

EORE AG

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Advisory Group

Minutes of the EORE AG Meeting

Date: 1 July 2025

Time: 14:30 – 16:30 Geneva time (CET)

Invite: [Teams online meeting](#)

Summary of Action Points

Action	Responsible	Suggested Deadline
EORE AG		
Provide input on the 2025-2026 EORE Advisory Group work plan	AG members	15 August 2025
Submitting nominations for the role of EORE AG NGO co-chair	AG members	31 August 2025
GICHD to submit two requests on behalf of the AG: one to create a TNMA on EORE, and the other to review IMAS 12.10	Matt	15 August

Participants

Co-Chairs: Hugues Laurence (UNICEF) & Furat Al Malkawi (The HALO Trust)

Secretary: Lubna Allam (GICHD)

Attendees: Core members, associate members and observers

- **DCA:** Mark Wilkinson
- **GICHD:** Matt Laruelle
- **HI:** Sofia Cogollos
- **IOM:** Severine Lacroix
- **UNDP:** Lee Gahyun
- **MAG:** Sebastian Kasack
- **DRC:** Lisa Anouk Muller-Dormann
- **NPAID:** Colin Bent
- **MA AoR:** Christelle Loupforest
- **UNMAS:** Daniela Ciulei
- **FSD:** Michael Barry
- **UNOPS:** Hannah Rees
- **CHDE:** Meri Mkhitarian
- **IKMAA:** Bahman Othman Kakasadulla

Attendees: Guest speakers and guest attendees

- **UNMAS:** Ben Dollar
- **MAG:** Myriam Rabbath

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1. Welcome remarks and updates on the EORE AG

Hugues opened the meeting by sharing welcoming remarks and welcoming the AG members as well as the guests to the mid-2025 EORE AG meeting. He welcomed Hammah Rees, representing UNOPS, on behalf of Gregory Robin. He also welcomed Ben Dollar, who was introduced by Cristelle Loupforest, MA AoR coordinator, as an intern with the MA AoR for the next 6 months. Hugues announced that Robin McCarthy will replace Louis Maresca as the representative of ICRC (observer).

The co-chairs, as well as the AG members, welcomed the two new representatives of MAA, Bahman Othman Kakasadulla, IKMAA, Kurdistan, Iraq and Meri Mkhitarian, Centre for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise, Armenia. Both members expressed their enthusiasm to be part of the AG and its upcoming work. The AG members did a round of introductions to introduce themselves to the new core members.

The co-chairs, as well as the AG members, thanked Kim Fletcher for representing HALO for the past years. With Furat's term as co-chair is coming to an end, Furat will be representing the HALO Trust in the EORE AG. The AG thanked Furat for all her outstanding work as co-chair over the past two years. Lubna announced that the elections for the new EORE AG NGO co-chair are now open, and she sent the call for nominations, encouraging NGOs to take on this role.

Hugues presented the agenda items, as shown in Annexe One.

2. Progress report 2023 - 2024

Lubna thanked the AG for their contribution to the review of the progress report. This report is a reflection of the work that all of you have done under the EORE AG umbrella over the past two years, 2023 - 2024. The report reflects the analysis of the 2023-2024 work plan, as well as the stakeholders' survey results conducted at the end of 2024. This document will be published soon. It is divided into three parts. The first part details the implementation status of the AG's 2023-2024 work plan, highlighting activities and achievements at mostly the output level. The second part describes progress in the risk education sector over the last two years, with a specific focus on outcomes achieved. The final section provides information on sector needs and offers suggestions for the EORE AG's future work. Please review the presentation in Annexe 2. Hugues commented that it is a very strong report that will help guide our priorities, as well as inform our annual and biannual planning. Matthieu added that the Progress report is a project that the GICHD has been funding in the last few years. For 2026, we will continue to do the Stakeholders' survey, along with a reduced version of the progress report that is probably linked to the advocacy strategy.

3. 2025 – 2027 Workplan

Hugues emphasised the importance of completing the work plan to track the implementation of activities and identify any challenges. Due to the current uncertainty and funding situation, it is understood that it was not easy to incorporate that work plan. Hugues encouraged the AG members to consider two or three major projects, or even more, that are anticipated for the next year or the next two years. Although funding may not be available yet, it is essential to highlight the two or three major projects that are most likely to proceed. This group exercise would contribute to improving the way we work in the sector. The deadline would be extended by one month to give members a chance to complete the plan.

