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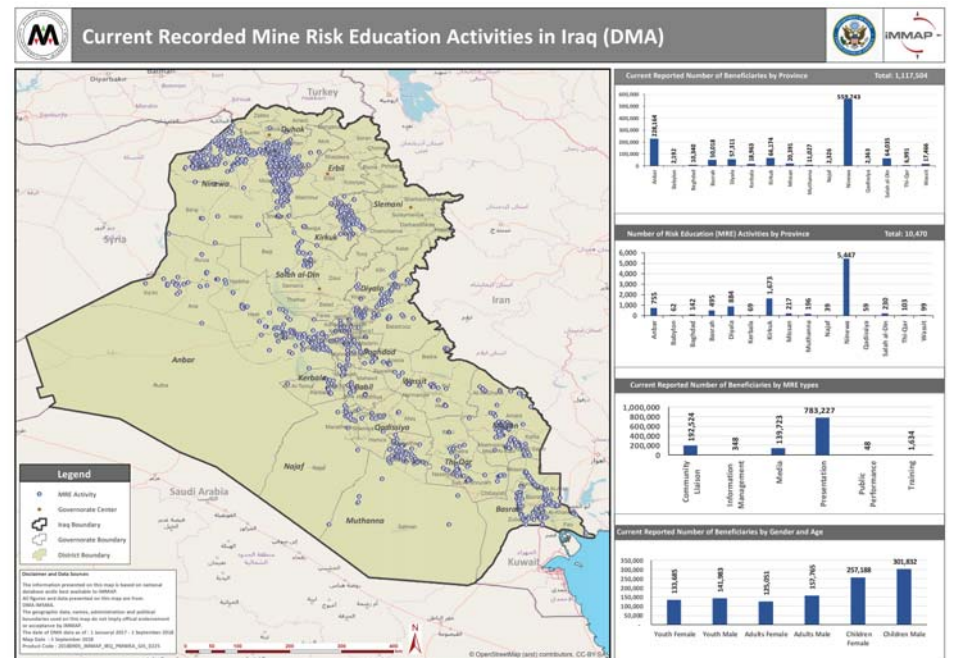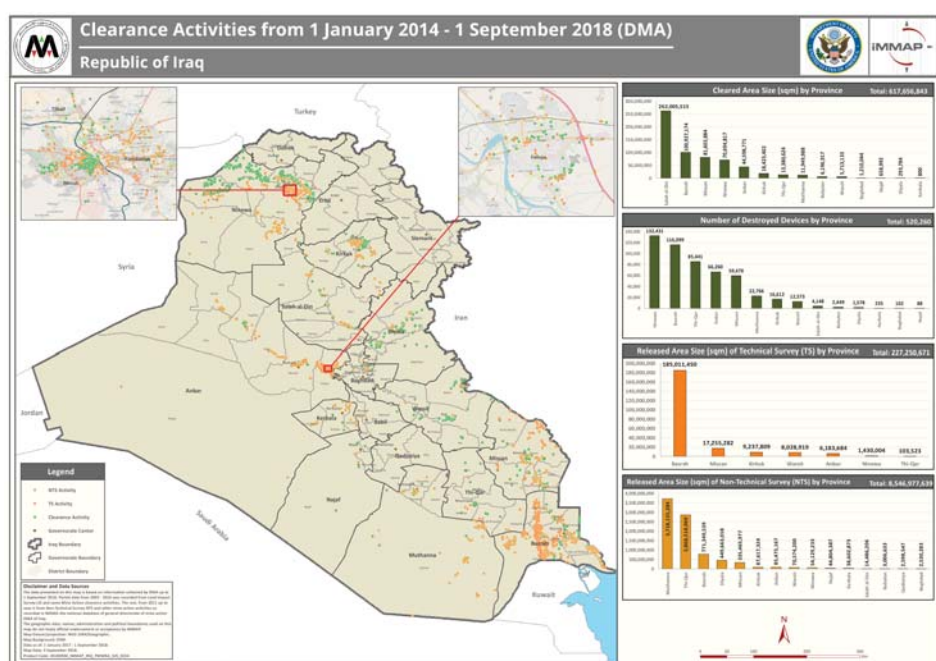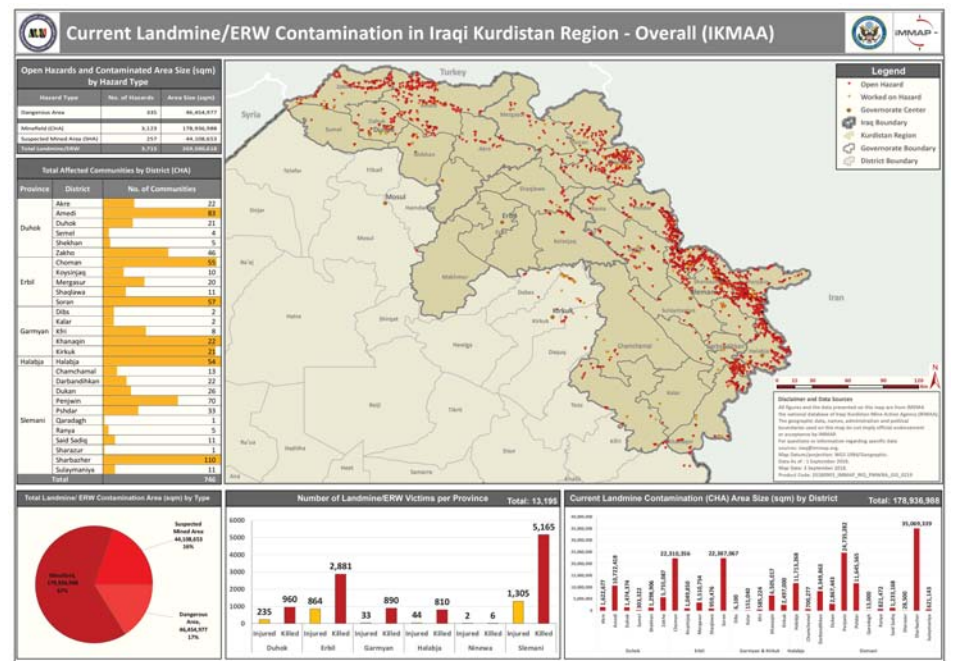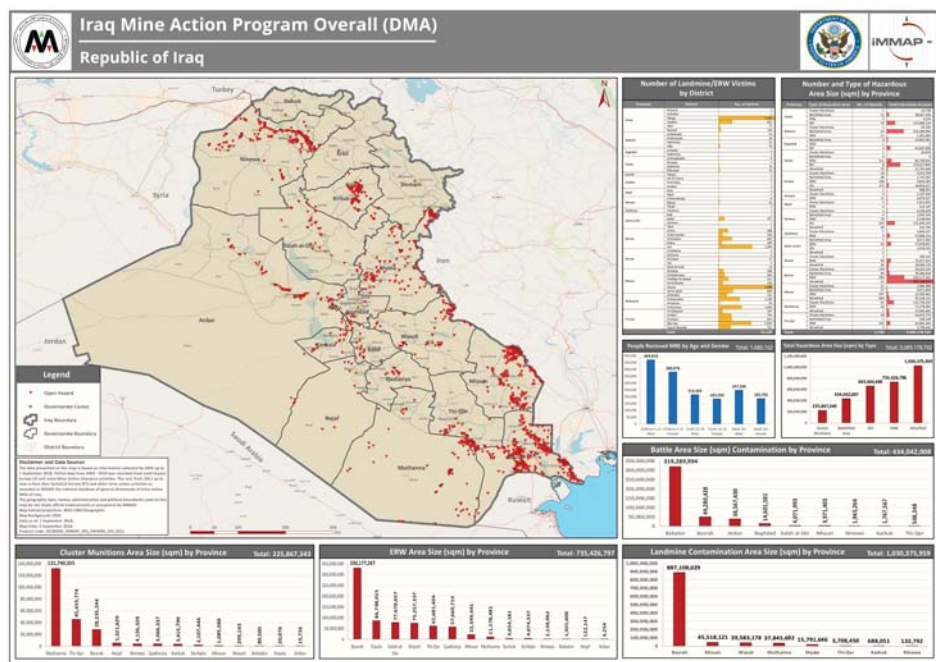
iMMAP provides continued nationwide information management support to Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) stakeholders within Iraq for coordination and capacity building for information management (IM) staff in the National Mine Action Authorities' regional offices located in Basrah, Baghdad, Mosul, and Erbil. iMMAP maintains and supports the joint operations room (JOR) between IKMAA and DMA for areas liberated from ISIL, under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between DMA, IKMAA, and iMMAP. The MoU was suspended following the absorption of the so-called Gray Area into DMA's, but on request of DMA, two districts (Hamdaniya and Tel Kaif) have been reactivated under the MoU.
