



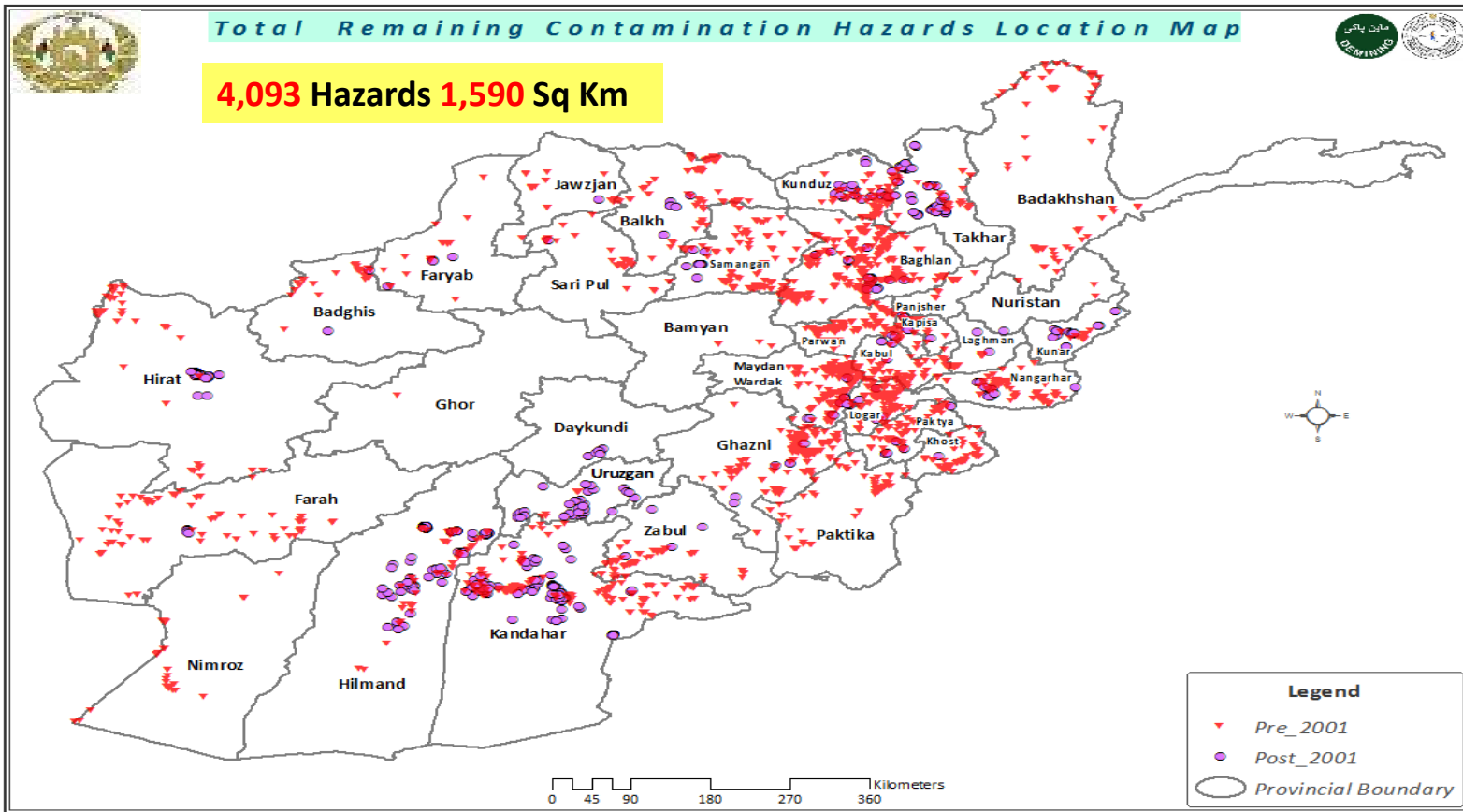
State Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs
Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC)

