

## **BACKGROUND NOTE**

### **Plenary Session I. Staying the Course: mine action financing in times of scarcity.**

Date and time: Monday, 25 May 2021, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. (CEST)

Chair: **Mr. William Chemaly**, Global Protection Cluster Coordinator, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees

Speakers: **Mr. Mohammad Breikat**, National Director, National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation of Jordan  
**H.E. Kimura Tetsuya**, Ambassador for Economic, Social and United Nations Management Affairs, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York  
**Ms. Marie-Alphie Dallest**, Manager, Social Finance UK

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### **Introduction**

The COVID-pandemic and its effects on the global economy are putting pressure on donor budgets that are often tied to GDP. At the same time, it has exacerbated needs and exposed vulnerable populations to new threats leading to an increase in humanitarian appeals.

With 60 countries and territories affected, global mine contamination remains a serious humanitarian threat, despite a 2020 drop in casualties in countries and territories with a United Nations mine action presence. Moreover, several countries are impacted by new contamination on an ongoing basis, mostly due to the use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that are often the weapon of choice for armed groups in protracted conflicts.

Building on efforts made over recent years to improve efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian action as a whole, the mine action sector is seeking ways to explore novel financing methods as well as securing existing financing streams and maximizing their impact.

### **Purpose of the session**

This session examines financing methods that can help sustain the mine action sector in these challenging times, drawing from new perspectives to inspire participants in their resource mobilising efforts.

The Chair, in his role as Coordinator of the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) will draw on the findings of the GPC report “*Breaking the Glass Ceiling: a smarter approach to protection*”

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*financing*” and demonstrate their relevance for mine action. Subsequently the National Director for Jordan will share his experiences on national mine action capacity development, focusing especially on resource mobilisation and steps leading to a deliberate phasing out of United Nations mine action support. A donor will highlight the challenges of weighing budgeting decisions – especially during the COVID-pandemic – shedding light on how policy priorities are set in relation to the SDGs and the contribution of mine action towards their achievement. Finally, we will hear from civil society about innovative financing methods and their potential application in mine action, such as the use of private public partnerships, outcomes-based financing and frontloading investments.

### **Format for the Plenary: (60 minutes)**

Introductory remarks by Chair	10 minutes
Presentation by Mr. Mohammad Breikat	8 minutes
Presentation by H.E. Amb. Kimura Tetsuya	8 Minutes
Presentation by Ms. Marrie-Alphie Dallest	8 minutes
Q & A	21 minutes
Closing remarks by the Chair	05 minutes

### **Guiding Questions**

- What can we learn from financing efforts across other Areas of Responsibility in the Global Protection Cluster?
- What trends have been observed in mine action financing over the past year?
- Are donors sufficiently informed of the impact of mine action across the triple nexus and do they consider mine action financing in their humanitarian and/or development budgets?
- Can new resources be accessed and if so, how?