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Socio-Economic Reintegration,
and Mine Awareness

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Outline

- What is UNICEF's mine awareness mandate?
- Where does UNICEF fit in?
- What are the needs/issues?
- What are UNICEF's aims?
- What is UNICEF's approach?
- What is UNICEF doing?



UNICEF's mandate



- UN Agency mandated by the General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.
- Guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by 191 countries)



UNICEF's mine action mandate



Under the overall coordination of UNMAS:

- UNICEF will advocate for the promotion of a total ban on anti-personnel landmines and the ratification of the Ottawa Convention”.
- “UNICEF... is the UN focal point on mine awareness education.”
- UNICEF, in collaboration with WHO, ICRC, and other partners where appropriate, will ensure comprehensive rehabilitation of landmine victims



Mine awareness issues

- Does it work?
- Where is it needed? by whom?
- When to start/end a mine awareness project/programme?
- How should we do/not do it?
- Who will/should do it?



UNICEF's mine awareness aims

- Develop/support the development of better quality, higher impact, mine awareness programmes which are sustainable for the duration of the threat
- Develop/support the development of greater capacity to anticipate and provide timely responses to mine awareness/risk reduction needs, especially in emergencies



What is UNICEF's approach?

- Rights based
- Relief/development
- Integrated
- High-impact, low-cost, sustainable
- Child, disability, gender aware
- Participatory, community focused



What is UNICEF doing?

- Process
- Products
- People