4. IMAS and TNMA

Matthieu provided an update on the development of a technical note on EORE and CPP. The TNMA would be guidance for the MA sector, including national authorities, on the integration of CPP in EORE. LMAC in Lebanon has been implementing CPP alongside EORE, and they requested that we draft this TNMA to capture a good practice in this area. Matt elaborated that there would be a proposal to draft the TNMA, and then a proposal to review IMAS 12.10, as it dates back five years, and a lot has progressed in the sector, including CPP and quality management. This review will help reflect the progress in the EORE sector. Matthieu consulted with the co-chairs, and since the AG supported the drafting of the TNMA, Matthieu would submit a request on behalf of the AG through the online portal for two processes: one to create a TNMA on explosive weapons risk education, and the other to review IMAS 12.10.

Matthieu expressed that the GICHD would be happy to co-lead both processes, with NPA and/or HI to co-lead on the TNMA and UNICEF to co-lead the revision of the IMAS 12.10. The next step would be to set up two task teams for these two different processes and then kick off the process under the IMAS umbrella.

5. EORE/CPP task team updates

Colin, co-chair of the AG's Emergency Risk Education Task Team, provided the AG members with a brief overview of the Task Team's objectives and activities over the past year, as well as its goals for the upcoming year. Colin began by indicating that the TT completed its one-year review, having convened seven meetings over the past year. The TT has actively covered diverse topics, including EWIPA, DDR, and SBCC approaches tailored for EORE and CPP. The TT also contributed to this year's NDM through a side event focused on civilian protection during conflict, co-organised with GICHD.

The TT is currently structured into three thematic sub-task teams: *incendiary weapons*, *CPP*, and *natural hazards*. The incendiary weapons sub-task team, led by Hannah Wild, has held four additional meetings in conjunction with the main task team sessions. It has compiled a comprehensive library of peer-reviewed research, a publication tracker, and is developing a briefing note on risk education related to incendiary weapons. The team is also supporting the development and technical implementation of the EXTRACCT incendiary weapons registry.

The CPP sub-task team has also convened four meetings. It has mapped global CPP initiatives, created a centralised library of materials and research, conducted a membership survey to identify gaps and challenges, and is planning to organise technical workshops. The group is also working towards a shared definition of CPP to harmonise understanding across member organisations.

The natural hazards sub-task team has met twice to date. It has developed a thematic library and is finalising a mapping tool that overlays natural hazards with EO contamination to support improved analysis and planning. One output is a dashboard tool, developed collaboratively within the sub-task team, that enables the visualisation of hazard-contamination overlaps.

All three sub-task teams have contributed to the creation of standardised templates for bite-sized content, checklists, and briefing papers—designed to enhance accessibility, knowledge dissemination, and practical guidance for ERE implementation in various thematic contexts.

Looking forward, the TT will continue reviewing and updating the Emergency ERE Toolkit based on collective insights; exploring the establishment of a technical support cell for emergency EORE and CPP, updating the thematic libraries, continue being responsive to member needs, including the development of new tools, and expanding the series of external experts and exploring opportunities to support training initiatives.

6. HI's CPP workshop

Sofia provided an update on the CPP and EWIPA workshop that took place last month. She started by contextualizing the ongoing research led by HI. The study aims to gather lessons learned, good practices, challenges, and solutions related to the integration of CPP and EORE in EWIPA contexts. It is the third in a four-part research series on EWIPA, following earlier studies on humanitarian safety and access to healthcare. The fourth study will focus on vulnerable groups and specific needs. The current research includes a literature review, over 40 interviews with key stakeholders, data analysis in partnership with NPA, and case studies from Gaza, Lebanon, Myanmar, and Ukraine. The workshop was a one-and-a-half-day in-person event that brought together a diverse range of stakeholders, including UN agencies, national authorities, INGOs, and local NGOs, to discuss findings, validate identified challenges, and co-develop actionable recommendations.

Sofia presented key takeaways from the workshop, including high-level presentations from national authorities and local actors, followed by group discussions focused on refining challenges and identifying practical solutions. A central outcome was a set of collective recommendations for stakeholders on advancing the integration of EORE and CPP in EWIPA contexts. These will be included in the final report, to be published in September.

Specific recommendations addressed to the EORE AG include: leading the development of technical guidance on integrating CPP into EORE, enhancing advocacy efforts to promote the inclusion of EORE-CPP in donor funding mechanisms and country-based funds, supporting peer learning through events featuring national authorities, improving analysis of existing EWIPA data, providing technical support during emergencies, and contributing to forming broader protection guidelines in close coordination with the protection cluster.

Sofia concluded by noting that the final report will be disseminated to all AG members, with a possible presentation upon release. The recommendations will also feed into discussions at the upcoming EWIPA Costa Rica conference.

