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اداره ملي آمادگی مبارزه با حوادث  
Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA)  
ریاست انسجام و هماهنگی تطهیر ماین  
Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC)



# Advancing Protection through Prevention

21<sup>st</sup> National Mine Action Directors  
and UN Advisors Meeting

13 – 16 Feb 2018

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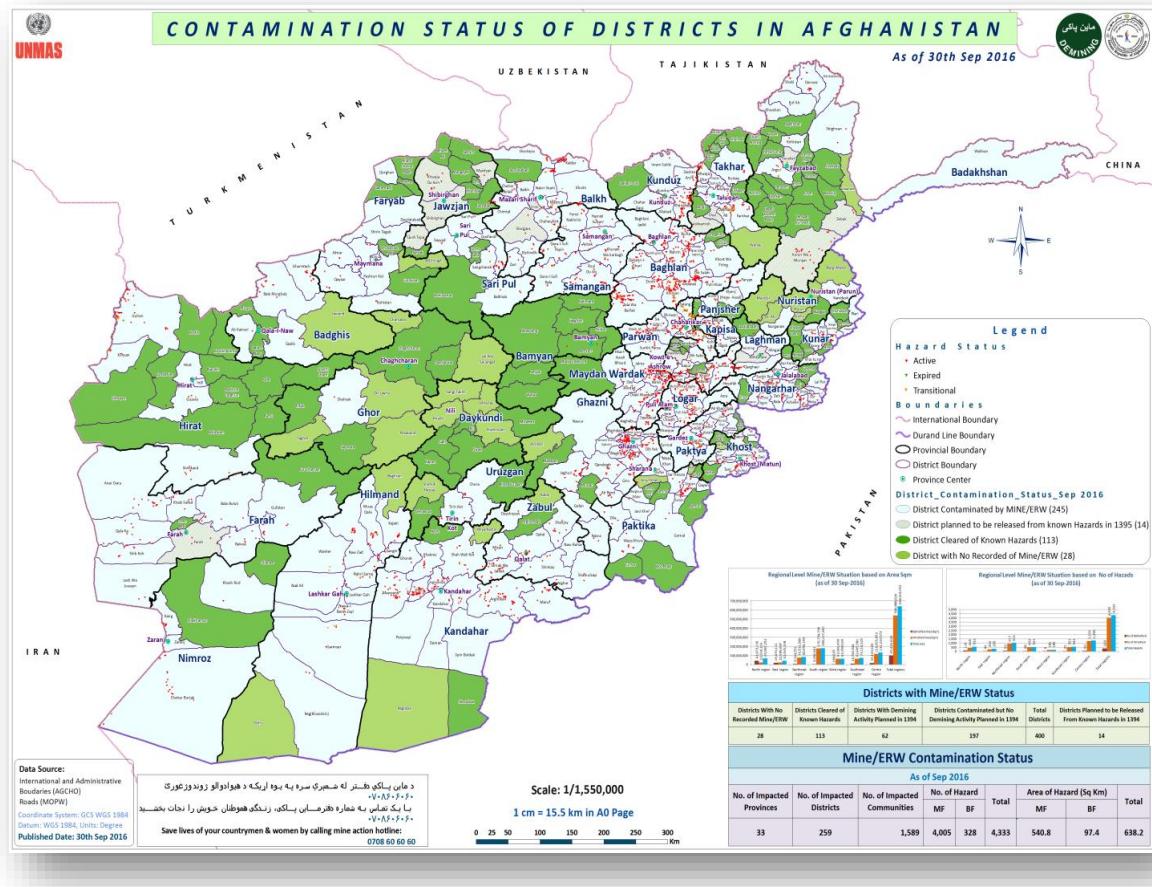
# Historical achievements

## Land Released (Legacy Contamination) Land Released (Firing Range)

**2,152** sq km  
**849** sq km

## Achievements:

- **1 Province**
- **129 Districts**
- **2,913 Communities**
  - People received  
Mine Risk  
Education  
**24.5 millions**
  - People received  
victim assistance  
**433,057**



