



# **NGO's and HMA**

**IEDs and HMA: Meeting the  
changing threat**



## **NGOs and CIED Operations**

### **The nature of the changing threat**

- Iraq and Syria have experienced massive use of IEDs by IS.
- Militaries, generally cannot and will not clear IEDs in civilian communities outside requirements of military operations.
- Out of necessity, Contractors and NGOs are filling the gap, eliminating IEDs threatening infrastructure and preventing people from resuming normal lives.



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### **The nature of the changing threat**

- Lack of clear standards for training, equipping, operations, and land release, hinder operations and enable a confusing variety of approaches, by a wide spectrum of NGOs.
- NGOs on this spectrum range from highly specialized, expert Explosive Ordnance Disposal training and technology organizations, to collections of well-meaning, but poorly trained people, essentially doing OJT in a lethal environment.



## **NGOs and CIED Operations - Recommendations -**

- Development of international standards for CIED operations for NGOs or Contractors, similar to IMAS and IATG.
- International standards should address: Coordination for CIED, Training for CIED operations, Equipping for CIED operations, SOP development for CIED operations, and consideration of land hand-over and liability issues