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 a prolific use of cluster munitions, chemical weapons, anti-personnel mines, anti-tank mines and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), with the death toll estimated in February 2016 at **470,000 deaths and 1.9 million people wounded.**

According to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), it is estimated that **10.2 million people** are currently living in areas, which have been affected by incidents involving explosive hazards.

Coordination Support to HMA Actors in Northeast Syria

UNMAS is the lead of the Mine Action Sub Cluster for the Whole of Syria and has active coordination hubs in Gaziantep and Amman. While UNMAS is engaging directly to increase dialogue between Humanitarian and stabilization actors for the northeast Syria response, there is an increasing requirement for on-the-ground support for HMA coordination in northeast Syria.

The HMA project provides information management (IM) support through capacity building and by providing direct support to collecting, analyzing, and reporting on mine action data. In addition to improving the HMA common operating picture in Syria through the continued technical support from the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA), and the humanitarian access and risk mitigation (HARM) software, the project aims to increase the effectiveness of HMA activities in the region to improve coordination between all HMA stakeholders amongst NGOs, national authorities and international agencies.

**Number of staff**

- **23**
  - Women: 3
  - Men: 20

- **National**
- **International**

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Partners

UNMAS: UNMAS Syria Response established the Mine Action Sub-Cluster (MASC) under the Whole of Syria (WoS) framework in late 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 ensure that the threat of explosive hazards is mitigated and that the sector positively contributes to peace sustainment efforts.

Mine Action Sub-Cluster (MASC):
With 27 active members, the MASC’s activities include surveys, risk education, clearance and victim assistance.

Coordination Support:
iMMAP facilitates regular meetings of the MASC, acts as the sub-cluster representative, coordinates HMA actors, and promotes HMA standards in northeast Syria. Information and analysis is provided when required.

Integration Support:
Supporting 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:
Conducting analysis of contamination, planned clearance activities, partner capacity mapping, and other analysis on a regular basis to provide key information to the MASC lead at the Whole of Syria level and to HMA NGOs through the northeast Syria NGO forum. iMMAP supports the dissemination of products and maps to partner NGOs.

Coverage by clusters/sectors

Partners

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Mine Action Sub-Cluster, Protection

Number of partners supported in the clusters: 10

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Agriculture  Coordination  Cluster Intersect
Health
Mine Action
sub cluster
Protection
Shelter