

Humanitarian Mine Action Liaison between DNGO, DMA and NGOs in Iraq



Context



Armed conflict dating back to the 1980s up to the recent war with ISIS left Iraq riddled with explosive ordnance (EO). According to the Iraq National Mine Action Database (IMSMA), 3,223 sq km or close to 1% of its land is recorded as contaminated by explosive ordnance (EO). This severe EO contamination has resulted in over 45,000 casualties, with an additional 1,299,987 Iraqis displaced due to the armed conflict against ISIS.



The Iraqi government, through its network of humanitarian mine action (HMA) implementing partners (IPs) consisting of — national and international NGOs, commercial companies, UNMAS; with the support of the Ministry of Defense and Civil Defense, works to eliminate mines, cluster munitions and unexploded or abandoned ordnance to improve the lives of the vulnerable.

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

Presence in Iraq: Since 2003

Current project: Humanitarian Mine Action Liaison between DNGO, DMA

Project budget: USD 250,040

and NGOs in Iraq

Number of partners iMMAP currently supports: 46

iMMAP Iraq

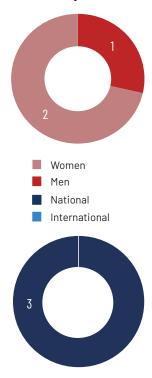


The primary objective of the project is to enhance Iraq's Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) program capacity by establishing collaboration channels between the Directorate of NGOs (DNGO) and the Directorate of Mine Action (DMA).

Furthermore, iMMAP aims to promote a better understanding of HMA stakeholders' capabilities, requirements, accomplishments, and risks involved in HMA activities; thereby supporting the sector's advocacy for clearance, risk education, victim assistance, and stockpile destruction activities in Iraq.

Personnel

Number of personnel: 3



Services



Coordination Support: iMMAP organizes regular coordination meetings with the Directorate of NGOs (DNGO), the Directorate of Mine Action (DMA) and HMA actors and ad-hoc participation from other sectors to communicate goals, priorities, and challenges of the HMA sector in Iraq.



Additionally, iMMAP maintains a coordination cell between the DNGO, DMA, and HMA actors' representatives, serving as a fast and reliable communication platform between key stakeholders.



Advocacy: iMMAP advocates for the achievements and impact of HMA activities within the broader government sphere by progressively involving different government agencies and ministries to create better strategic and planning conditions for mine action in Iraq.



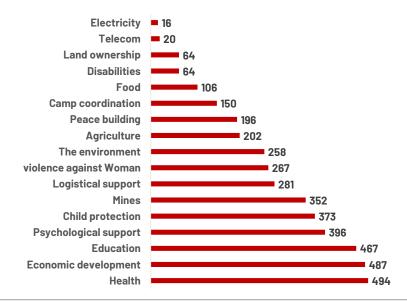
Capacity Development: iMMAP aims to strengthen DNGO's coordination and collaboration capacity, through information sharing, technical advice as well as dedicated personnel training on best practices and solutions to coordination.

Tools



Online Access Letter System (ACLET): ACLET is a digital platform iMMAP developed for the Iraq Directorate of NGOs (DNGO) to improve communication and coordination between DNGO and its partners. ACLET facilitates movement authorization processes by shifting them onto an online system, through which movement requests can be tracked, managed, and processed without delays.

Clusters and activities supported by ACLET: 17



Access Letter System (ACLET) Statistics

As of 31 July 2021





Number of staff benefited from ACLET **44,548**







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