Housing Land and Property: Practices from Afghanistan





Understanding Land Ownership and Intented Land Use

In 2012 there was shift in activity prioritization → focus on better information on hazard location and land usage

Nationwide survey project initiated - Mine and ERW impact Free Community Surveys (MEIFCS)

Determinations on land ownership and intended land usage built into survey

No clearance for disputed land







Prioritisation and HLP

Impact Indicator	Weighted
	Score
Known victims in recent two years linked to hazard	3
Water blocked	3
Critical infrastructure blocked	3
Local authority/villagers request	2
Agriculture blocked	2
Infrastructure blocked	2
Small hazards	2
Community Centre	2
AP MFs on flat land affecting high number of people	2
Device type ERW	2
IDPs	2
Known victims beyond two years linked to hazard	1
Non-Agriculture blocked	1
No. of affected families (200 family factor)	1
Contaminated area size in the community (200,000 sqm and over).	1
Distance from health centre	1

The DMAC has engaged in data sharing/training activities with other stakeholders in this process – iMMAP and IOM most recently.

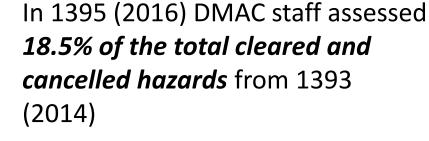
Modify *prioritisation based on situation* – e.g. high
numbers of returning
documented and undocumented refugees



Post Demining Impact Assessment







Determine the ways in which cleared lands are utilized by landowners:

- Compare to intended land usage
- Is it used effectively by beneficiaries?



What if *land isn't being used*?

- explore possible HLP explanations
- Or a confidence in clearance activities?

HLP in emergencies and land allocation: mainstreaming mine action

Housing Land and Property Task Force, responsible for developing suitability criteria for Land allocation.

6 criteria for land suitability:

- Presence of mines and ERW → MINE ACTION
 CONSIDERATIONS
- 2. Proximity to livelihood opportunities
- 3. Adequate water
- No foreseeable environmental risks → MINE ACTION
 CONSIDERATIONS
- 5. Less than 15% slope
- 6. State land

Data sharing on cleared and hazardous areas for informal settlement planning





