GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020
CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Consultations on Mine Action AoR Guidance Requirements

Wednesday 30 September 2020, 2-4:30 pm Geneva time

Link & connection information:
Meeting link: https://rtce-unog.webex.com/rtce-unog/j.php?MTID=m0d0ff5f89083d43a2b2b8352a5c4ba37
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Rationale/purpose

Mine Action in emergency settings is a critical life-saving humanitarian activity in itself as well as an enabler of other humanitarian activities. The Global Protection Cluster (GPC) Mine Action Area of Responsibility (MA AoR) is designed to be a field-oriented coordination mechanism that aims to ensure a predictable, accountable and effective mine action response in humanitarian emergencies. While the MA AoR has been actively working with AoRs at the country level, the platform is not always fully utilized and corresponding ‘know-how’ is decentralized. The MA AoR ought to further consult with in-country MA AoR coordinators/focal points, MA AoR members and partners, to develop further strategic and operational guidance, as necessary.

Expected Outcome

These consultations will contribute to the creation and updating of relevant guidance including potentially a Strategy and Terms of Reference / Standard Operating Procedures for the MA AoR.

Format/Content of the Event

Plenary, English (and French – as needed) on WebEx

This session aims to seek views and comments from MA AoR colleagues on gaps and requirements in terms of guidance. Short interventions will be made on specific questions related to the MA AoR, which should be complemented with concrete feedback from participants.

Organizers and speakers

Moderator and presenter:
- Mr. Bruno Donat, Chief, UNMAS Geneva office & Global Coordinator, MA AoR

PART I: VALUE-ADDED OF MA AoR

Discussants:
- Ms. Fadwa Benmbarek, Program Manager, UNMAS DR Congo (former Iraq MA AoR Coordinator)

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- Ms. Catherine Guarín Franco, Special Projects Director, CIREC, Colombia
- Mr. Wolfgang Bindseil, Head of Division for Humanitarian Assistance – Operations, German Federal Foreign Office, and Chair of the Mine Action Support Group

PART II: STRENGTHENING MA AoR

- Ms. Francesca Chiaudani, Syria MA AoR Coordinator
- Mr. Richard McCormack, Director, DDG and incoming Co-Coordinator, MA AoR
- Mr. William Chemaly, Global Protection Cluster Coordinator

Resource Persons:
- Ms. Christelle Loupforest, Liaison Officer, UNMAS Geneva & Deputy Global Coordinator, MA AoR
- Mr. Murat Yucer, Senior Protection Adviser, ProCap
- Ms. Elke Hottentot, Policy Lead Armed Violence Reduction, Humanity & Inclusion (HI) and former Co-Coordinator, MA AoR
- Ms. Kayla Kim, UNMAS Geneva

Field Cluster/Operations

All in-country Protection and AoR Coordinators as well as MA AoR members and partners

Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants

- At both the global and country levels, (i) What is the value-added of the MA AoR? (ii) how can they be strengthened?
- What type of guidance do you expect from the global MA AoR?
- What are the critical capacity gaps in your MA AoR?

Important thematic areas may include guidance on the relationship between the global MA AoR and in-country MA AoR; definitions of responsibility and synergy between different entities; governance, cooperation with national authorities, local actors and UN entities; and more.

Background Reading

1. UN MA Strategy 2019-2023
2. MA AoR work plan 2020-2022
3. Protection in a Climate of Change Strategic Framework 2020-2024

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