Housing Land and Property: Practices from Afghanistan
Understanding Land Ownership and Intented Land Use

In 2012 there was shift in activity prioritization → focus on better information on hazard location and land usage

Nationwide survey project initiated - Mine and ERW impact Free Community Surveys (MEIFCS)

Determinations on land ownership and intended land usage built into survey

No clearance for disputed land
Prioritisation and HLP

The DMAC has engaged in data sharing/training activities with other stakeholders in this process – iMMAP and IOM most recently.

Modify prioritisation based on situation – e.g. high numbers of returning documented and undocumented refugees.
Post Demining Impact Assessment

In 1395 (2016) DMAC staff assessed 18.5% of the total cleared and cancelled hazards from 1393 (2014)

Determine the ways in which cleared lands are utilized by landowners:
- Compare to intended land usage
- Is it used effectively by beneficiaries?

What if land isn’t being used?
- explore possible HLP explanations
- Or a confidence in clearance activities?
HLP in emergencies and land allocation: 
mainstreaming mine action

Housing Land and Property Task Force, responsible for developing suitability criteria for Land allocation.

6 criteria for land suitability:
1. Presence of mines and ERW \(\rightarrow\) MINE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS
2. Proximity to livelihood opportunities
3. Adequate water
4. No foreseeable environmental risks \(\rightarrow\) MINE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS
5. Less than 15% slope
6. State land

Data sharing on cleared and hazardous areas for informal settlement planning