NGO’s and HMA

IEDs and HMA: Meeting 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.
NGOs and CIED Operations
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.
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- 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