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**The Convention on the  
Prohibition of the Use,  
Stockpiling, Production  
and Transfer of Anti-  
Personnel Mines and  
on their Destruction**

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# Objective of the Presentation

This presentation aims to provide a brief background and update of the status and current situation of the humanitarian land mine approach and situation in Ethiopia.



# Introduction

- ❖ Ethiopia's mine and Explosive Remnants of War contamination stems from a series of internal and international armed conflicts.
- ❖ To address its mine and Explosive Remnants of War contamination, the Ethiopian government established, in 1995, the Ethiopian demining project as a non-combatant unit of the Ministry of National Defense (MoND).
- ❖ *Then after Ethiopian government establish Ethiopian mine office in 2001 EFDR minster of council regulation 70/2001.*
- ❖ Ethiopia is one of the African countries which accept international human right laws and UN conventions
- ❖ Ethiopia respect UN principles that mine action's primary responsibility lies with the government of mine-affected countries



## Introduction cont.....

- ❖ *Ethiopia government see demining activities as moral and legal responsible as stated in Ethiopian constitution article 16 which dictates individual Security. Thus, currently Mine action and explosive management activities are part of the fundamental preconditions for human security in Ethiopia*
- ❖ *Thus, Explosive ordinance war remnant management activities in post conflict provides major benefits for humanitarian responses, peace building.*



## HISTORICAL CAUSE OF MINE IN ETHIOPIA

- ❖ **Historically Ethiopia landmines and Explosive Fragments of War (EFW) contamination stems from a series of internal and international armed conflicts, including:**
- ❖ **Ethio-Italian war and subsequent east Africa Campaigns (1935-1941)**
- ❖ **Ogden war between Ethiopia and Somalia (1977-1978)**
- ❖ **A border war with Sudan (1980)**
- ❖ **Internal conflict (1974-1991)**
- ❖ **The Ethiopian-Eritrean war (1998-2000) and the recent internal war with TPLF**



# Current situation

- **EMAO was established in 2001 and responsibility transferred to MOD on 2012.**
- As at 30 April 2020, Ethiopia reported that it had a total of 152 suspected and confirmed hazardous areas with a size of 726km<sup>2</sup> remaining;
- Landmine contamination is recorded in six out of the ten states in Ethiopia (62% of the areas known to contain anti-personal mines is found in Somali region (2020).



Region	CHAs	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	SHAs	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total SHA/CHA	Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
Somali	18	1,027,500	82	718,769,532	100	719,797,032
Gambela	0	0	20	838,000	20	838,000
Afar	6	1,755,049	8	1,915,300	14	3,670,349
Tigray	3	691,989	0	0	3	691,989
Oromia	0	0	13	1,026,105	13	1,026,105
Benishangule Gumuze	2	45,000	0	0	2	45,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3,519,538</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>722,548,937</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>726,068,475</b>



# Current sit. con...

- ❖ Contamination due to armed conflicts in Ethiopia has been contaminated large areas for habitation as well as access routes for humanitarian aid and assistance.
- ❖ The exact level of contamination is currently unknown and a comprehensive survey has not yet been possible.
- ❖ Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) interventions are required to assess the safety of those routes ahead of the return of some displaced people.



