

Annex D – National Mine Action Structure:

Mine Action Structure in Afghanistan

The first deputy of prime minister leads the high commission for disaster management (HCDM), which is an inter-ministerial board where mine action and natural disasters are managed. The Afghanistan national disaster management authority (ANDMA), is the secretariat for HCDM. The Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC) is one of the directorates of ANDMA responsible of leading and coordination of mine action programme in Afghanistan.

The United Nations Mine Action Services (UNMAS) provides technical support to DMAC and MAPA through the mine action technical cell (MATC), UNMAS also provides technical and programme management support to the mine action programme of Afghanistan (MAPA).

Financial support of the international community/donors, and technical support of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) played a crucial role in success of the mine action programme of Afghanistan.

Under the coordination of DMAC, 33 accredited national and international mine action organizations are delivering mine action services in Afghanistan. 25 out of 33 are humanitarian mine action NGOs (non-governmental organizations) including 11 specialized in explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) and victim assistance (VA). There are 8 national accredited private demining companies mainly implementing survey and clearance in support of development projects in Afghanistan. However, their number and capacities are subject to changes based on the scope and availability of development opportunities in the country.

The below figure illustrates national mine action authority and mine action structure in Afghanistan:

