

Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC)





Community Based Demining (CBD)
Operations in Afghanistan



Aim of this presentation:

To share MAPA's experience on:

- Why CBD Approach?
- Pros and Cons of CBD approach
- Measures





Why CBD approach?

- Limited access of Traditional Demining Teams to Insecure Areas
- Increased Civilian Casualties in Remote Areas
- Frequent Local Requests for Mine Action Support

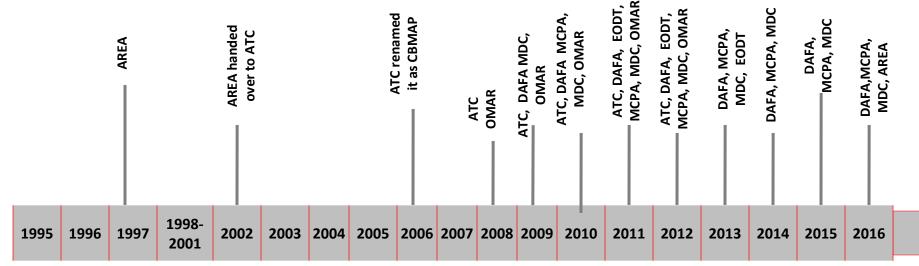






Timeline of Community Based Demining in Afghanistan



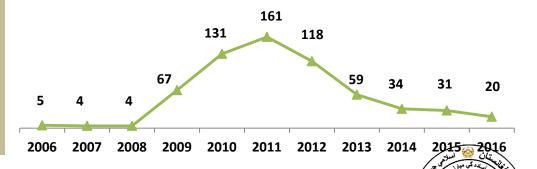


CBDT Achievements

93 sq km area cleared Devices Destroyed

- 14,138 AP mines
- 1,209 AT mines
- 511 AIED
- 40,170 ERWs

Number of CBDT Per Years





Structure of CBDT

• 1 x Team leader



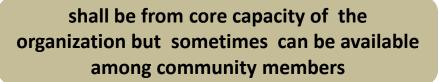
2 x Section Leaders



• 10 x Deminers



Team Drivers and Guards



shall be from core capacity of the organization but sometimes can be available among community members

Hired and trained from relevant communities

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Perceptions about CBD model

Negative

- Increased Expectation
- Likely Reporting fake HA
- Less Control of Ex. QM
- Low quality service
- Time Consuming Process
- Go Slow Attitude (overstating the area size)



Positive

- Increased Access
- Creating Job
- Income for communities
- Sustainability
- Building Trust
- Reducing Security Risks
- Capacity Building
- Ownership
- Donors interest





Some main challenges:

Below are the main challenges of CBD approach which should be carefully looked and mitigating measures needs to be implemented during the planning stage of the CBD project:

- Exaggerating the scale of contamination
- Reporting new hazardous areas
- Operations may not go as fast as expect prolongation of employment
- Competition between the impacted communities





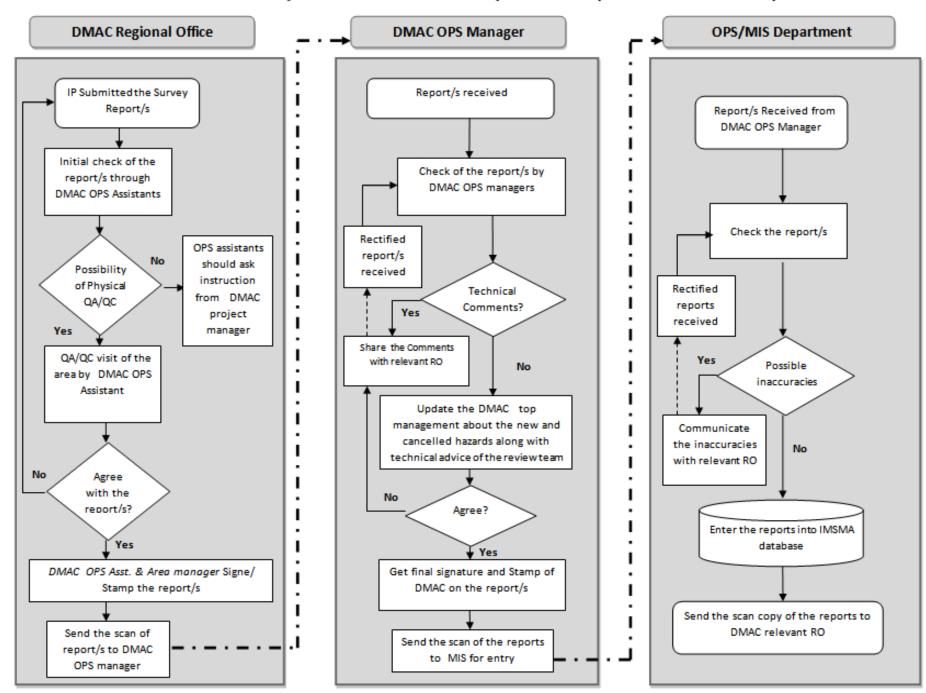
Solutions:

