopelessness.

UNMAS will expand the VA response in Syria in coordination with Health Cluster

*We are afraid of shelling. My daughter is ten years old. She was injured in an air strike. She sleeps clinging to my clothes.*

- Focus Group Discussion with displaced women
- (Mine Action Sub Cluster, Syria Response, 2016)