BACKGROUND NOTE

Plenary Session #4: "Small innovations, big wins in EORE"

Date and time: 24 June at 11:45-13:00 CEST

Chair: **Ms. Bogna Ruminowicz**, Secretary
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United
Nations Office in New York

Speakers: **Mr. Dahir Abdurrahman Abdulle**, Director General, Somali
Explosive Management Authority (SEMA)
Celine Cheng, Co-Chair of the EORE Advisory Group, Humanity
and Inclusion
William Kollie, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Afghanistan
Name TBC, BBC Media Action
Lionel Pechera, IMAS Adviser, GICHD

Introduction

"We can do things differently, and we can do different things… Innovation is not only the most sophisticated technologies, sometimes it's the simplest of things."

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

Innovation in EORE encompasses two broad categories: the first is focused on the use of **technology**, the second is related to **innovative programming**. Technology in EORE refers to the use of digital tools, e-learning and other forms of digital engagement as well as the use at scale of new physical products such as solar-powered radios. Innovative programming includes other approaches, processes and ways of working to improve EORE equity, efficiency and effectiveness. These programme innovations may include community centred programme design, behaviour science-driven communication, the use of creative tools to engage people with disabilities or adolescents or people with low level of literacy, new approaches to improve coverage, new guidance on IED risk education, or redefining the frontiers of EORE through the adoption of other forms of risk education (e.g. Conflict Preparedness and Protection).

Innovation should be at scale, it should make a positive impact for people not only at local level but also at the national level and across multiple countries.

Purpose of the Session
This session will take stock of some of the innovations in the sector that use technology and other creative solutions to improve coverage, quality, integration and equity of EORE programmes. Speakers from affected countries and the international community will be invited

to discuss good practices and approaches to innovation in and beyond mine action and will in particular explore the promising growth potential of:

- Digital engagement
- EORE contribution to NTS and other surveys
- Disability-inclusive and disability focused EORE programming
- Integration into other sectors (including immunization campaigns, education, water and sanitation, nutrition, etc.)
- Behaviour change measurement
- IED Risk Education

Format for the Plenary: (75 minutes)

Introductory remarks by Chair	06 minutes
Technology and EORE contribution to surveys (SEMA)	08 minutes
Disability inclusion (HI)	08 minutes
Integration of EORE & Behaviour Change Measurement (UNICEF-BBC)	12 minutes
IED Risk Education (GICHD)	08 minutes
Facilitated discussion	16 minutes
Questions and answers from attendees	12 minutes
Closing and call to action from Chair	05 minutes

Guiding Questions

- What stage are the most promising innovations in EORE?
- Do we deliver EORE to people with disabilities (on average 15% of the population according to WHO)? And if yes, do we have evidence for this?
- Why does the sector need guidance for IED Risk Education?
- Can we measure behaviour change and are we equipped for this?
- What are the most promising technologies?
- What are the lessons learned from digital risk education initiatives?
- How can we scale up 'what works'?
- What are the bottlenecks and challenges?
- Who should be our key partners outside of the mine action sectors?