

# *Housing Land and Property: Practices from Afghanistan*



# Understanding Land Ownership and Intended 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



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# 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



In 1395 (2016) DMAC staff assessed **18.5% of the total cleared and cancelled hazards** from 1393 (2014)

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:

1. - Presence of mines and ERW → ***MINE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS***
2. Proximity to livelihood opportunities
3. Adequate water
4. 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

