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The Conflict Areas

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The variation of improvised ways in killing children and ruining houses in the civil wars leads to the difficulty in inspecting and determining the areas. This totally differs in the works of NTS in the contaminated areas that are defined contaminated with mines or BAC.
The abandoned and bombed areas, houses and cemeteries are deceitful ways were used by ISIS which are targeting the civilians, and NTS determine all areas which may be safe but have no sufficient information. On the other side, the costs of clearance and survey in the safe areas are cheaper than in the conflict.
Conducting the works of NTS in cooperation with military units which lead to the difficulty in mobilizing and determining the security tracks on maps in order to determine the contaminated areas which are not accurate because of these conditions.

The works of NTS in Diyala province after liberating it from ISIS gangs, where we can not find any safe area or house because of the huge affect of contamination by IEDs and bombed houses.
Because of the absence of safe area, the works of teams must be mutual and more careful to avoid exploding any UXO. So the teams are gathered in one place to keep their life safe.
The variation of improvised and random ways with toys and gas cans, increased the cost of clearance.
The areas that were abandoned by people have not sufficient information, so it can’t conduct the non-technical survey. the works of NTS differ totally in the safe area than in the conflict area because the last is more dangerous
Although the difficulties that faced the teams of victim assistance which are the displacement of people from their residential areas to another safe one, our teams conducted an emergency survey for mine and ERW victims in the liberated areas and visited the camps of displaced persons
The difficulty in dealing with the displaced people because of the psychological state resulted from the shortage of appliances of normal life and mistrust their confidence to return back to their home. Due to this case, we find ourselves in charge of big responsibility for the international community and humanity.
THE JOINT WORK WITH UNITED NATIONS IN IRAQ IS ONGOING ON ALL ASPECTS OF MINE ACTION WITH EXCHANGE THE COORDINATION VISITS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES
THE NEEDS

- Support our national mine action program that works with high level staff by governmental direction and allocated great budgets despite of the economy situation in our country recently, by funding it because of the great affect of contamination and the difficulty in implementing the works of clearance and survey.

- Active participation in providing the modern techniques that commensurate with the improvised ways of contamination that was used by ISIS terrorist gangs.

- Offer training opportunities with high level for all concerned authorities in mine action either for rising the national capabilities or for encouraging the international experiences.
Thank you for listening ...