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

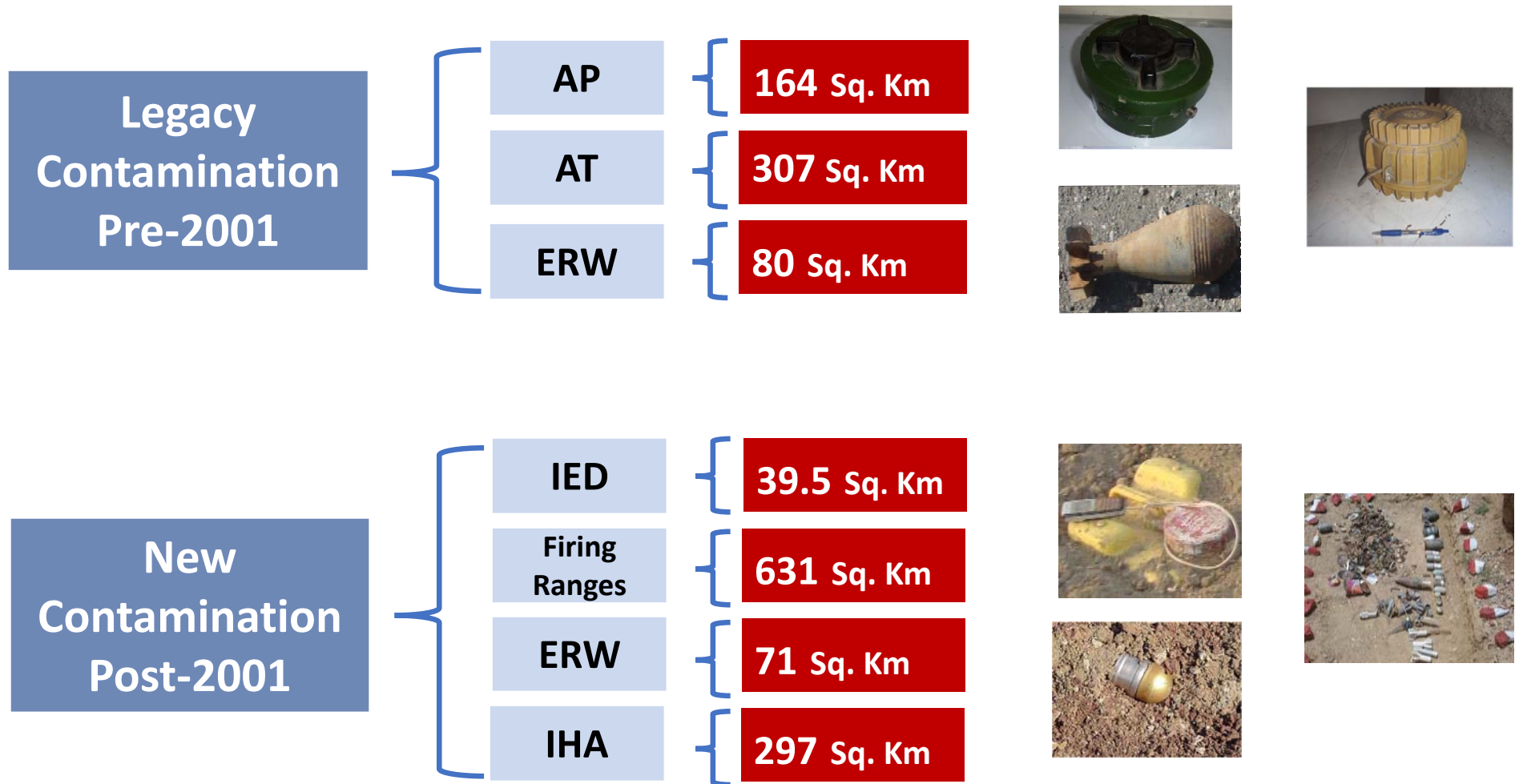
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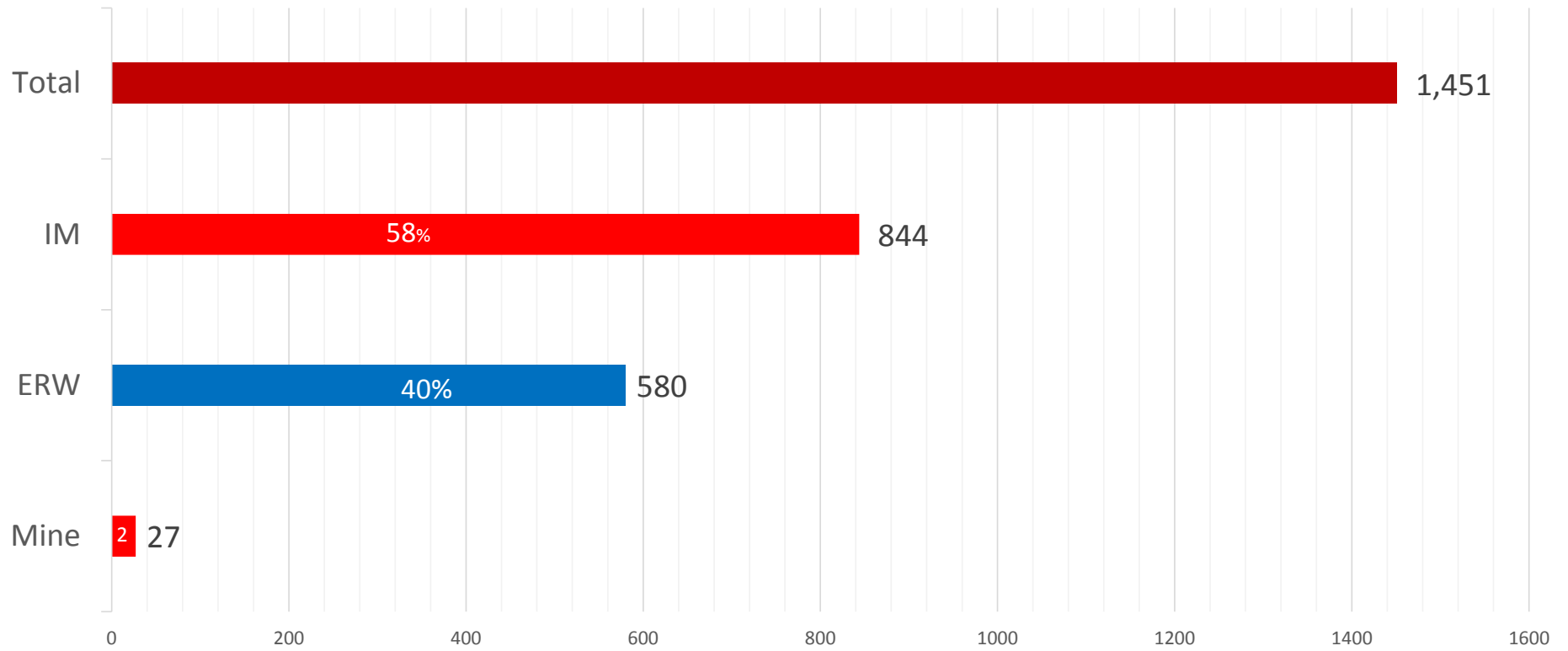
Total Remaining Contamination (As of June 2020)



