Mine Action for People: Dimensions of Diversity
Case Study from Somalia

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Explosive Hazards

- Somalia faces dangers from landmines, explosive remnants of war, and the use of improvised explosive devices.
- Communities across the border have been generationally blocked from accessing land for productive use.
- Armed conflicts are still ongoing — increasing the levels of contamination from explosive hazards.
- In the last 12 months [Jan 2019 – Jan 2020] recorded ERW/ mine victims: 61, 87% children
Civilian Impacts of Explosive Hazards in Somalia

- In 2019, Landmine and ERW killed and Injured 59 civilian (86% are children)
- In 2019, IED killed and injured 1,140 civilian (Over 50% of IED casualties are civilian)

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Mine Action Benefactrices in 2019 - Diversity

- Main Activities
  - Risk Education
  - Mine clearance
  - Survey
  - Capacity Building

Mine Action Beneficiaries in 2019

- GIRLS: 23,656
- BOYS: 35,815
- WOMEN: 20,989
- MEN: 25,557

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The Diverse Workforce in Mine Action Somalia

- Mine Action in Somalia employs 640 staff
- From 28 nationalities
- Over 100 women are employed in different roles (17% of total staff)
- 250 Youth are employed (40% of total workforce)
- Labors monthly average: 64 (32% Women)
National VA and Disability Consultations

VA and Disability National Action Plan (2020-2025)

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Regional VA Consultations

- Over 270 participated regional VA consultations
- 5 Regions were visited including the capital of Somalia
- Survivors, DPOs, Women Groups, Mine Action agencies and line ministries attended.
Diversity of Participants and Type of Disability

- 134 Youth representative attended the consultations
- 71 women leaders participated the workshops
- 72 men representatives participate in the consultations
- PWDs with physical, hearing and sight disabilities attended.
- Policy makers, planners, aid agencies and civil society were represented.
June 2019 - Feb 2020

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Priority of Diverse Groups

- Women with disability - Discrimination and social barriers
- Persons with physical disability - Mobility
- Children with disability - access of education
- Landmine/ERW survivors - Rapid response
- PWDs with hearing and sight disabilities
- Leaders/Representatives - Advocacy, Policy and Plans
Commitment of the Federal Government of Somalia

- Placing youth empowerment at the core of all peace building and development goals is critical - Somali National Development Plan
- Promote gender equality and sustainable human development - National Gender Policy
- Through Mine Action promote gender and diversity and empowers marginalized communities including youth and women through job creation, undertaking clearance operations, providing Risk Education, promoting protection. National Mine Action Strategy
Thank you

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