



GPC and AoR ANNUAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE

23 -24 May 2019, Pullman King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Breakout session – **Conflict sensitivity and humanitarian access**
23 May 2019, 14.00 – 15.30

Background

Humanitarian access in explosive ordnance contaminated areas is not possible without humanitarian mine action. And, mine action can only be an effective enabler for humanitarian access if it is conflict-sensitive. While the mine action sector has worked traditionally in post-conflict situations, we are increasingly operating in situations of protracted conflicts. This has called for even greater conflict-sensitivity and a concerted effort to promote principled approaches.

Purpose of the session

Our panel will share experiences and challenges in this regard and seek inputs from the protection conference participants with a view to increase the coverage of mine action activities, especially in hard-to-reach areas, design risk education programmes that address contextual sensitivities, and prepare partners for engagement with all sides of the conflict as appropriate.

Format

The Global Coordinator of the Mine Action AoR will moderate a panel of experts working in different operations.

Speakers

Ms. Haniya Albaioumy, Risk Education & Victim Assistance Community Liaison Officer, UNMAS Palestine

Mr. Anna Rich, Protection Coordinator, UNHCR, Ukraine

Mr. Matyas Juhasz, Programme Officer, UNMAS Afghanistan

Mr. Danee Luhar, Leading Coordinator for the Mine Risk Group, UNICEF Myanmar