The Humanitarian and Developmental Impact of Anti-vehicle Mines

• Increasing awareness of the issue through collaboration with partners in the field
• Lack of comprehensive studies

Nimroz province, Afghanistan (photo credit MACCA)

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General findings

• Humanitarian impact: casualties
• Short-term impact: delivery of humanitarian assistance and resettlement
• Long-term impact: effect often increases over time as a country develops

Legal framework

• Limited legal restrictions on the use of anti-vehicle mines
• Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW; 1980)
  • Amended Protocol II (1996)
• Principles of International Humanitarian Law
Political discussions

- Long-standing issue on the international agenda
- Efforts to further restrict use of anti-vehicle mines between 2000 and 2006
- Revival of discussion in the CCW in 2012

Recommendations

- Further regulations needed to comply with IHL
- Ensure detectability
- Disaggregation of data collection