# Historical achievements since 1989

## Devices Destroyed

AP : 1,251,264

AT : 60,858

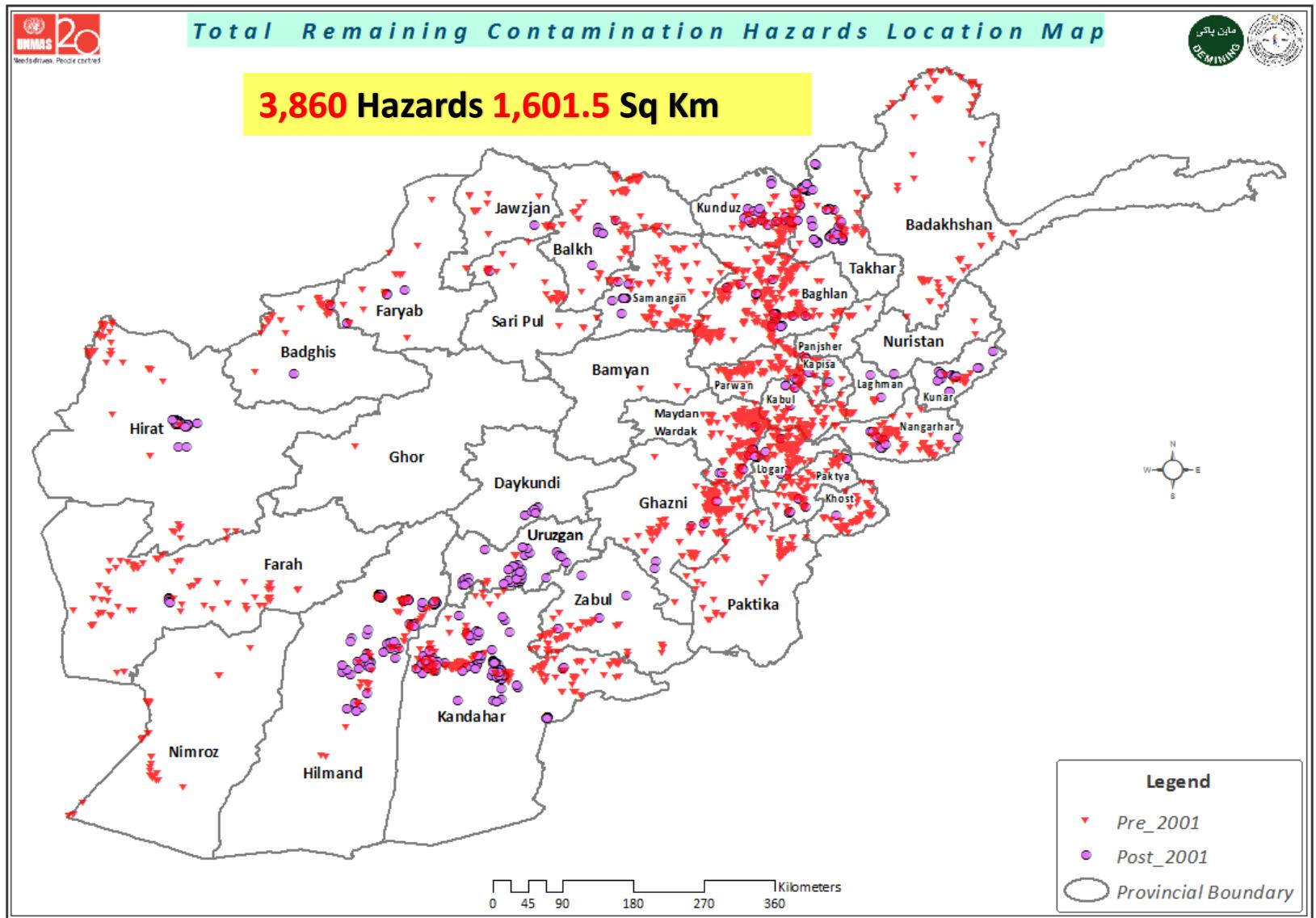
ERW : 18,265,173



Total Devices destroyed: **19,577,295**

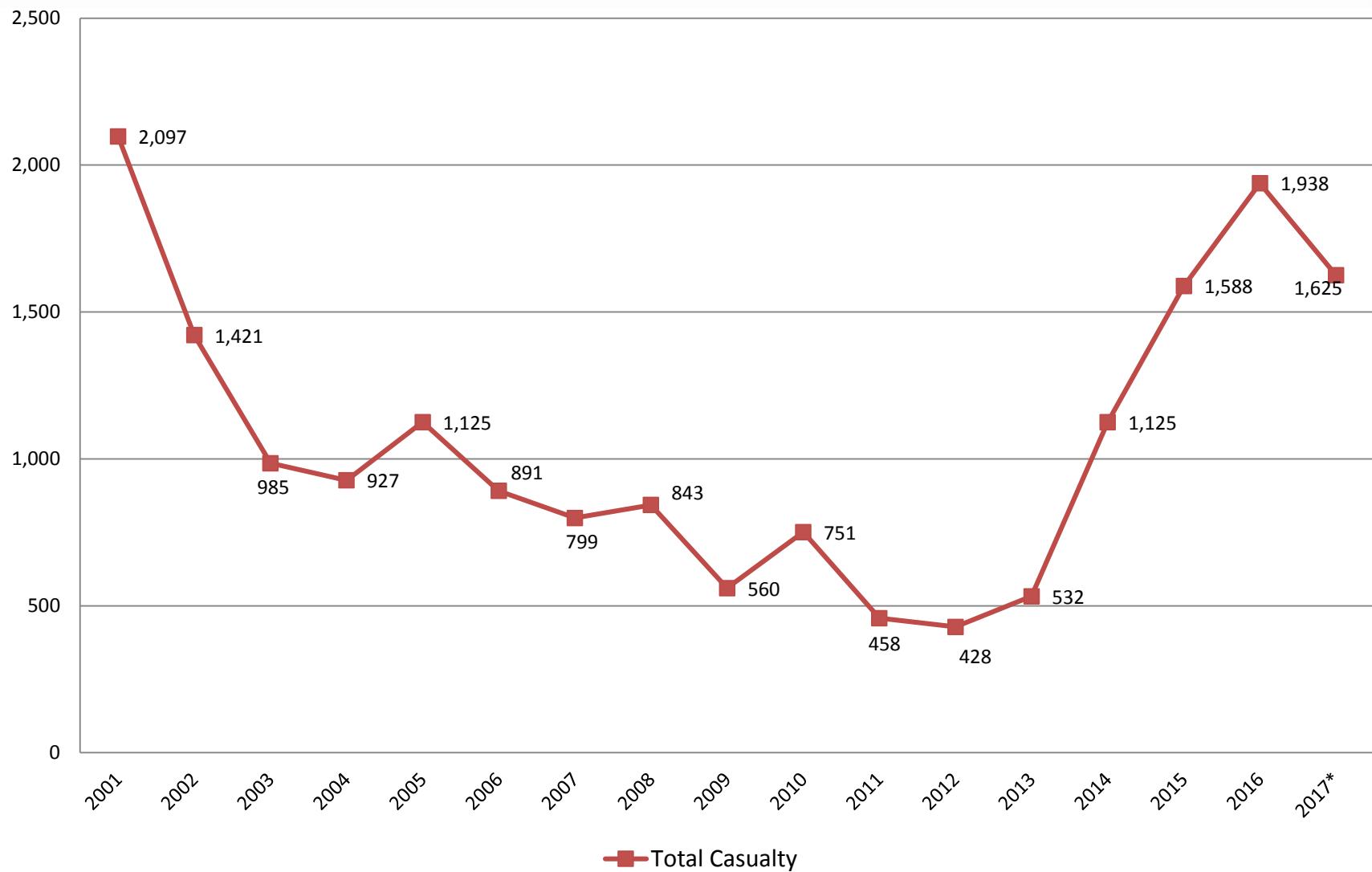
# Total Remaining Contamination

## (As of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017)



# Mine, ERW, PPIED Casualties and Mine Action Funding

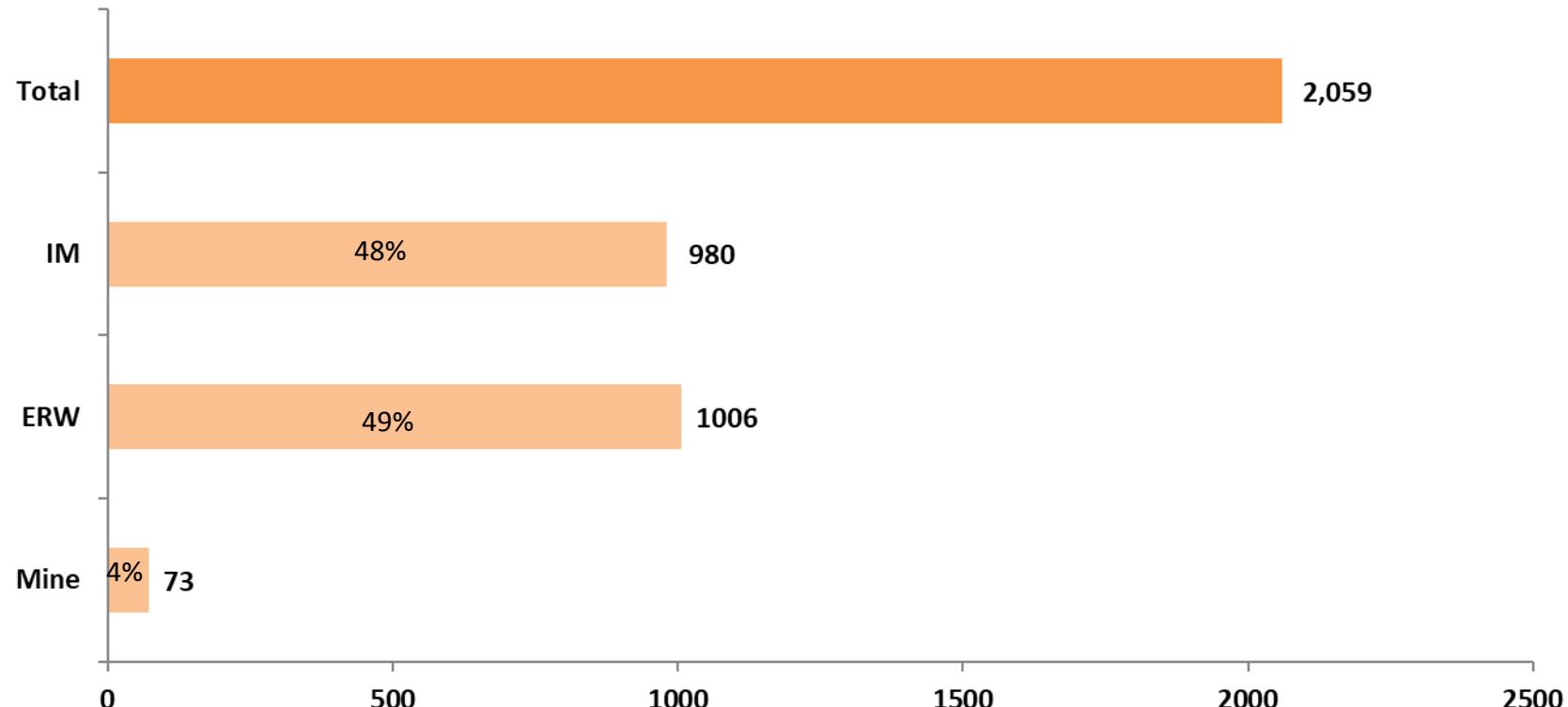
## 2001 - 2017



Source: IMSMA

# Civilian Casualties (Mine, ERW Including Abandoned Improvised Mine “AIM” )

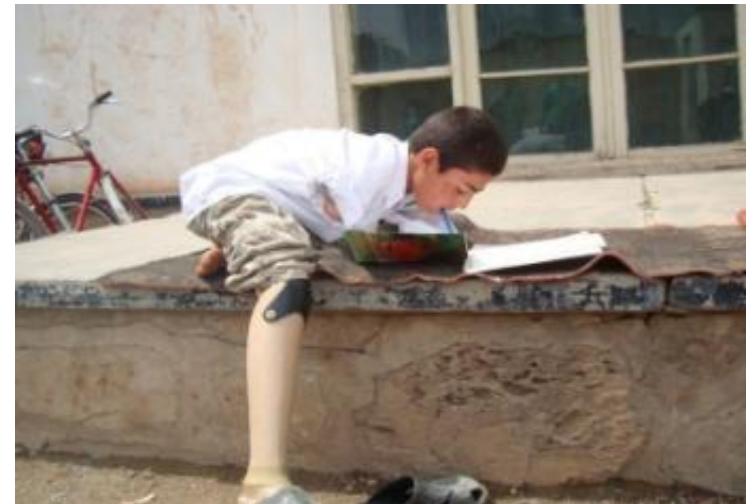
Jan to Dec 2017



Average 171 casualties /month

# Landmines & ERW Effect on Public Health

- Traumatic injuries
- Long-term physical disabilities/impairment
- Welfare and Economic impact (*Losing of income source and skill*)
- Psychological impact
- Impact on health system (*Extra work for Immediate and long term medical care*)
- Social impact (*Social exclusion*)
- Impact on Education system (*Required wider Inclusive Education*)



# National Mine Action Strategic Plan (NMASP)

1395 – 1399 (2016 -2020)

## 4 Goals

### Goal 1

Support  
Development

### Goal 2

Linking with other  
sectors

### Goal 3

Five pillars of  
mine action

### Goal 4

Gender &  
Diversity  
Mainstreaming



Preventive  
Functions  
(Demining,  
MRE &  
Advocacy)



Responsive  
Functions  
(Victim  
Assistance &  
advocacy)



# Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

## a) Risk Education:

- included in school curriculum (grade 7 – 12)
  - 23,000 school teachers trained
  - 2 Child Protection Officers per province
- 80 X RE teams deployed to fields
- RE messages through mobile phones
- Integration of RE with other sectors
  - MoUs signed with MoE, MoIC, Directorate of Kuchies/Nomads
  - Integration of RE in other humanitarian programmes through the cluster system



# Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

## b) Clearance

- Legacy hazards
- Kinetic engagement sites
- Weapon Ammunition Destruction (WAD)
- Hotline



## c) Advocacy:

- Mainstreaming MA into Protection Cluster
- MoUs with relevant ministries
- Inclusion of MA into National Priority Programmes



# National Demining Priority setting indicators:

Impact Indicators	Weight Factor
Known victims within last two years linked to hazard	3
Water blocked	3
Critical infrastructure blocked	3
Local authority/Communities 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 around hazards	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 or above.	1
Distance from health centre	1

# Existing Strategies for Prevention Activities

## c) Victim Assistance

- Immediate Assistance
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Income Generation
- Psychosocial Counseling



# Best Practices & Lesson Learned

## Best Practices:

- Hotline system
- Integration of RE and demining into other sectors
- Good coordination with protection cluster



## Lesson Learned:

- M/ERW RE material requires revision to address the current context
- Sustainable victim data collection process required



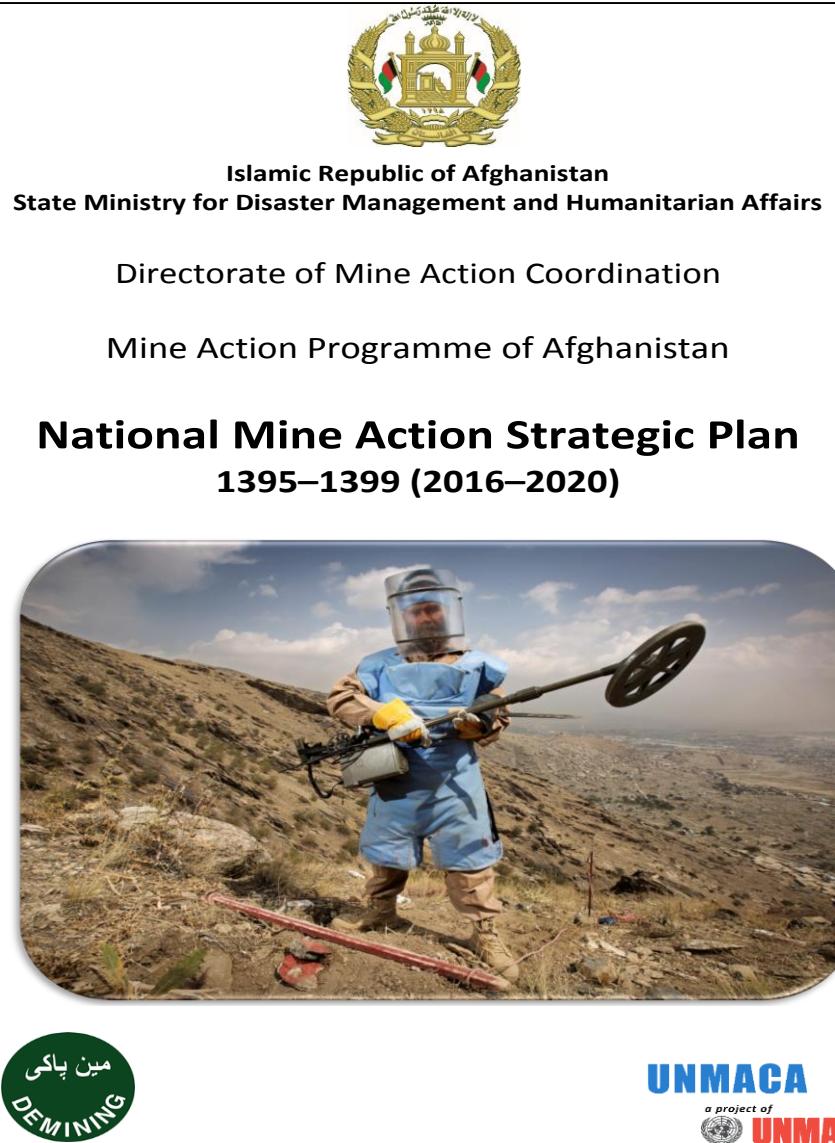
# Challenges

- Surge of IDPs/Returnees
- Accessibility/Security
- Known unknowns
- Influencing behavioral changes of children
- VA responses inadequate compared to the need



# Future Activities for Prevention Casualties

- Implement Five years NMASP (all pillars)
- Implement 10 years operational plan (Survey, Clearance & MRE)
- R & D in support of continual improvement
- Coordinate with relevant ministry for effective response
- Finding ways to effectively engage HMA in clearance of Improvised landmines



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