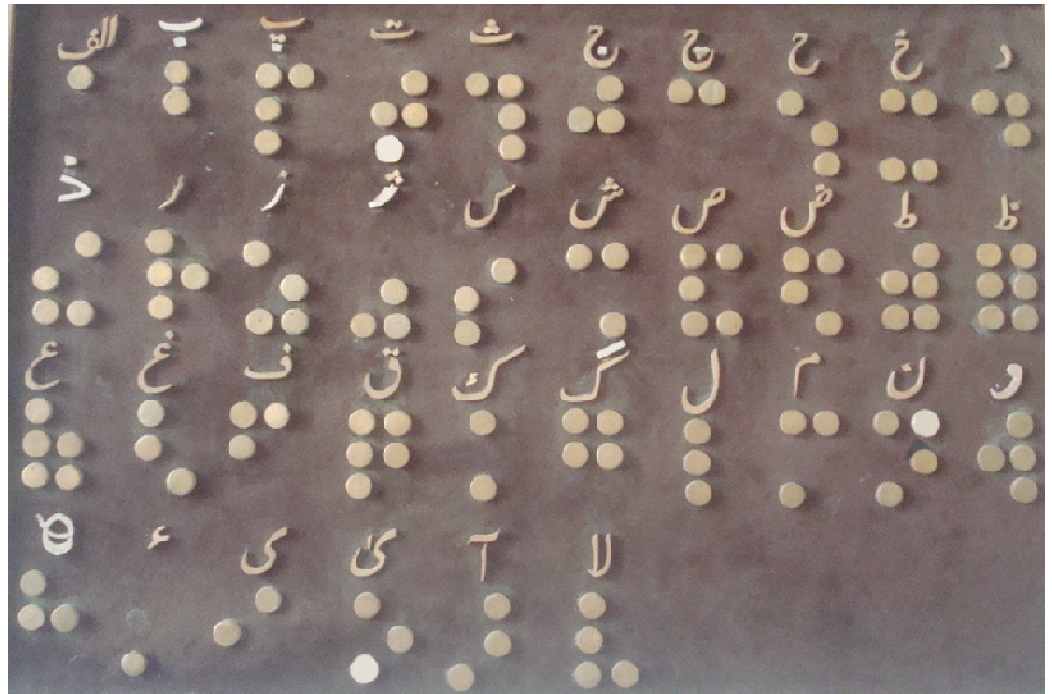


MACCA PROVIDES BRAILLE SCRIPT AND SIGN LANGUAGE TRAININGS TO SCHOOLS TEACHERS

For the first time Mine Action Coordination Center of Afghanistan (MACCA) conducted ten days trainings for 70 teachers on Braille script and sign language in Kabul city. The mentioned trainings were conducted by ANAD and SERVE organizations in Ayesha High School and the aim of these trainings were how the trained teachers bear with deaf and blind students in their schools, so they could have the rights to become literate such as other children.

At first it was thought that learning of sign language and Braille script will be very difficult for teachers to learn and they will not be interested in it, but at the end of the training it was realized that it is very easy and will be able to learn it in a very short time.



A Sample of Braille Script letters

The mentioned trainings were just introducing the elementary parts of Braille scripts and sign language, but it is proposed to continue such trainings for all teachers in the near future to learn it in a good way and share their lessons learnt with all other teachers as well.

At the end of the training teachers were evaluated and it showed that they were satisfied and happy about conducting of such trainings, and these trainings will build capacity of children with disability.

Getting awareness regarding ability of disabled people is very important step for their admission in schools and community so for the mentioned points conducting of such trainings are very necessary. In result of conducting these two trainings for more than 70 disabled children would be pave the way for a better learning.

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MACCA GOT ITS FIRST AWARD FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ESRI)

In July 2012 MACCA is announced as the winner of that award in San Diego, California. The GIS awards will further motivate MACCA especially its information management system section, to enhance their knowledge and career to serve for humanity and save lives by producing accurate and precise maps and reports about the active and completed hazardous areas all over Afghanistan.

