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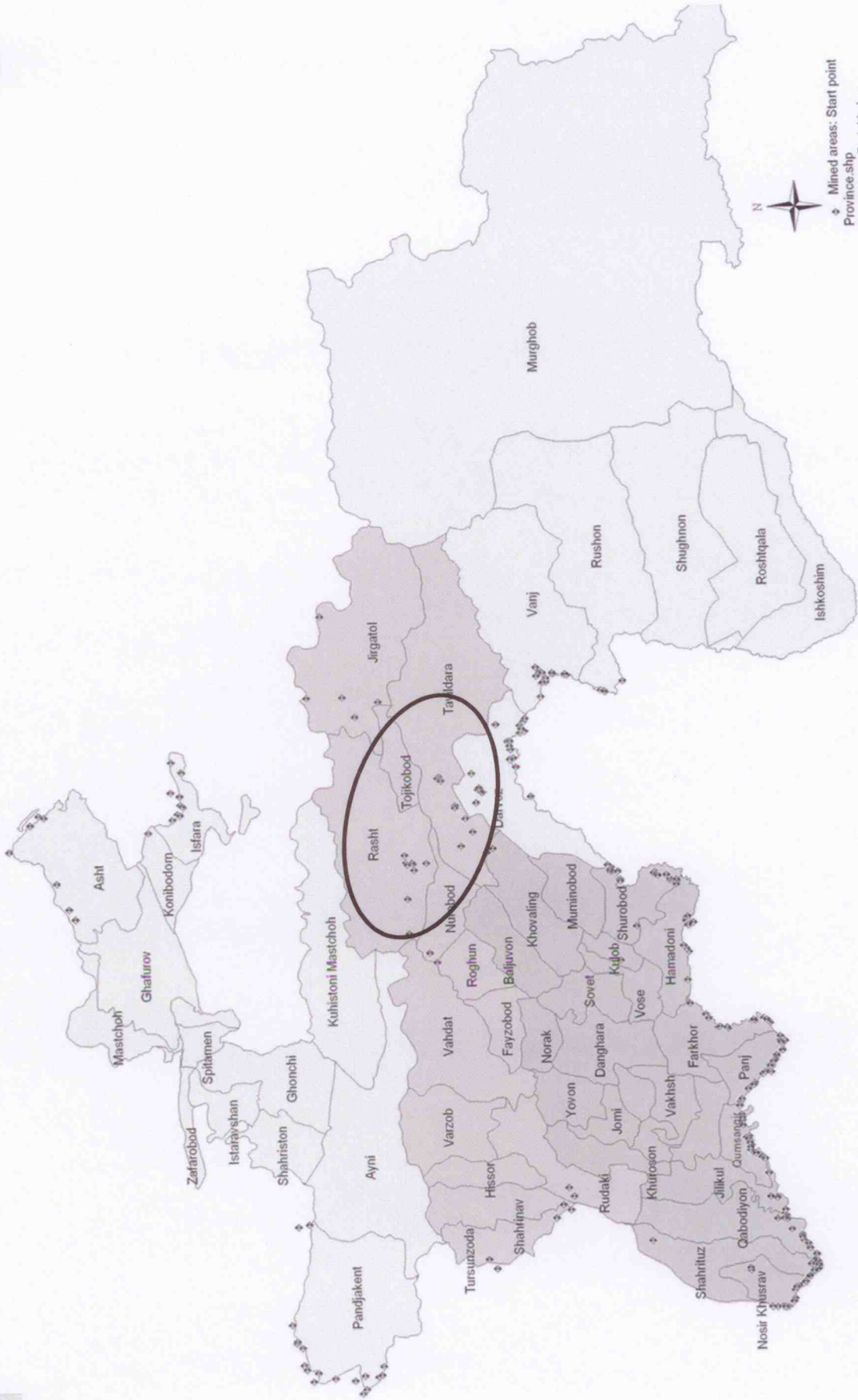
TAJIKISTAN

Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)

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Mined areas map of Tajikistan

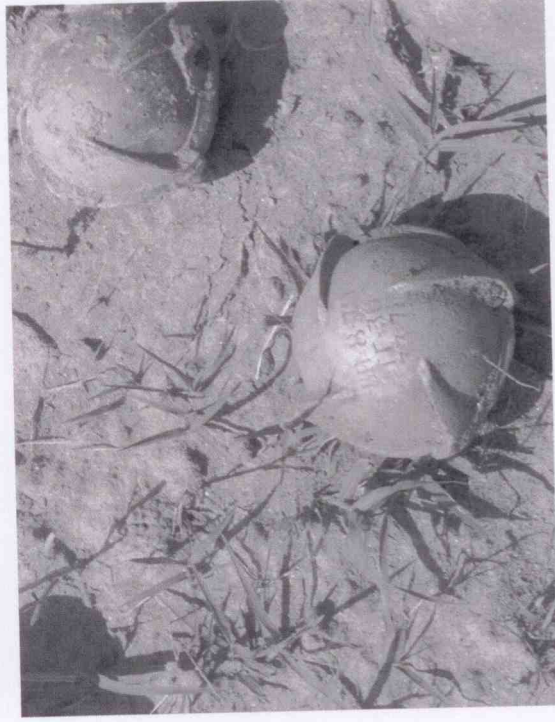
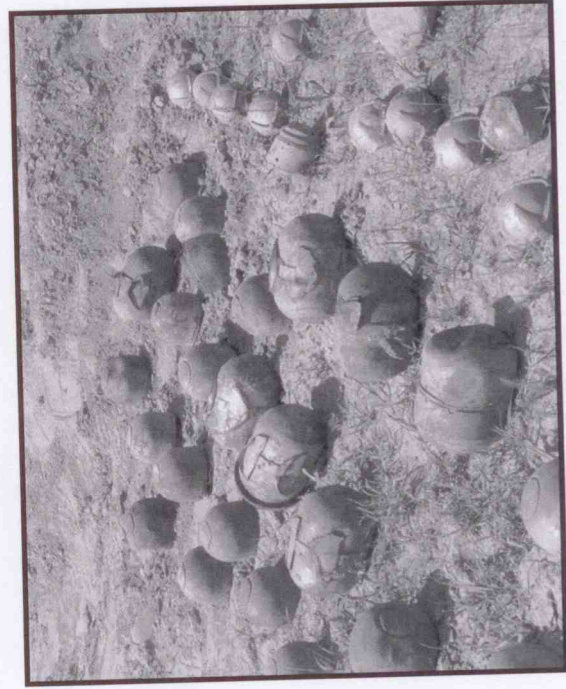


Cluster Munitions Problem in Tajikistan

- Tajikistan never used, produced and has no stockpiles of Cluster Munitions
- Even if Tajikistan is not yet a State Party of the Convention, in fact it is fulfilling all obligation under the Convention for today.
- Tajikistan Mine Action Center does not discriminate landmines and cluster munitions during the landmine clearance operations, Mine Risk Education and the Victim Assistants Program.

Mine Clearance operations

- Cluster bombs destroyed - 2 (503)
- Cleared land - 336,000 m²



Victim Assistance

- emergency and continuing medical care
- physical and functional rehabilitation
- psychological and psychosocial support
- social and economic inclusion
- data collection
- laws and policies



Awareness Raising Activities

- Advocacy meetings



Mine Risk Education

Activities:

- MRE Trainings, workshops, round tables
- Construction safety playgrounds in schools.

MRE Regional Focal Points:

- Local Governments, Authorities, Communities Members, Volunteers, Teachers.

MRE Partners:

- ICRC, RCST, HI, MoE, CoES, Community Women Councils, Mass Media



Status of the CCM in Tajikistan

- Tajikistan has actively participated in Oslo Process and endorsed the Wellington Declaration
- The issue of joining to the Convention is still under the consideration of the Tajikistan Government.
- Tajikistan is ready to provide voluntary Article 7 report on the CCM.



Thank you for your attention

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Slide 1 Dear President, Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, let me thank the organizers of this important international conference for the invitation to take part in it and wish all the participants, successes in their further activities related to prohibition of cluster munitions. I would like to state that Tajikistan supports the efforts of the international community to combat cluster munitions that create serious consequences.

Slide 2. Tajikistan has already reported that its population suffers from this type of munitions. Cluster munitions have been used during the internal armed conflict and, unfortunately, these remnants of war still continue to harm

people. As you can see on slide they are mainly scattered in the central region on Tajikistan.

Slide 3. As you know Tajikistan is the Cluster Munitions affected country. Tajikistan never used, produced and has no stockpiles of Cluster Munitions. But, unfortunately Tajikistan has the areas that are affected by Cluster Munition and the Cluster Munition survivors.

Dear participants of the Conference, I would like to inform you that even if Tajikistan is not a State Party of the Convention, in fact it is fulfilling all obligations under the Convention for today.

Tajikistan Mine Action Center do not discriminate landmines and cluster

munitions during the landmine clearance operations, Mine Risk Education and the Victim Assistants Program

Slide 4. Within the framework of Mine Action programme, an effective and productive work against cluster munitions is being conducted in Tajikistan. Thus, during the period between 1992 up to now, in the process of demining operations, 503 cluster munitions have been found and destroyed.

Slide 5. As mentioned, many people have suffered from the explosion of cluster munitions in Tajikistan. Based on available data, about 200 people got injuries and died from these munitions. Those who suffered from these

munitions have received medical care, physical rehabilitation and received pensions if they receive a level of disability. In addition, they receive assistance from TMAC VA Programmer. They participate in summer rehabilitation camps; receive support for economical rehabilitation and integration, actively participating in advocacy and promotion of Convention prohibition of cluster munitions and convention on the right of disabled persons. The Government of Tajikistan is taking necessary measures on social protection of the people suffer from munitions as well as on the legislation and the executive levels. But there is still

needs for international cooperation regarding this issue.

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Even if Tajikistan has not signatory to the CCM, The Government of Tajikistan together with the TCBL and the Civil Society organizations and diplomatic corps marked the Second anniversary of Entry into Force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 1st of August.

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MRE educates community members in 5 central districts affected by civil war and internal conflicts with cluster bombs risk education.

Generally subject of cluster munitions are always included into the program

agendas of all MRE activities among 24 districts.

The safety behavior messages on prevention cluster munitions hazards are described in educational materials, case studies, etc.

MRE Volunteers and MRE Teachers have gained sufficient skills on dissemination safety behavior against cluster munitions.

Most of explanatory works have been done among rural schoolchildren and communities members.

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I would like to state again that Tajikistan never used, produced or stockpiled Cluster Munitions, but is the mine

affected country with the hundreds of Cluster Munitions Survivors. Tajikistan is supporting all principals of the Convention and has actively participated in Oslo Process and endorsed the Wellington Declaration.

In spite of this Tajikistan is ready to provide voluntary Article 7 report on the CCM.

Slide 9. In the end, taken the opportunity I would like to thank all the donor countries: The Germany, Canada, Norway, USA, Japan, Belgium, France, Australia , United Kingdom (UK-u-key), and international organizations such as the (UNDP), (OSCE), (ICRC), (FSD), (NPA), which have helped Tajikistan in implementation of mine action

programme where the problems related to cluster munitions are considered as high priority.

Tajikistan supports an appeal to put an end to the human sufferings generated by cluster munitions... Thank you very much!