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Needs driven. People centred.



**Afghanistan Programme**  
Mine Action Support Group  
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# Context

- **Established in 1989** – the oldest and one of the largest humanitarian mine action programmes
- **Over 45 humanitarian and commercial organizations** and employing **close to 10,000 Afghans**
- Afghanistan remains one of **the top four mostly heavily contaminated countries in the world**
- Reporting **more victims annually** than any other country

# Main Achievements

- **65% reduction in the civilian casualties** caused by mines and ERW since 2002
- **421,000** people have received **victim assistance**
- **2,751** communities and **114** districts **free** from known **explosive hazards**
- **Clearance of:**
  - University of Kabul
  - Haratan–Kabul powerline
  - Kabul International Airport
  - Bamyan historical sites
- **Full and sustainable national capacity** built

# History of UNMAS in Afghanistan

- **2002:** UNMAS entrusted by the Government of Afghanistan with interim responsibility for coordination of the MAPA
- **2002 to 2012:** UNMAS maintains interim responsibility (through UNMACA project)
- **2012:** Start of transfer of responsibility for coordination from UNMAS to DMAC

# Status and Plan for Transfer

- **Oct 2016:** All operational departments transferred to DMAC strategic leadership (end of UNMACA project)
- UNMAS Exit set for **September 2018**
- **UNMAS priorities until then:**
  - Implementation of UNMAS exit strategy, gradually decreasing UN footprint
  - Continuing, but decreasing, UNMAS support on: Normative standards; Advocacy; Resource mobilization and fund/finance management; Capacity building

# Rationale for Transfer

- Government's 2015 Tripartite Review Report
- President Ghani: UNMAS only UN AFP with exit strategy
- Strong national capacity
- Government Vision, Roadmap and Project Concept Note
- GoIRA inclusion of mine action in SDGs, NPPs, regional budget proposals etc
- Decreasing resources available for MAPA (requires leaner structures)
- Creating sustainability

# Support to DMAC

- **Currently supported by**
  - UNMAS
  - US-DOS (through ITF)
  - ANDMA – Civil Servants
- **Creation of On Project Bank Account for DMAC**
  - Financial manual with donor approval
  - Donor agreed reporting and disbursement mechanisms
  - DMAC ambition to be exemplary fund management centre for Afghanistan

# VTF Funding Available for 1396

## Specifically for coordination and support to DMAC

Donor	Amount (USD)
<b>Confirmed:</b>	<b>3,178,003</b>
Canada	2,121,000
Finland	520,000
Japan	458,033
<b>Pipelines :</b>	<b>4,082,787</b>
Italy	1,132,503
Denmark	500,000
Germany	2,450,284

# Resource Requirement 1396

## Coordination and support to DMAC

Item	USD	Comment
Total Costs	5,125,993	Based on current levels
Funding available	<b>3,178,003</b>	Confirmed
Current shortfall	<b>1,947,990</b>	Based on current levels
Planned cuts	1,336,075	Ambitious
Remaining shortfall	611,915	<u>Very approximate</u>
New projects: cap assmnt + dev	1,500,000	For remaining support to DMAC

**Thank you  
Any questions?**