

# Land Rights and Mine Action



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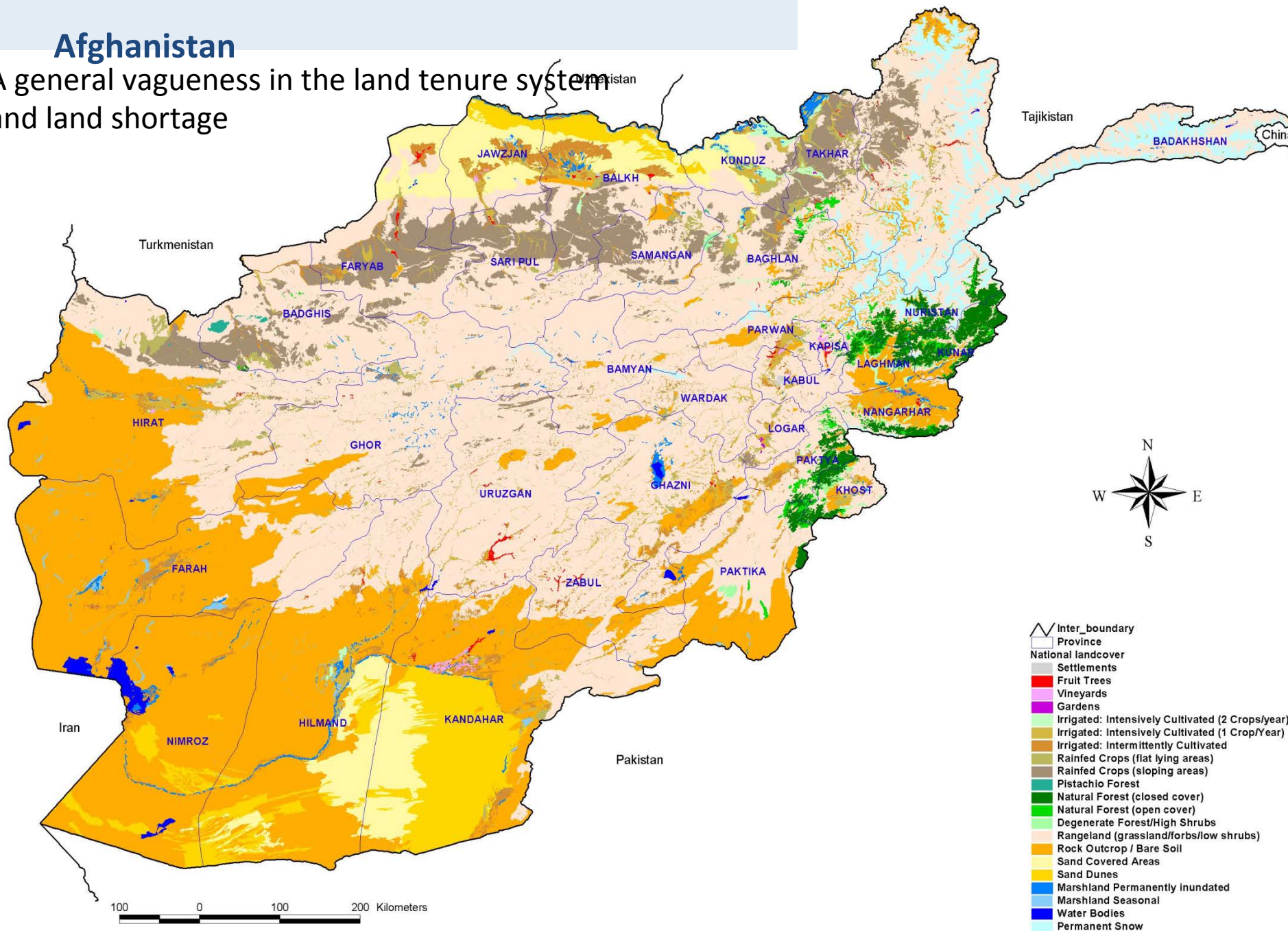
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# Land rights is a complicated issue in

## Afghanistan

A general vagueness in the land tenure system and land shortage





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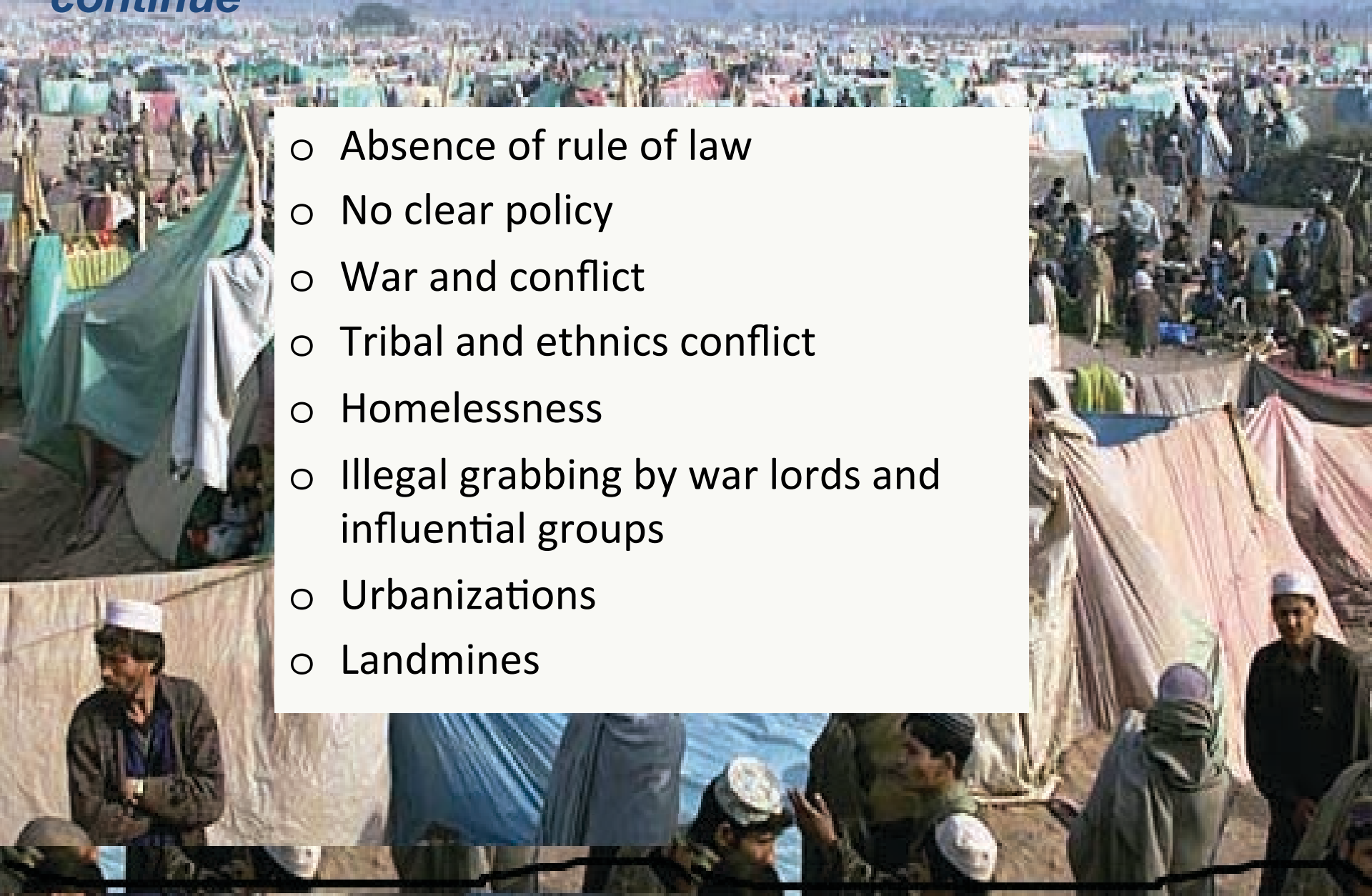
- Land reform and property rights – a major issues
- 1979 to date - several conflict periods
- IDPs & Refugees



# Land rights is a complicated issue in Afghanistan -

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- Absence of rule of law
- No clear policy
- War and conflict
- Tribal and ethnics conflict
- Homelessness
- Illegal grabbing by war lords and influential groups
- Urbanizations
- Landmines



## Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated

- Un availability of contaminations records/maps
- Lack of information on land rights
- Lack of mine action policy on land rights
- Lack of coordination during NTS/TS
- Un aware of “Do No Harm Principle”





# Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated - *continue*

- Clearance of Nadir Khan hill in Kabul city – State owned, now occupied by land grabbers
- Mandozi district, Khost province – A boy was killed by mine as clearance delayed due to land dispute



# Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated - *continue*

- Conflict between two tribes in Nuristan – left lands contaminated with several civilian casualties
- Mechanical demining operations in Herat – soil erosion and community disappointment



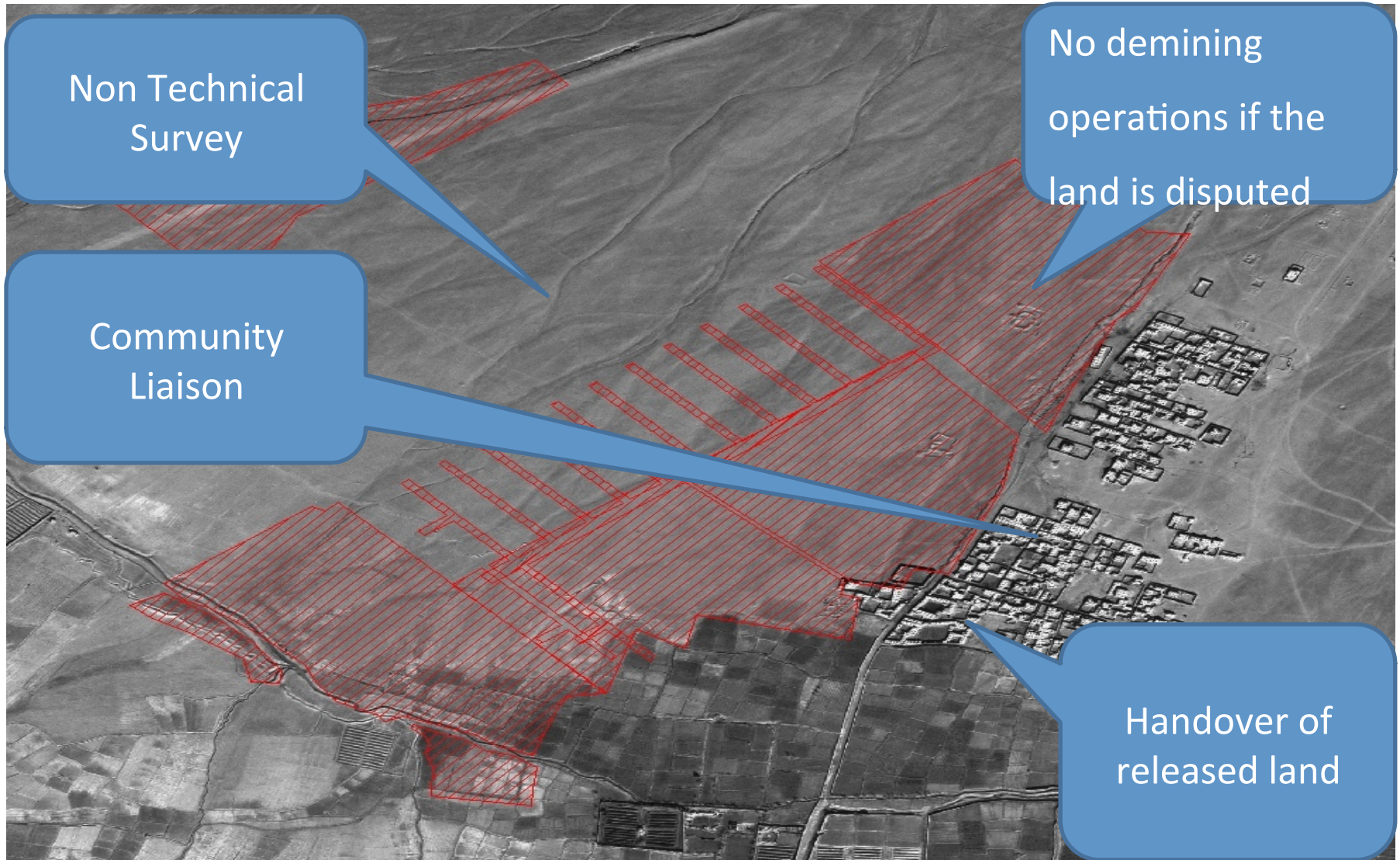


# What are the current processes

- Land Rights requirement included in Land Release AMAS
- NTS hazard form includes Land Dispute – permission on Proper demining tool kit
- TS – community liaison consider Land dispute
- Hand over form revised



# What are the current processes



Non Technical Survey

No demining operations if the land is disputed

Community Liaison

Handover of released land

# Recommendations

- Land rights policy for MA
- Land rights Awareness
- Integrate land rights in land release activities
- Identifying state owned and privately owned mine contaminated areas





Thank you!