



Provision of mine/ERW risk awareness to Internal Displaced People (IDP) in Kunduz province during June 2015

Map:

In above map, highlighted in green, is Kunduz city where IDPs were settled from all insecure districts, highlighted in red during conflict.

Mine/ERW Risk Education to IDPs in Kunduz Province Through DDG Funded Under SIDA Project

Background:

Kunduz is one of the 34 provinces of Afghanistan, located in the northern-east part of the country. The population of the province is multi-ethnic and mostly a tribal society. The city of Kunduz serves as the capital of the province. Recently AOG started their operation in different districts of Kunduz. Thousands of people from mentioned districts were displaced to Kunduz city in order to protect themselves and family from being tied up in the conflict. According to UNHCR around 18,355 IDP's were settled in and around Kunduz city. Due to the conflict, there were a large number of Mines and UXOs discarded and/or laid in each of the districts. After the conflict was over IDP's had no choice but to return to their homes and farms to prepare for the next harvests, farming being their main source of income and livelihood.



Requirement:



MACCA requested DDG to send one MRE team, on the 27/05/2015, in order to provide mine/ERW risk education before the IDP's return back to their homes and farm land. One of DDG's SIDA funded MRE teams were tasked to support this request and were drawn from the northern teams operating in Balkh and Samangan provinces. Due to the importance and nature of this request it was decided to send the assigned team to Kunduz as soon as possible. Meaning, DDG MRE team 04 arrived in Kunduz on 6th June 2015. There was only one distribution center in Kunduz city; just a few Kilometers (km) away from the airport. UNHCR, NRC, WFP, DRC, UNICEF and OCHA had also planned to distribute food items and non-food items from mentioned center. Selections

of IDPs were based on a previous survey conducted by NCR, DRC, WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF. As such, it was decided that they would conduct their distribution in a shift pattern of 500 IDPs over two (2) days, ones a week. However sometimes there were delays in the distribution by NCR, DRC, WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF, meaning MRE could only be delivered once every two (2) weeks.

Outcome:

DDG took the scheduling of the distribution as an opportunity to provide mine/ERW risk education to all IDPs that came through the Kunduz distribution center. DDG MRE team started delivering mine/ERW risk education on 7th June 2015 in Kunduz IDP distribution center and was completed on 23rd June 2015; this was dictated to DDG as all the planned distributions were completed. MRE team provided mine/ERW risk education to a total of 868 IDPs (males - 552 and females – 316). All of the beneficiaries that DDG delivered MRE to were adults, as children did not come to the distribution center.



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During each session DDG MRE team distributed DDG pens and notebooks which contains MACCA hotline number and further mine and ERW risk education messages. DDG MRE team was present on site ready to deliver MRE each time the distribution was taking place.

Throughout this short deployment, DDG's MRE coordinator was in close contact and communication with MACCA RO in Kunduz, DRC and NCR focal points. This was in order to ensure good coordination and ensure, as much as possible no IDP group missed out on the MRE delivered by DDG team.

Results Table:

Ser	Start Date	Completion Date	Beneficiaries	
			Male	Female
1	07/06/2015	23/06/2015	552	316
			Total	868

Undoubtedly the success of this short deployment was down to the cooperation between DRC, DDG and MACCA RO and other NGO's contributing, For example, DRC covered all accommodation expenses for DDG MRE team whilst on deployment in Kunduz. DRC also helped immensely in arranging and organizing groups so that the DDG MRE team could deliver MRE sessions to all IDPs coming through the Kunduz distribution center. MACCA RO provided DDG with a vehicle whilst they were in Kunduz and also coordinated with Child Fund Afghanistan (CFA) focal point to allow DDG the opportunity to conducting and deliver Training of Trainers (ToT) for CFA school teachers, an important part in ensuring best practice is maintained after DDG has left the area.



DDG MRE team arranged ToT for school teachers of CFA (Child Fund Afghanistan) on 13th June 2015, due to the distribution of food and non-food items was put on hold. 29 school teachers from Kunduz city received an expanded MRE session which lasted a full day. According to ministry of education hundreds of students were displaced to Kunduz city due to conflict. The Ministry of Education (MoE) allowed these students to attend classes in their nearest schools in order to allow their education to continue. The CFA teachers deliver classes in many different schools around Kunduz city. This gives a broader spectrum in indirect beneficiaries, children attending these classes, as they were not present during the distribution.

In summary, DDG feels that this was a worthwhile project, and one that it hopes can be a part of again in the future. A thank you to SIDA for allowing this team to be seconded and allowing DDG to respond to this call by the MACCA and also a thank you to all the stakeholders that were involved, for their coordination and cooperation efforts.

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