Background

- Armed conflict continues in Shan, Kachin and Rakhine states and tension in South-East.
- Around 20 active ethnic armed groups. Eight armed groups signed National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in October 2015.
- “21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference” was held in May 2017. Eight NCA signatories along with seven (non-signatory) non-state armed groups attended.
Landmine and ERW Threat

- 9 out 14 States and Regions contaminated (Source: Landmine Monitor)
- In 2017 = 176 casualties were documented (52 died and 124 injured. Out of total 46 were children: 8 died and 38 injured) (Source: MRWG)
- Long history of contamination; new contamination ongoing
- Many casualties go unrecorded in conflict area due to the lack of access and sensitivity.
Ongoing Efforts

- Decentralized Coordination and Advocacy
- Mine Risk Education / Community Liaison
- Victim Assistance
- Non Technical Survey
• National level Mine Risk Working Group since 2012
• 4 State level mine action coordination platforms: Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Shan
• Building trust among local government counterparts and ethnic groups
• Increasing role of UNRCO, UNDP and government Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)
Opening Humanitarian Space through Survey and MRE

2014: nation-wide cluster survey

2016: Common MRE Tool Kit field-tested and approved by the Government

In 2017, Over 208,123 people reached with MRE

In 2017, 40 organizations including government, UN, I/NGOs and CBOs are using a common MRE tool kits.
Standardized MRE Messages and Tools

Leadership and involvement of line ministries: Social Welfare, Education, Defense, Home Affairs, etc.
From Traditional MRE to Mobile Technology

MRE Application
Increased Attention to Victim Assistance

- Victim Assistance Technical Working Group at the Union and State level co-led by HI (Five VATG)

- Four Physical rehabilitation centres supported by ICRC

- Victim Assistance centres, by ‘Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association’ and HI (Three Centers)

- Department of Social Welfare allocated funds for Victim Assistance in 2017

- Other services from Red Cross, DCA, HALO Trust, DRC-DDG, World Education etc.

- Linkages with Social Protection
Increased Attention to Victim Assistance

- The focus of the MRWG has been to improve coordination, expand and increase quality services.
- In 2017 UNICEF, HI and Red Cross supported over 150 child victims of landmines/ERW.
- Support included developing service directory, medical support, peer support, Psychosocial support, physical rehabilitation, livelihood and community mobilization.
- Increased interaction between Mine Actors and Directorate of Military Engineers.

- Communities safety mapping and Non Technical Surveys in Kayah and Kayin are ongoing.

- Dialogue on “demining”

- Engaging Ethnic Armed Groups
2018 Mine Action Portfolio

Funding requested for 2018:
$ 6.2 M
Shortfall: $ 5.0 M

18 Projects
5 Areas of Work
8 Organizations (DCA, DRC-DDG, MAG, HALO, HI, World Education, HMAI, UNICEF)
Key Points

- Evidence-based advocacy by UN, Donors and National and International NGOs
- Competitive environment
- Peace Process JMC
- Coordination Driven by the Government Currently: supported by UNICEF
  In future: should be supported by UNMAS or UNDP
- Three types of contexts coexist and sometimes intersect: Humanitarian, Peace, Development
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Local NGOs and CBOs

International Organizations

GVT / JMC / UN

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