

# Post-War Ammunition Stockpile Recovery

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*Blasting for construction*



*Mine & UXO clearance*



*Demolition*

# Post-War Reconstruction

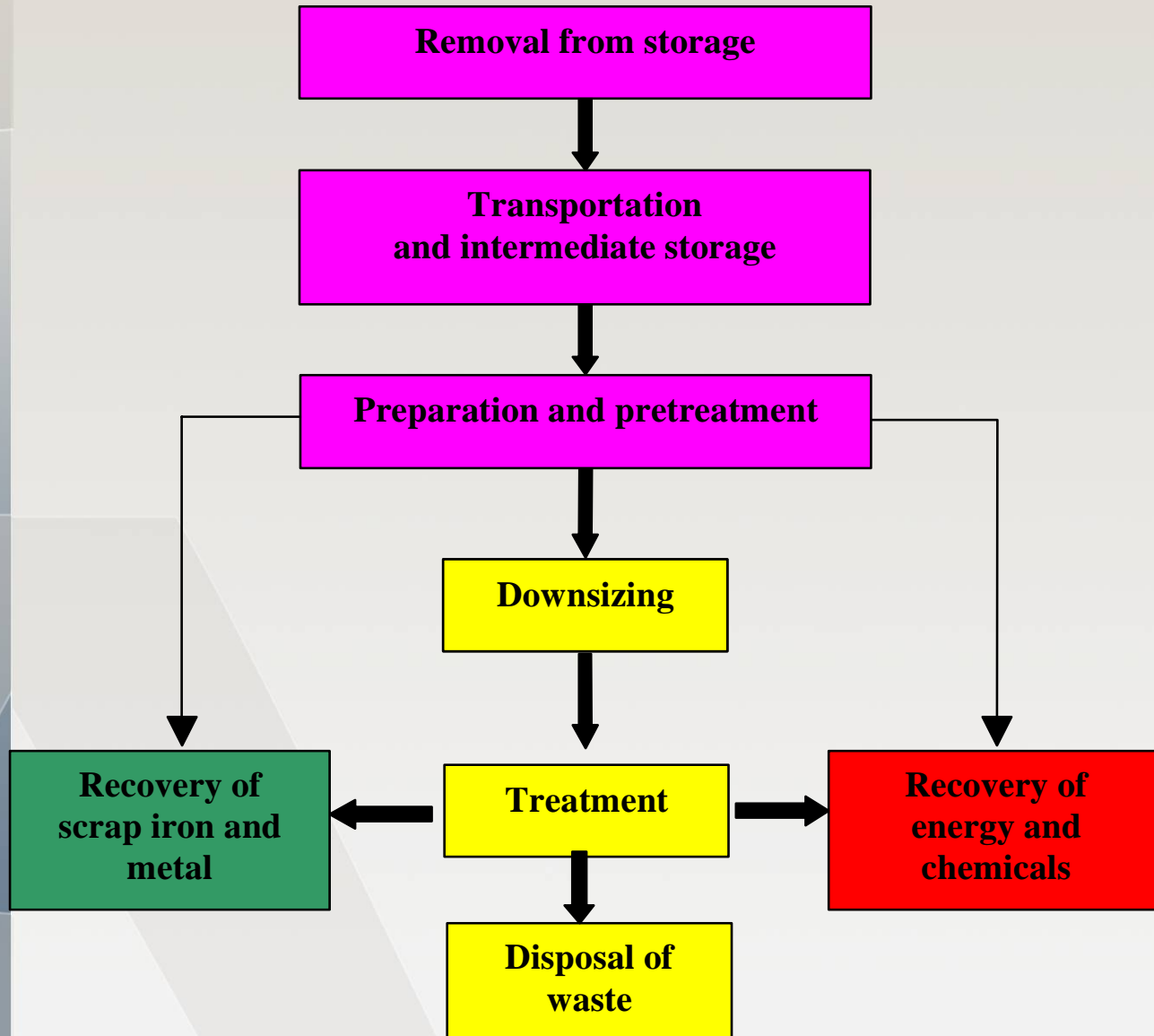
- Lebanon
- Bosnia
- Kosovo
- Iraq
- Afghanistan



## Agenda for ammunition stockpile disposal

- Excess stocks of military ammunition resulting from the ending of crises / conflicts
- Mines and UXO remaining from military activities
- Illegal use of explosives, e.g. IEDs
- Safety and security
- Pollution of the environment, e.g. by OB/OD
- Lack of capacity to deal with the problem

