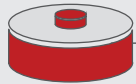


Coordination Support to Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Actors



The conflict in Syria has not only led to a major refugee and Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) crisis, but has also seen the use of cluster munitions, chemical weapons, anti-personnel mines, anti-tank mines and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), with the death toll since the start of the war to be as high as 511,000 as of March 2018, according to Human Rights Watch.



According to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), it is estimated that **6.3 million people** are currently living in areas, which have been **affected by** incidents involving **explosive hazards**.



Coordination Support to HMA Actors in North East Syria



UNMAS is the lead agency of the Mine Action Sub Cluster for the Whole of Syria. While UNMAS is engaging directly to increase dialogue between humanitarian and stabilization actors for the northeast Syria response, there is an increasing need for on-the-ground support for Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) coordination in northeast Syria.



The HMA project delivers capacity building and provides direct support to actors collecting, analyzing, and reporting mine action data. In addition to improving the HMA common operating picture in Syria through continued technical support for the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) and Humanitarian Access and Risk Mitigation (HARM) software, the project aims at increasing the effectiveness of HMA activities in the region to improve coordination between all HMA stakeholders (NGOs, national authorities, international agencies, and the UN).

Project duration:
Since 2017

Donor: **US Department of State, Office for Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)**

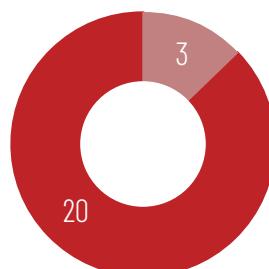
Current project:
Coordination Support to Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Actors

Project budget:
USD 1,184,395

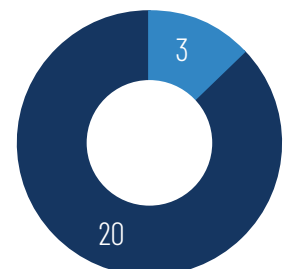
Partners supported: **8**

23
Number of staff

Women
Men



National
International



Project Deliverables

Information Management Support:



Training:

Provision of training in northeast Syria and Erbil to sub-cluster members.

60 HMA partners staff trained



Technical Support:

Provision of technical IM support to the Mine Action Sub-Cluster (MASC) in mobile data collection, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and reporting and data visualization. iMAP also supports change management in organizations that need assistance to adapt their systems, tools, and staff appropriately to accommodate information management standards.



Integration Support:

Supporting and promoting the integration of risk education with other sectors, as well as data collection into other sectoral surveys and databases.

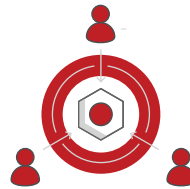
These resources include casualty and hazard reporting, and integration with other databases when needed.



Analysis:

Analyzing contamination, planned clearance activities, partner capacity mapping, and other assessments regularly to provide key information to the MASC lead at the Whole of Syria level and HMA NGOs through the northeast Syria NGO forum. iMAP supports the dissemination of products and maps to partner NGOs.

Coordination Support:



iMAP facilitates MASC meetings, acts as the sub-cluster representative, coordinates HMA actors, and promotes HMA standards in northeast Syria. Information and analysis are provided when required.

Sectors Supported



Mine Action
Sub-Cluster



Protection

Partners

UNMAS: UNMAS Syria Response established the Mine Action Sub Cluster (MASC) under the framework of Whole of Syria (WoS) in 2015. As a result, mine action is fully integrated into the humanitarian response, recognized by relevant stakeholders, and has become an essential part of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Syria. Establishing mine action as an integral part of the humanitarian emergency response in Syria is essential to ensuring that the threat of explosive hazards is mitigated and that the sector positively contributes to peace sustainment efforts.

MASC: Mine Action Sub-Cluster has 27 active members. The MASC's activities include surveys, risk education, clearance, and victim assistance.