7. AOB

Hugues reminded the AG members about the upcoming *110th PfP UNICEF EORE training* scheduled for this year and next. The EORE course will take place in October for 10 days, alongside the Integrated Mine Action course. While 20 participants are already confirmed for the EORE course, nominations are still pending from several organisations, including FSD, DCA,

MAG, NPA, and HI. As the nomination deadline has passed, this week is critical for finalising participant lists. Members were encouraged to submit their nominations promptly to secure the remaining slots.

ANNEX 1

Indicative Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Comments
05 min	1. Welcome notes	Hugues	
25 min	2. Updates on the EORE AG	Hugues and Furat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New EORE AG MAA representatives • Acknowledgement of LMAC and Colombia OACP • End of term for HALO as co-chair • Opening the floor for nominations for the new co-chair elections
10 min	3. Progress report 2023 - 2024	Lubna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the key findings of the Progress report
5 min	Break		
15 min	4. 2025 – 2027 Workplan	Hugues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please find the Workplan here
10 min	5. IMAS and TNMA	Matt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a TNMA on EORE; what the MA Sector and NMAA can do to integrate CPP in their work • The review of IMAS 12.10
15 min	6. EORE/CPP task team updates	Colin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EORE/CPP Emergency Task Team
10 min	7. HI's CPP workshop	Sofia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief of HI's workshop in Belgium
10 min	AOB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFP Spiez course • Other topics or questions

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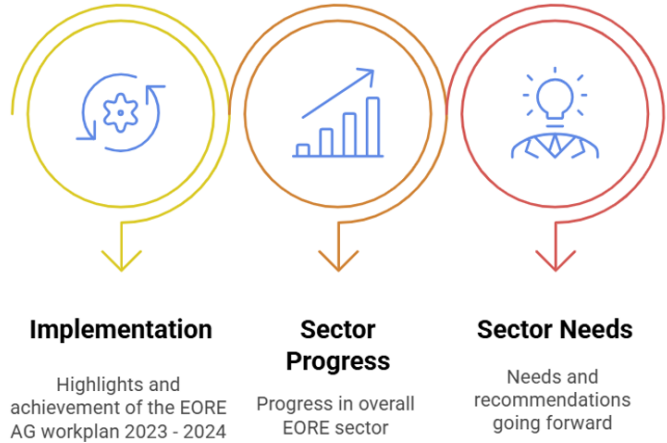
Progress Report
2023-2024


to be published soon

Where are we now?

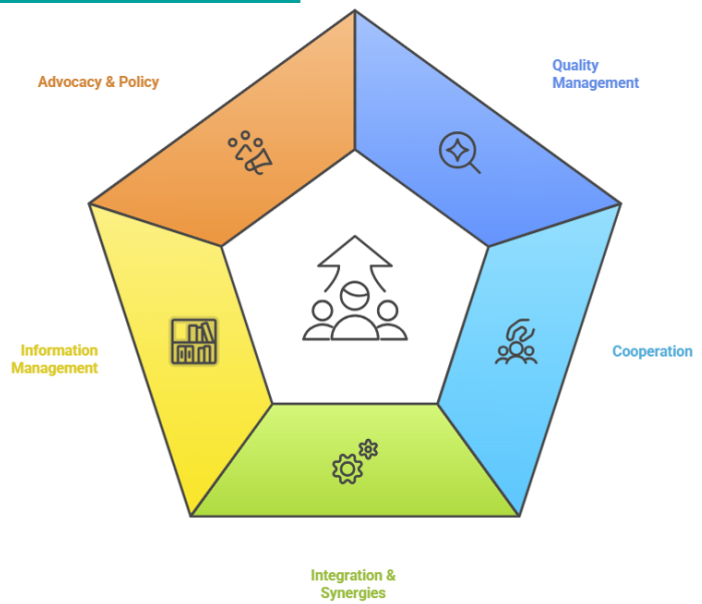


Structure of the report



Workplan 2023-2024

Progress and outcomes across all five thematic areas



Sector progress and outcomes



Stakeholder Engagement



Integration & Coordination



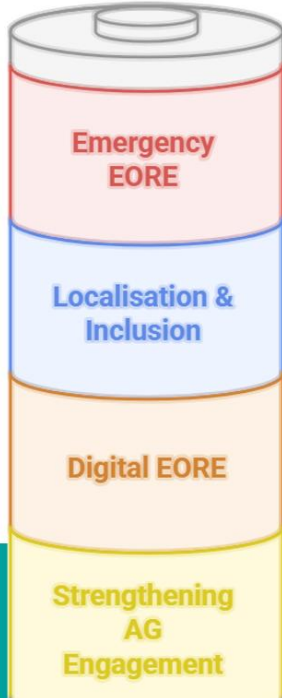
Perception & Practice



Resource Use & Standardisation



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Sector needs and recommendations

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Building on progress and moving forward



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