Every year they organize the International User Conference (IUC) in San Diego, California. This year Mine Action Coordination Center of Afghanistan (MACCA) was one of the award winner nominees whose performance was matched with the ESRI standards and also MACCA used the GIS for such a great purpose which is saving life of humans and providing public safety as well as securing lands for infrastructure development.



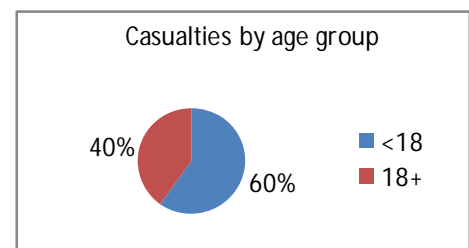
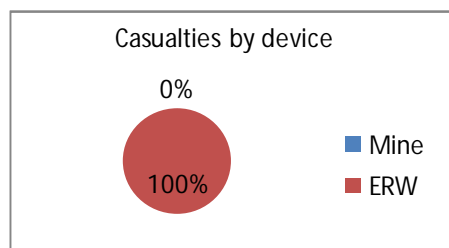
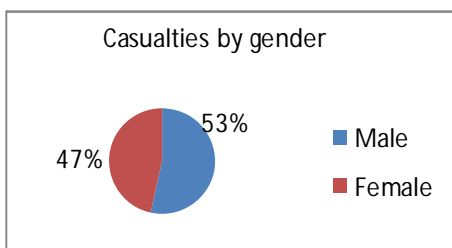
The ESRI Award Certificate

Mine Action Coordination Center of Afghanistan (MACCA) is proud to get its first award from the Environmental Survey Institute, which is a leading company in producing the GIS software and services worldwide.

Shamsullah YOUSUFZAI MACCA's IMSMA Section Head said, "This award reflect our hard work, that we are keen to do and it encourage us to keep it on and look forward to accomplish and received more awards. We are very pleased that we have received this important Award and really it was a team effort that illustrates our commitment to achieve our organization goal. I am very happy that MACCA stood among 100,000 companies around the globe and finally Afghanistan came under the consideration."

CASUALTIES IN NOVEMBER 2012

In **November 2012**, there were 15 casualties due to ERW recorded in Afghanistan (data as of November 2012).