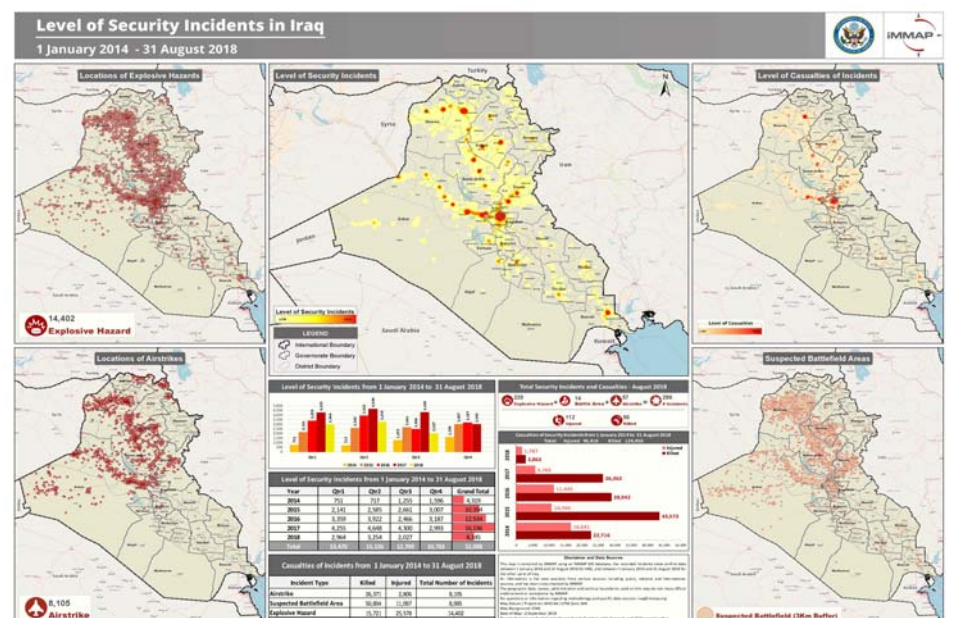
iMMAP further strives to improve the HMA common operating picture (COP) in Iraq through the continued technical support of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) deployments within DMA and IKMAA, as well as humanitarian access and risk mitigation (HARM) software; continued upgrading and bespoke customization of IM systems and tools to meet the Iraq HMA community and stakeholder requirements. A fundamental component of iMMAP's function in Iraq is to improve coordination between HMA stakeholders and the national authorities. iMMAP has been appointed by the Directorate of NGOs (DNGO) Director to act as the focal point between DMA, HMA (I)NGOs, DNGO and through the DNGO, the Prime Minister's Office.

