Land Rights and Mine Action

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Land rights is a complicated issue in Afghanistan.

A general vagueness in the land tenure system and land shortage.
Land rights is a complicated issue in Afghanistan - continue

- Land reform and property rights – a major issues
- 1979 to date - several conflict periods
- IDPs & Refugees
Land rights is a complicated issue in Afghanistan -

- Absence of rule of law
- No clear policy
- War and conflict
- Tribal and ethincs conflict
- Homelessness
- Illegal grabbing by war lords and influential groups
- Urbanizations
- Landmines
Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated

- Unavailability of contaminations records/maps
- Lack of information on land rights
- Lack of mine action policy on land rights
- Lack of coordination during NTS/TS
- Unaware of “Do No Harm Principle”
Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated - continue

- Clearance of Nadir Khan hill in Kabul city – State owned, now occupied by land grabbers
- Mandozi district, Khost province – A boy was killed by mine as clearance delayed due to land dispute
Landmines /ERW makes land rights more complicated -

- Conflict between two tribes in Nuristan – left lands contaminated with several civilian casualties
- Mechanical demining operations in Herat – soil erosion and community disappointment
What are the current processes

- Land Rights requirement included in Land Release AMAS
- NTS hazard form includes Land Dispute – permission on Proper demining tool kit
- TS – community liaison consider Land dispute
- Hand over form revised
What are the current processes

Non Technical Survey

Community Liaison

No demining operations if the land is disputed

Handover of released land
Recommendations

• Land rights policy for MA
• Land rights Awareness
• Integrate land rights in land release activities
• Identifying state owned and privately owned mine contaminated areas
Thank you!