# Principles of demilitarization and ammunition disposal





# Mobile ammunition disposal plant

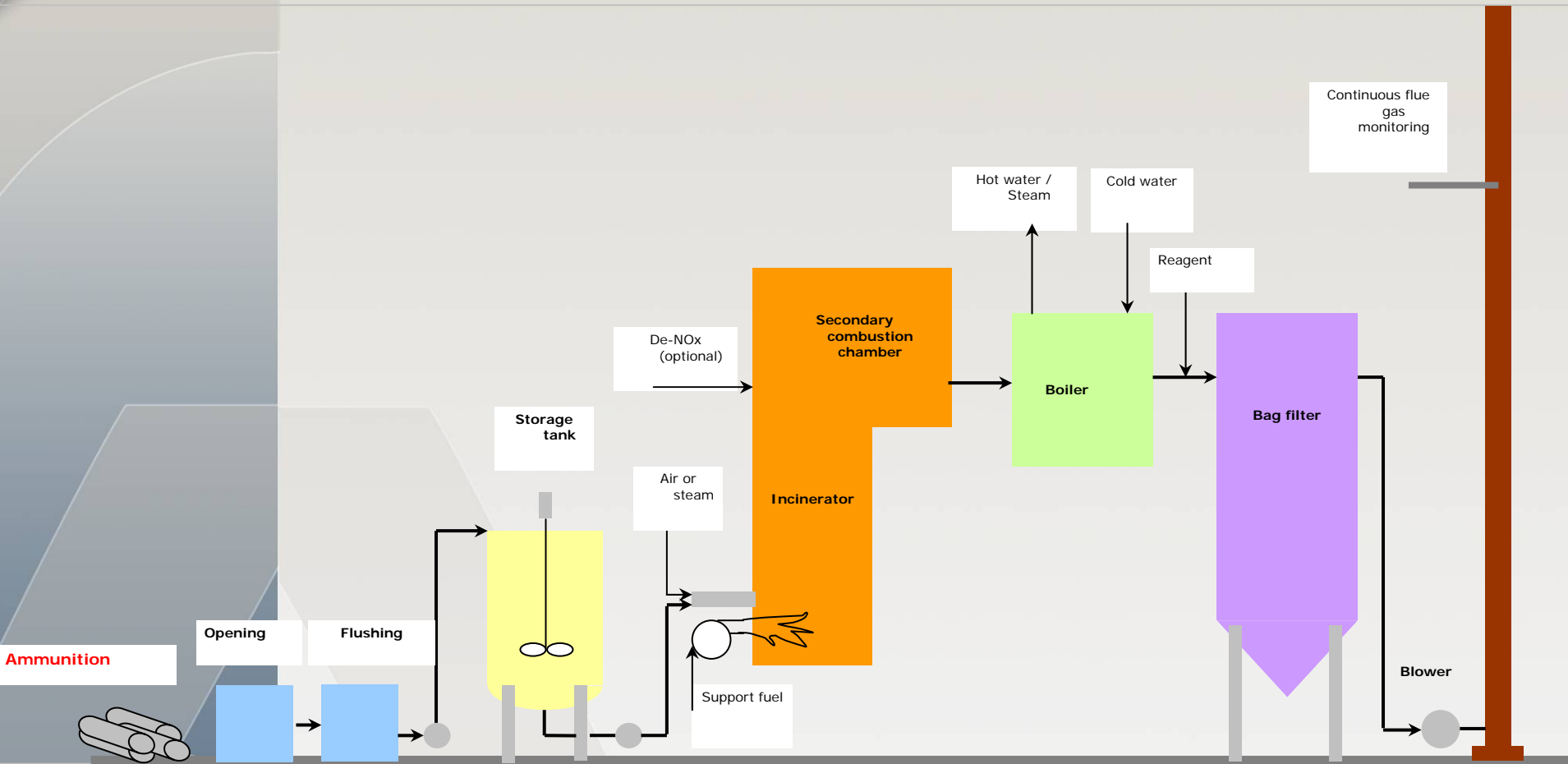


**Mobile incineration plant for hazardous waste,  
designed by NIRAS Chemcontrol**

# Mobile ammunition disposal plant Design

- Overall layout in accordance to the logistic management of ammunition stocks
- Opening ammunition and extraction of explosive material
- Preparation of explosive/water mixture
- Incineration process in accordance to European criteria for incineration of hazardous waste (2 seconds at 1,100 C/2,012F)
- Energy recovery (heating / electricity)
- Flue-gas cleaning, removal NO<sub>x</sub> etc. in accordance to EU requirements
- Control system including mechanical safety measures

