State Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs
Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC)

2020 Intersessional Meeting on:
Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production
and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction

1\textsuperscript{st} July 2020

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Total Remaining Contamination
(As of June 2020)

4,093 Hazards 1,590 Sq Km
Breakdown of Remaining Contamination

Legacy Contamination Pre-2001
- AP: 164 Sq. Km
- AT: 307 Sq. Km
- ERW: 80 Sq. Km

New Contamination Post-2001
- IED: 39.5 Sq. Km
- Firing Ranges: 631 Sq. Km
- ERW: 71 Sq. Km
- IHA: 297 Sq. Km
Civilian Casualties (Mine, ERW & AIM)
June 2019 – May 2020 (Last 12 months)

Source: IMSMA

- Total: 1,451
- IM: 844 (58%)
- ERW: 580 (40%)
- Mine: 27 (2%)

Source: IMSMA
Some Recent Examples of Civilian Casualties Due to VO-IED

December 2019, **10 civilians killed** due to roadside IED in Terezai district of Khost province

IED (IM) Explosion on Civilian Bus in Farah Province
34 Killed and 17 Injured
IED Clearance Operations in Afghanistan

Humanitarian Operations

Reference: Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM) Policy

- Conducted by Humanitarian Demining Organizations
- Deals only with Pressure Plate IEDs defined as AIM
- Does not deal with active IEDs
- Does not deal with remote control and other types of IEDs
- Need to get consent and support of communities
- IED threat mitigation
- Work based on request of locals

Military Operations

Reference: C- IED Strategy

- Conducted by Military Forces
- Operates in Military conflict situation
- Deals with all types of IEDs mainly based on their own need
- Are well trained and well equipped
- Have limited time to spend on detecting and destruction of large areas contaminated by IEDs
Best Practices

1. AIM Technical Working Group Established

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<td>A Technical Working Group (TWG) from DMAC and IPs should be established.</td>
<td>31-Dec-2017</td>
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<td>Standardized terminology for Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).</td>
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<td>Development of a policy with regards to engagement MAPA in Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).</td>
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<td>A concept notes for comprehensive threat assessment and Non-Technical Survey (NTS) of AIM on national level.</td>
<td>20-May-2018</td>
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<td>Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM) Risk Education (RE) throughout the country.</td>
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<td>MoU between MAPA and National Security Forces (MoI, MoD, NDS) &amp; with other involved parties.</td>
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<td>Developing of format for reporting of AIM field operations.</td>
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<td>Specific field in IMSMA for tasking and reporting procedures for improvised mines issues.</td>
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<td>Exchange visit of DMAC staff for sharing information/lessons learned with countries which are already engaged in addressing the threats from improvised mines.</td>
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<td>Development of SOPs/Operations methodology (Survey and Clearance).</td>
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<td>Advocacy with all involved parties in relation to neutrality and impartiality MAPA.</td>
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<td>A concept notes with details budget requirements for resource mobilization.</td>
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<td>Training source and training package for capacity development of staff.</td>
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<td>Development of a strategy for Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).</td>
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<td>Identify the required technical equipment including appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).</td>
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<td>Accreditation &amp; QA/QC procedures for improvised mines clearance.</td>
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Best Practices...

2. Keeps impartiality and independence

3. Hiring community people for AIM clearance

4. NTS projects are funded and conducted in some AIM affected districts

5. RE Messages developed to cover AIM

6. The recorded AIM hazards are mostly high impact and have high priority for clearance
Success Indicators

1. National Standard for AIM Developed
2. IPs to develop their SOPs in light of AMAS
3. HALO Trust has already started clearing AIM areas
4. UNMAS funded a project for provision of AIM Survey and Clearance ToT training to all humanitarian IPs
5. provision of 1 million dollar of AIM clearance equipment by UNMAS
6. Some of the AGE’s willingness to allow mine action for clearing the AIM areas
7. Government willing to provide fund for clearance of AIM in one district
Clearance & Reporting

1. Currently the destroyed IEDs are recorded as Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM) without disaggregated it into AP or AT mine.

2. It is intended to revise the forms/reporting system for survey and clearance to disaggregate AIM into AP and AT mine.
Challenges

1. Ongoing fighting and use of IED as choice of weapon
2. Access issue to contaminated areas
3. Capacity building for all implementing partners
4. Lack of required tools and equipment
5. the requirement to have efficient and relevant survey activities
6. Funding shortfall
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