The Republic of Iraq is one of the most severely afflicted countries in terms of landmine and unexploded ordnance (UXO) due to an amalgamation of a long history of wars and recent planting of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) by ISIS.

This level of explosive hazard contamination led to increased levels of mobility impairment among segments of the civilian population, placing the Iraqi people in an untenable situation.

Source: Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor

**Third Party Monitoring of ERW Clearance in Iraq**

The purpose of the Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) project is to monitor and verify US-funded activities in Iraq at regularly scheduled intervals to confirm the accuracy of Implementing Partners’ (IPs’) reports submitted to PM/WRA, as well as IPs compliance with the terms and conditions of their respective agreements or contracts.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance verifications of PM/WRA’s IPs’ reported activities and achievements, and increase the understanding of the social and economic benefits of PM/WRA-funded programs.

**Project Duration:** 3 Years
**Donor:** US Department of State, Office for Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)
**Current project:** Third Party Monitoring for ERW Clearance in Iraq
**Project budget:** USD 800,000
**Partners supported:** 6

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Project approach

TPM Approach and Technical Design:

The TPM Team has developed the TPM methodology framework with well-developed questionnaires, performance indicators, reporting tools, and communication channels with IPs and other stakeholders. The TPM methodology and framework are in line with the guidelines defined in the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).

The TPM methodology includes quarterly visits to IPs’ task sites to closely monitor, verify and evaluate the IPs' processes, products, and enhanced authentication of the quality, safety, and environmental management systems as well as the adherence to international and national standards in Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) Programs.

Overview of 2019 Activities

The TPM has gradually and significantly raised the capacity of the national staff to effectively and efficiently conduct their tasks, especially in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). The newly rebuilt TPM dashboard has shown the increased efficiency and effectiveness of the TPM processes and reduced the errors on the data entry to a minimum.

Assessment: Conducting community surveys to assess the immediate outcomes of the IPs CWD activities. IPs activities include Mine Risk Education (MRE), survey and clearance of agriculture and pasture land, as well as restoration and development of critical infrastructure.

Assessing the activities conducted by the IPs, for relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, and attentiveness, as well as quality and sustainability of the programs.

PM/WRA’s CWD IPs and Third-Party Monitoring:

PM/WRA has been one of the significant contributors to funding and supporting mine action programs in Iraq with current six implementing partners (IPs) undertaking CWD programs in the country. In addition, PM/WRA contracted iMMAP as the Third-Party Monitoring organization for these projects to monitor and verify the IPs activities started on the 1st of March, 2018 with the aim of enhancing transparency and accountability.

Implementing Partners:

- Danish Demining Group (DDG)
- Mine Advisory Group (MAG)
- Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA)
- Spirit of Soccer (SoS)
- Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD)
- Tetra Tech