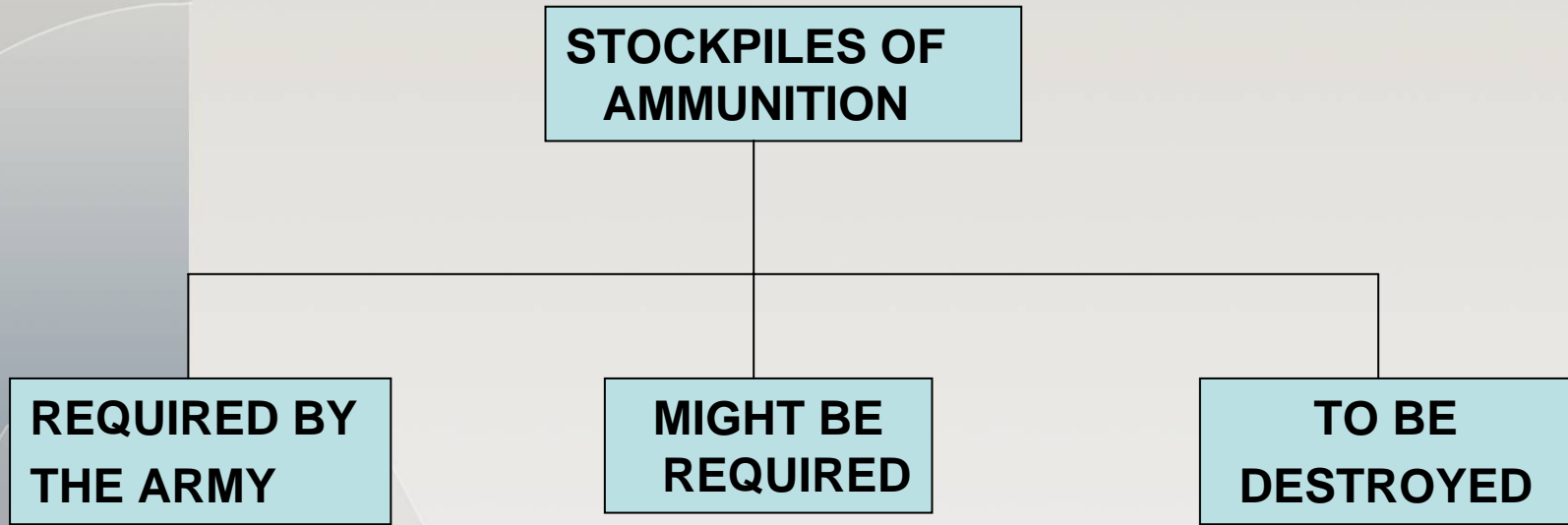
# Mobile ammunition disposal plant Planned Project



# Ammunition stockpile destruction program in Afghanistan

- Status January 2006: 50,000 – 100,000 t total abandoned ammunition stocks to be handled
- Afghanistan New Beginning Program (ANBP)
- Demobilization, Demilitarization, Reintegration (DDR)
- Disbandment of Irregular Armed Groups (DIAG)
- Cooperation between UN, International Stability Forces (ISAF), NATO and Afghanistan Army
- Donors: US, EU and Canada and others

# Ammunition stockpile destruction program in Afghanistan



- **SAFE TO MOVE OR UNSAFE/DANGEROUS**
- **TRANSPORT TO TEMPORARY/PERMANENT AMMUNITION STORAGE POINT**
- **DESTRUCTION BY OB/OD OR INDUSTRIAL DEMILITARISATION**





