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Outline

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UNICEF’s mandate

• UN Agency mandated by the General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children’s rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

• Guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by 191 countries)

UNICEF’s mine action mandate

Under the overall coordination of UNMAS:

• UNICEF will advocate for the promotion of a total ban on anti-personnel landmines and the ratification of the Ottawa Convention”.

• “UNICEF... is the UN focal point on mine awareness education.”

• UNICEF, in collaboration with WHO, ICRC, and other partners where appropriate, will ensure comprehensive rehabilitation of landmine victims
Mine awareness issues

• Does it work?
• Where is it needed? by whom?
• When to start/end a mine awareness project/programme?
• How should we do/not do it?
• Who will/should do it?

UNICEF’s mine awareness aims

• Develop/support the development of better quality, higher impact, mine awareness programmes which are sustainable for the duration of the threat

• Develop/support the development of greater capacity to anticipate and provide timely responses to mine awareness/risk reduction needs, especially in emergencies
What is UNICEF’s approach?

• Rights based
• Relief/development
• Integrated
• High-impact, low-cost, sustainable
• Child, disability, gender aware
• Participatory, community focused

What is UNICEF doing?

• Process
• Products
• People
Discussion and Questions