

Landmines and Land Rights in Conflict-Affected Contexts

20-22 October 2010
Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Agenda

Day one - Wednesday, October 20th	
Time	Session
7:30-8:00	Workshop registration
8:00-8:45	Opening remarks (H.E. Prak Sokhon)
8:45-9:15	1. Welcome and introduction: Workshop objectives and GICHD research study (GICHD) <i>The purpose of this session is to outline the purpose of the workshop and briefly discuss workshop logistics.</i>
9:15-10:00	2. Introduction to land rights issues: Common land rights terms and definitions <i>The purpose of this session is to clarify key land rights terms used during the workshop</i> Facilitator: Jon Unruh (McGill University)
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	3. Land rights and humanitarian action: Introduction to land rights issues in conflict-affected contexts <i>Land rights issues are often the cause of armed violence. Yet humanitarian and development actors typically ignore these issues when working in conflict-affected contexts. The purposes of this session are to: provide an overview of the main land rights issues common in conflict/post-conflict context; and clarify why mine action organisations need to consider land rights issues when planning, implementing and evaluating their operations</i> Chair: Ibere Lopes (International Organisation on Migration) Presentations Jon Unruh (McGill University): Overview Bhavani Fonseka (Centre for Policy Alternatives): Land rights in Sri Lanka Plenary discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch

13:00-15:00	<p>3. Land rights and humanitarian action: Introduction to land rights issues in conflict-affected contexts (cont'd)</p> <p>Scenario exercise in groups and report back to plenary</p>
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	<p>4. The post-conflict land rights of IDPs, returnees and demobilised soldiers: Special considerations in mine-affected contexts</p> <p><i>The purpose of this session is to examine the specific issues that arise when supporting the return and resettlement of IDPs, returnees and demobilised soldiers, including to mine-affected areas. What issues should mine action organisations consider?</i></p> <p>Chair: Jon Unruh (McGill University)</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Gabriella McMichael (University of Manchester): South Sudan</p> <p>Mullah Jan (Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan): Afghanistan</p> <p>Group work and report back</p>
18:00-22:00	GICHD-sponsored dinner at the Bopha Phnom Penh - Titanic Restaurant
Day two - Thursday, October 21st	
8:30-8:45	Brief recap on Day 1 discussions (Gabrielle Chaizy, GICHD)
8:45-10:45	<p>5. The land rights of women in mine/ERW contaminated communities: Reflections from Afghanistan, Cambodia and South Sudan</p> <p><i>The purpose of this session is to discuss the land rights and specific challenges experienced by women when trying to realise their rights. The session will share experiences from different countries, and highlight the different ways in which mine action organisations can and should take these factors into account when</i></p> <p>Chair: Alan Macdonald (Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan)</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Asa Massleberg (SCBL Gender and Mine Action Programme): Overview</p> <p>Group work</p>
10:45-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	<p>6. Special issues in conflict-affected contexts: Land-grabbing, corruption, military occupation and rising land values</p> <p><i>The purpose of this session is to discuss special land-related issues that mine action organisations may encounter, for example, land-grabbing by elites (government, military, private sector), military occupation of mined and cleared land, and the rising value of land in post-conflict and its impact on affected communities. Can mine action organisations respond to these sensitive and controversial issues? If so, how?</i></p> <p>Chair: Ruth Bottomley (Mines Advisory Group)</p> <p>Participants break into parallel thematic discussion groups</p>

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13:15-14:15	6. Special issues in conflict-affected contexts: Land-grabbing, corruption, military occupation and rising land values (cont'd) Groups wrap up discussions and report back through gallery walk
14:15-14:45	Break
14:45-17:00	7. Promoting secure land rights in conflict-affected contexts: key interventions and mechanisms <i>The purpose of this session is to provide participants with an overview of the range of possible interventions and mechanisms used to address land rights issues in conflict-affected contexts. What tools, approaches, organisations, etc can mine action organisations draw upon when they encounter land rights issues? What type of solutions are possible?</i> Ibere Lopes (International Organisation on Migration/Housing, Land and Property Working Group)
Day three - Friday, October 22nd	
8:45-9:00	Recap on Day 2 discussions (Gabrielle Chaizy, GICHD)
9:00-10:30	8. Drawing out lessons learned and developing practical guidance on how to mainstream land rights issues into mine action operations <i>The purpose of this session is to develop practical recommendations, aimed at mine action organisations, on how to ensure their mine action operations (priority-setting, risk education, socio-economic and technical survey, victim assistance, clearance of mines and ERW, handover of land, post-clearance assessment, funding, coordination, information sharing) take land rights issues into account.</i> Facilitator: GICHD Group work
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	8. Drawing out lessons learned and developing practical guidance on how to mainstream land rights issues into mine action operations Groups wrap up discussions and plenary report back
12:30-14:00	Lunch and discussion on "Land rights and landmines in Cambodia" (Pat Baars, East-West Management Institute and Mao Vanna, CMAA)
14:00-14:30	9. Linking the mine action and land rights communities: National Housing, Land and Property (HLP) networks, local NGOs and others resources <i>The purpose of this session is to provide participants with an overview of the key land rights networks, guides, tools and other resources available at national and international level in order to strengthen the links between the mine action and land rights communities</i> Ibere Lopes (International Organisation on Migration)
14:30-15:00	Closing remarks (HE Mr. Chum Bun Rong)
15:00-15:30	10. Wrap up, conclusions and workshop evaluation (GICHD)