Breakdown of Remaining Contamination



Civilian Casualties (Mine, ERW & AIM)
June 2019 – May 2020 (Last 12 months)



Source: IMSMA

Some Recent Examples of Civilian Casualties Due to VO-IED

December 2019, **10 civilians killed** due to road side 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

S. #	Action points	Deadline of Completion
1	A Technical Working Group (TWG) from DMAC and IPs should be established.	31-Dec-2017
2	Standardized terminology for Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).	16-Jan-2018
3	Development of a policy with regards to engagement MAPA in Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).	08-Oct-2018
4	A concept notes for comprehensive threat assessment and Non-Technical Survey (NTS) of AIM on national level.	20-May-2018
5	Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM) Risk Education (RE) throughout the country.	End of October 2020
6	MoU between MAPA and National Security Forces (MoI, MoD, NDS) & with other involved parties.	End of July 2020
7	Developing of format for reporting of AIM field operations.	End of September 2018
8	Specific field in IMSMA for tasking and reporting procedures for improvised mines issues.	End of December 2018
9	Exchange visit of DMAC staff for sharing information/lessons learned with countries which are already engaged in addressing the threats from improvised mines.	End of April 2020
10	Development of national standards (AMAS) & SOPs/Operations methodology (Survey and Clearance).	20-May- 2019
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12	Advocacy with all involved parties in relation to neutrality and impartiality MAPA.	End of February 2020
13	A concept noteswith details budget requirements for resource mobilization.	
14	Training source and training package for capacity development of staff.	March 2020
15	Development of a strategy for Abandoned Improvised Mine (AIM).	
16	Identify the required technical equipment including appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).	February 2020
17	Accreditation & QA/QC procedures for improvised mines clearance.	End of October 2020



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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