Maps

Training and Capacity Building

iMMAP provides technical support to DMA, Regional Mine Action Center-South (RMAC-S) and IKMAA, helping to maintain and operate the IMSMA which is used as national HMA database for Iraq. iMMAP provides advance level IMSMA trainings, helping to ensure that the system is used properly to support national mine action priorities. In addition, iMMAP has worked to develop national and international staff GIS capacity to develop accurate maps and spatial analysis showing the extent and risks associated with ERW contamination in Iraq and the progress of HMA remediation efforts.

Training

iMMAP delivered a three-day training module on the advanced use of GPS in Mine Action, for two groups during 17-26 July 2018 at the DAWA Hotel, Slemaniya, Iraq. The purpose of the course was to build the capacity of IKMAA's new local staff in using the GPS devices in the field more efficiently, and avoid some reported mistakes related to the use of GPS. 28 Participants from IKMAA Slemaniya successfully participated and learned new skills!

Capacity building

A capacity building workshop conducted in Erbil iMMAP office during 15-19 July, aimed to improve the capability of decision makers (Head of sections) in DMA-Iraq, preparing them for practicing the regulation of (ISO -9001:2015) certification. The workshop also covered the topics of IM concepts, Data Analysis process, Reporting Skills and the basics of Crisis management in the Multi-type Organizations.

Better DATA
Improve data quality, collection and timeliness to stimulate sharing and coordination

Better DECISIONS
Analyze and visualize data to support better decision making

Better OUTCOMES
Maximize program outcomes and make a difference

iMMAP's services have facilitated informed and effective disaster risk management, emergency response, and development activities by enabling evidence-based decision-making for cluster/sector leads, critical NGO, and government operations. iMMAP's goal is to alleviate the suffering of victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts by providing the humanitarian community with a decision-making service through the provision of recent, reliable and appropriate geographical and strategic information.