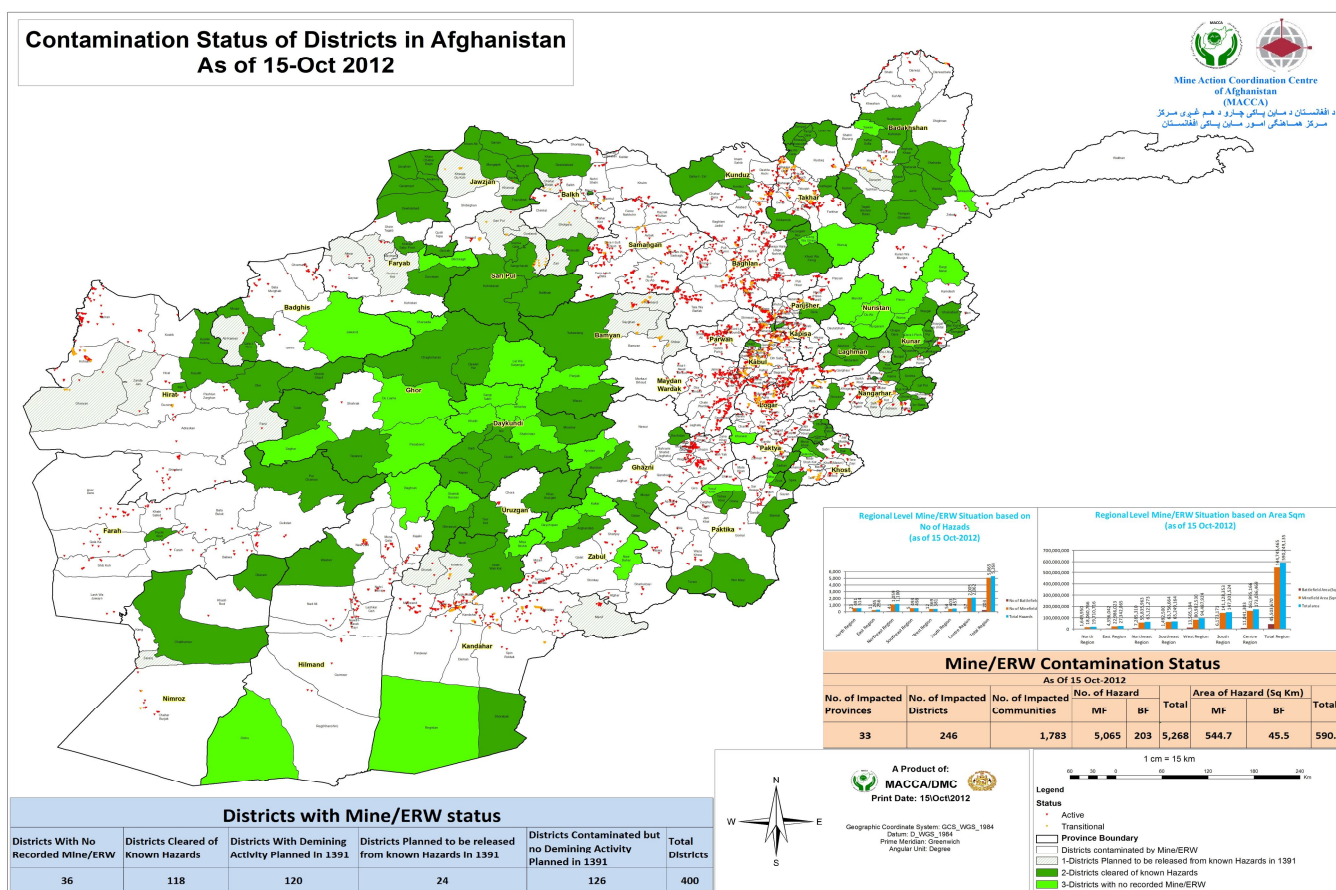
MINE ACTION BENCHMARKS IN AFGHANISTAN

Ottawa Convention:

As part of its obligations under the Ottawa Convention, Afghanistan aimed to clear all emplaced anti-personnel (AP) mines by 2013; destroy all known AP mine stockpiles by 2007; provide mine risk education and assist mine survivors. To note, the Ottawa Convention is about the removal of AP mines, and not of anti-tank (AT) mines or ERW. However it is equally important to ensure that the other hazards are not forgotten whilst the focus is on meeting the Ottawa Convention obligations. In March 2012, the Government of Afghanistan applied for 10-year extension of its deadline to clear all AP mines by 2023. All AP mine stockpiles have already been destroyed.

BENCHMARK TABLE - NOVEMBER 2012

	Baseline		New Hazard		Hazard Processed		Progress		Remaining Hazard	
	Hazards	Area	Hazards	Area	Hazards	Area	% of Haz-ards	% of Area	Hazards	Area
(AP,AT ,ERW mixed)	9,136	722,801,342	64	1,909,311	5,516	443,749,209	60.38	61.39	3,620	279,052,133
AT + ERW	5,037	634,663,412	32	3,581,553	3,715	372,117,231	73.75	58.63	1,322	262,546,181
Total	14,173	1,357,464,754	96	5,490,864	9,231	815,866,440	65.13	60.10	4,942	541,598,314



MINE ACTION ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 1391 SO FAR (NOVEMBER 2012)

- * 20,238 AP mines, 1,735 AT mines, and 590,542 ERW destroyed.
- * 224 communities cleared of mines and ERW.
- * 174,381 women and girls and 207,984 men and boys received MRE throughout the country.