- Survey by core and independent capacity
- Comprehensive NTS and TS
- Confirmation assessment of reported hazards by representatives of NMAA
- Clear and effective survey procedures
- Community liaison involving local elders and local authorities
- Manage people's expectations
- Discourage fake reported minefields

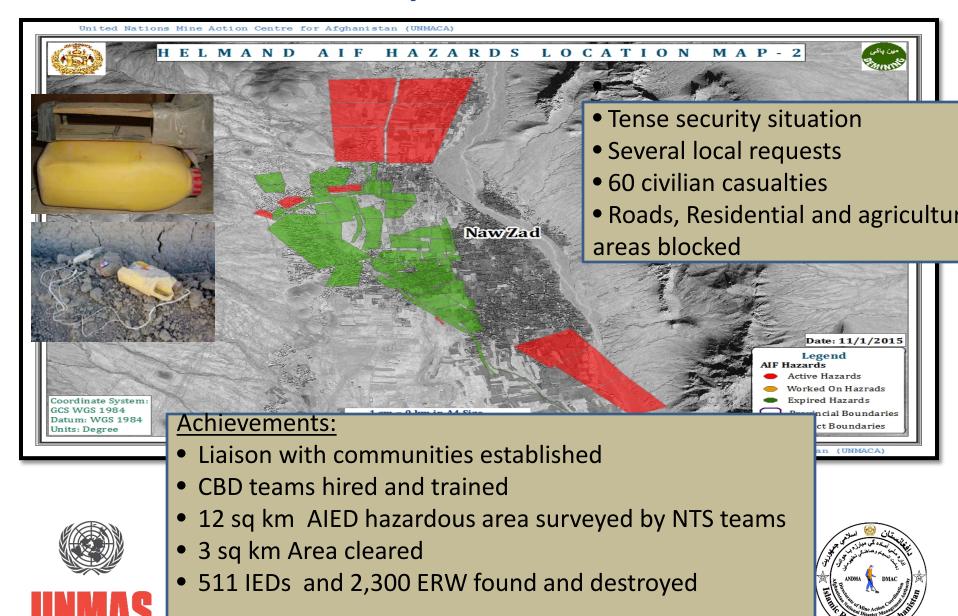




Survey and Clearance Completion Reports Process Map

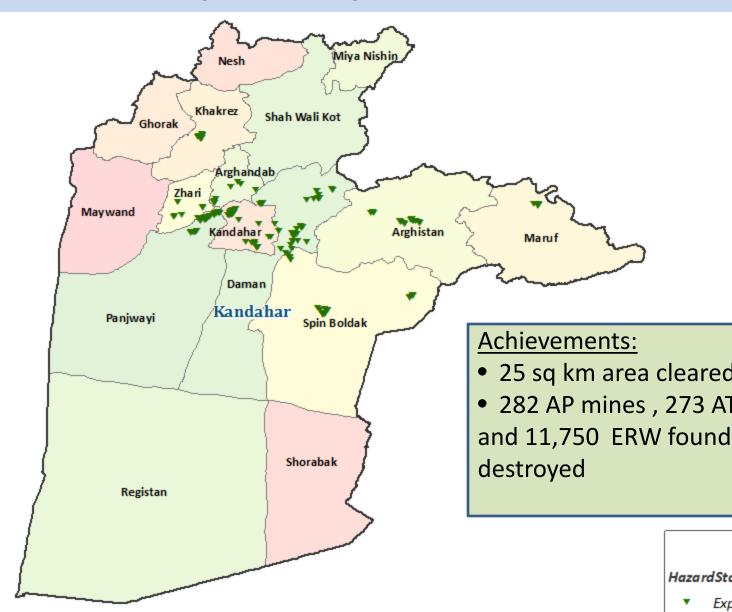


Nawzad CBD Project in Helmand Province





EMCPA Community Based Project in Kandahar Province



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CBD or traditional demining?



It is purely a management decision to make a choice between the two (i.e. CDB approach or traditional demining approach)!



It is all about the situation and how it is to be managed collectively, and little about individual's expectations.

At the end of the day it is the driver who drive to the success or failure not the vehicle itself.





Thanks for the attention

Questions



