PRESENTATION ON
CLOSING THE PROTECTION DIVIDE:
USING THE MINE ACTION TOOLBOX IN POST CONFLICT SCENARIOS

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HOW DO WE SEE PROTECTION?

- DRC’s protection focus transcends specialized protection programming
- Protection is “mainstreamed” into DRC’s work so that protection analysis & response is maintained throughout the programme/project cycle
WHAT IS PROTECTION?

- Safety and Security
- Dignity
- Integrity
- Empowerment
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Keeping people safe is the central objective of most mine action activities

- Clearing areas affected by mines and ERW so that land can be used without injury
- Destroying explosive ordnance that can kill or maim if manipulated
- Preventing injury through risk education
- Building the capacity of security providers so that they safely use and store weapons and ammunition
DIGNITY, INTEGRITY AND EMPOWERMENT

Mine action provides vulnerable populations with enhanced choices, autonomy and addresses the blockages they may face with regards to their physical, psychosocial, economic, social and cultural considerations.

- Clearance and destruction of explosive ordnance to reclaim spaces and livelihoods possibilities
- RE to empower vulnerable populations to avoid danger
- Survivor/Victim Assistance to support socio-economic reintegration and reconstruction of livelihoods.
CLEARANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF ORDNANCE

ADVOCACY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS

RISK EDUCATION

NOT APPLICABLE

EXAMPLES OF ACTION

- Mine/ERW Risk Education in Iraq
EXAMPLES OF ACTION

- Protecting children in Yemen
Examples of Action

- Clearing mines and ERW to allow safe passage to refugees and IDPs on the move in South Sudan
EXAMPLES OF ACTION

- Assisting vulnerable communities in Vietnam to safely farm for subsistence and for income generation
EXAMPLES OF ACTION

- Clearing land in Afghanistan to assist vulnerable populations to rebuild their lives
Assisting survivors and victims of mines and ERW in Myanmar through an IPA structure
MINE ACTION SEEN WITHIN A PROTECTION ENVELOPE CAN BRING ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO THE MINE ACTION TOOL KIT

FOR PROTECTION, MINE ACTION BRINGS A TECHNICAL SKILL SET TO MEET THE PROTECTION NEEDS OF VULNERABLE CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS