Programme History

- Establishment of Somalia Explosives Management Authority (SEMA) by Presidential Decree in 2012 and 2013
- SEMA operates under Ministry of Internal Security of the Federal Government of Somalia, it has HQ Office in the Ministry
- The Programme has Five State Offices in the country (except Somaliland)

Problem Background

- Somalia Civil War (1991-2000)
- Islamic Shari’a Courts (2006-2009)
- Alshabab Militia (2009 up-to-date)
- Ahlusunna Waljamaca (2009 up-to-date)
Current Operational Situation on Clearance and VA

2. BAC activity in Guriel (Galmudug State).
3. Mine Risk Education in South-West State, Jubaland State and Banadir Region.
5. MAG was conducting MRE activities
6. UNMAS Supports SEMA HQ Office construction.

- Note: there is no VA activities in Somalia mine action programme currently
Specific Challenges faced in addressing contamination

- Insufficient funding for mine action projects under all pillars.
- Lack full overview of contamination.
- Some areas inaccessible due to insecurity.
- Lack of equipment within SEMA Federal/State offices.
- Lack of staffing within SEMA State offices.
- General lack of efficient coordination between SEMA and operators.
Plan to address the remaining challenge

- Conducting National Survey on mine clearance
- Developing national implementation capacity for mine action activities
- The Somali government is committed to prioritizing national mine action operations before the international organizations have received the international donors' budget.
- Continuing the capacity of the staff of National Mine Action Authority
Needs and requirements of the programme

• Enhancement of International Cooperation and Assistance towards the Somali mine action programme.

• Effective in country mine action stakeholder’s cooperation.

• Increased donor funding for the Somali mine action efforts.

• Establishment of needed staffing and procurement of equipment for SEMA Federal/State offices.

• Obtain approval of mine action legislation policy from the Parliament.