The Sustainable Development Outcomes of Mine Action

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Outline

- Why linking MA and the SDGs
- Measuring MA’s impact in the longer term
- Policy coherence at the national level
- What’s next and conclusion
Why Linking Mine Action (MA) and the SDGs?

MA enables socio-economic development

MA plays a transformative role

SDGs help measuring the impact of MA

SDGs highlight the enabling role of MA
Enhancing the evidence base
Mine action and SDGs in Jordan
Infrastructure development in Jordan

- Construction finished in 2011
- 110 million m³: irrigation of 30,000 donums and 50 million m³ of drinking water per year
- Environmental benefits
Agricultural development in Cambodia
Reforestation in Colombia

Desminando el Presente, Sembrando el Futuro
Demining the Present, Sowing the Future strategy

- Creation of forest nurseries, planting, cleaning of water sources and transformation of organic waste into fertilizers
- _Bosque de Paz_ - Forest of Peace: 113,000 trees = 204 ha
Policy coherence and dialogue
Example of Bosnia and Herzegovina

“Now as BiH is setting the path towards sustainable development, mine action should be perceived as something that not only remove hazard to decrease accidents and fear, but something that enables and speeds up the wider sustainable development.”

BiH SDG Voluntary National Review 2019
“Demining releases land and has a direct impact on reducing violence and fear (SDG16), but also contributes to addressing SDG1 (Poverty), SDG2 (Hunger), SDG3 (Healthy Lives), SDG8 (Inclusive Growth), SDG9 (Infrastructure), SDG11 (Human Settlements) and SDG15 (Ecosystems).”
MA contributions to the SDGs

This infographic is not intended to be comprehensive; rather it is an initial representation of the direct and indirect links between mine action and the SDGs. For the purposes of the study, “direct” links are those mine action results that are considered to have an immediate effect on SDG targets. “Indirect” links relate to mine action outcomes that contribute to SDG targets in the medium- and long-term.
“Deeply concerned at the humanitarian and development problems caused by the presence of explosive remnants of war, which constitute a danger to the civilian population as well as an obstacle to reconstruction, restoration of normal social conditions and economic development and in this context reaffirming the need to further develop international cooperation and assistance with this respect.”
What’s next?

❑ Gathering additional concrete examples of MA contribution to the SDGs

❑ Training and advisory services to national authorities and partners

❑ SDGs and Triple Nexus
Conclusion

- Documenting impact; increasing policy coherence
- Moving towards collective outcomes (?)
- Developing and sustaining strong partnerships
Thank you! Questions?