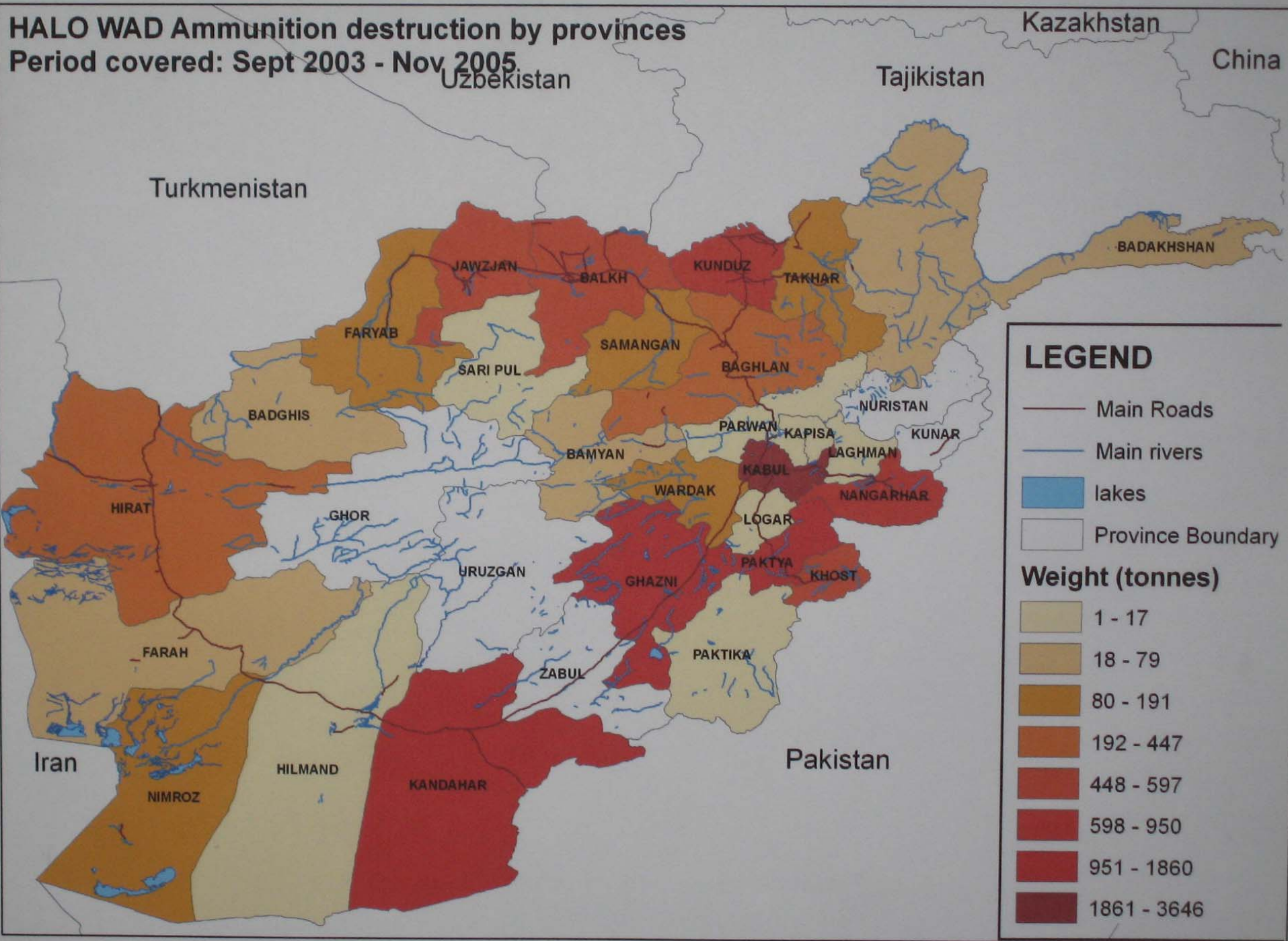






# HALO WAD Ammunition destruction by provinces

Period covered: Sept 2003 - Nov 2005



## New Strategy

- Change of disposal methods
- Stop OB/OD as disposal routines
- Industrial DEMIL in accordance to the Best Available Technologies Not Entailing Excessive Cost (BATNEC)
- Organizing collection and sale of scrap metal **(NB!)**
- Education
- Information
- Training
- Capacity building

## Summary and conclusions

- Stockpiles of ammunitions in post-war must be handled in a quick, safe and environmental acceptable manner
- Technologies for industrial demilitarization of ammunition are available
- Information, education and training is mandatory
- Donors must encourage all stakeholders, incl. NGO's, contractors, local army, local authorities to optimize the demilitarization processes
- Demilitarization of ammunition must be prioritized in post-war reconstruction

**Thank you for your attention!**

