Sri Lanka Mine Action Programme

Moving towards completion

National Mine Action Centre (NMAC)
State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries
Promotion

Background

Over three decades of conflict mines, IEDs and other explosive devices were extensively used

The National Mine Action Programme was established in 2002 with the assistance of the UN, INGOs, NGOs and several donors

Mahinda Wickramasingha
**Victim Assistance**

Objective 3:

The needs of mine/ERW victims are determined and met and victims are integrated into the society.

**Progress**

- VA officer has been appointed at NMAC and work closely with the National Secretariat for Persons with Disability and District Secretariats.

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**Advocacy → Policy & Conventions**

**Objective 4**

Sri Lanka accedes to the CRPD and complies with relevant obligations.

Advocacy → Policy & Conventions

• Drafting new bill on Rights of Persons with Disabilities
• Representative of Land mine Survivors involved in consultations
• National Mental Health Strategy is being finalized for land mine survivors and others to exposed to traumatic situations by Health Ministry
• Mental Health Network is organized across all National Hospitals and initiated Counseling Services in district level
• Two Healing Centers has been established in Northern Province (Mannar and Kilinochchi)

Victim Assistance – Experience and updates

• Experienced major reduction in mine accident in last 10 years
• Mine/ERW victims Database is maintained by NMAC
• Need assessment survey initiated and completed in 5 districts
• 403 mine/ERW victims identified
• Needs and priorities are different
• Gender and Diversity are taken into consideration
• NMAC commenced awareness among partners as an obligation
## Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

### Objective 2:

Mine/ERW safe behaviour among women, girls, boys and men is promoted

### Progress

- Major casualty reduction
- EORE integrated into school curricula in Northern & Eastern provinces
- EORE training materials/tools/standards are available in all local languages
- NMAC allocated Small amount for EORE
- 85 EORE programme conducted in 2020 and 40 EORE conducted in 2021.

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Way ahead
- Sustainable coordination mechanisms
- Increase number of beneficiaries to 200,000
- Guarantee EORE capacity for long term residual contamination
- Approx. $100,000 per year investment

Challenges
- No donor funding
- Changing risk behavior
- Increasing accident/incident rate

Clarification
Thank you

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