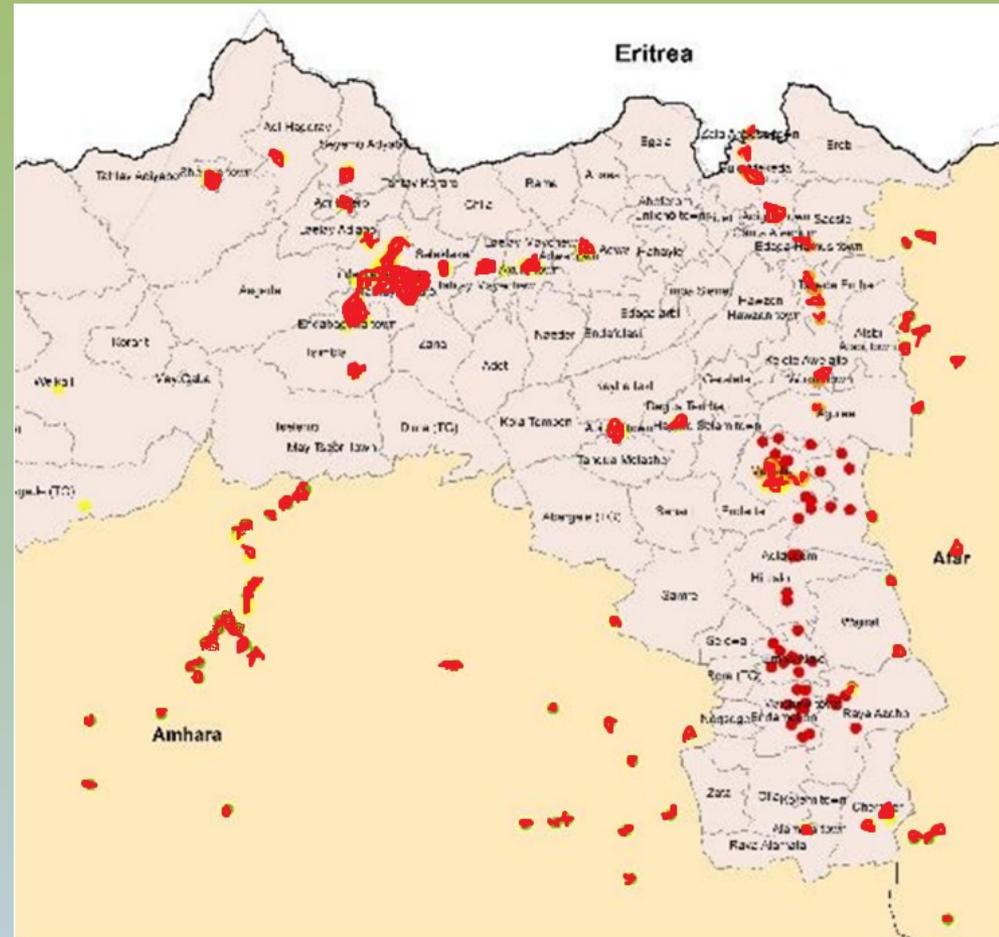
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- On 2 of November 2022, signing permanent cessation of Hostilities agreement between Ethiopian federal government and the opposing forces in the northern Tigray region. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has agreed to fully disarm. Both sides have agreed to end all forms of hostilities following the peace agreement the place where war and fighting take place many explosive remnants of war and humanitarian mine action activities in the region. This action has been taken by our combat engineering for free movement of peoples and social interaction and humanitarian aid especially the town, village and district liberated from war until this report organized 1000 sq km was cleared from mine and explosive remnant war in North and east Amhara Region as well as Afar Region in addition to west Tigray.



# CURRENT SITUATION

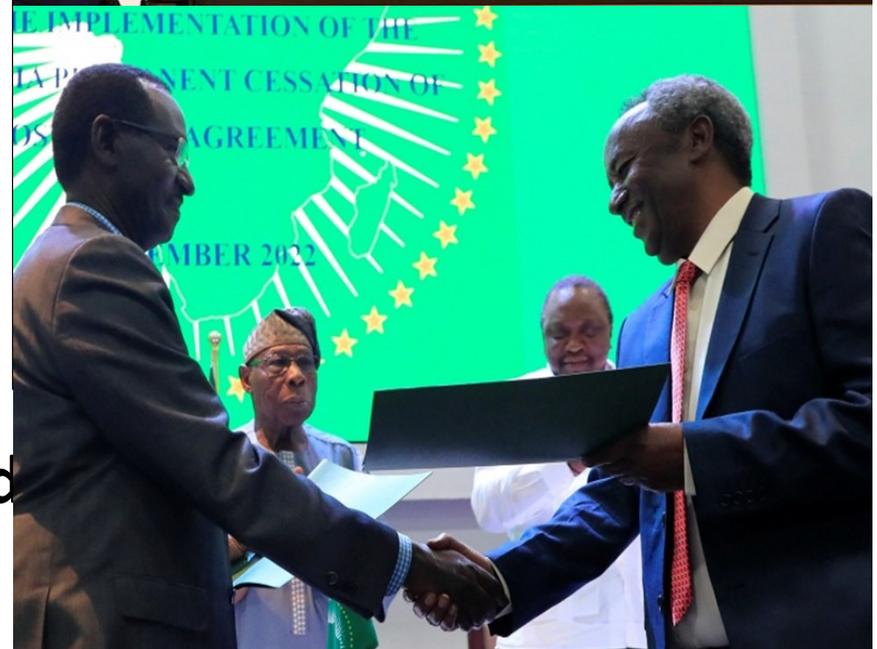
- Contamination due to current armed conflicts in Ethiopia
- Large areas unsuitable for human habitation
- Tigre, Amara and Afar Region in northern Ethiopia





# CURRENT SITUATION

- 2 November 2022 – permanent cessation of hostilities signed by Ethiopian federal government and contradictory forces in northern Tigray
- (TPLF) will completely disarm
- Peace talks ongoing
- Humanitarian efforts started and DDR will continue





# Current sit. con...

- Ethiopian Combat engineering deploy to clear land mine in sumale Region due to the cause of international extremist Al Shabaab activity by using IED(Improved explosive Device) .







# FOCUS POINT

- **A deliberate Risk Education program**
- **Training of military personnel to conduct humanitarian demining tasks**
- **Reduction of ERW and other hazards A concerted Non-Technical Survey effort Pro-active planning to counter IED Victim Assistance**



# conclusion

Ethiopia is one of the comprehensively land mined country as a legacy of successive conflicts over the last many years that have ravaged the Horn of Africa.

The government estimates that they will take another projected plan to clear and more extension, due to large area land mine and ERW Ethiopia was not in position to clear until 2025



Thank you