Humanitarian Access Response - Risk Mitigation Information Management Center (RMIMC)

Context

The vast scale and complexity of explosive ordnance (EO) contamination in the areas recently liberated from ISIS require a comprehensive explosive hazard management response. Returnees, humanitarian staff and national security forces are vulnerable to the deadly threat of EOs as a result of the war with ISIS. Groups of ISIS militants are still present in these areas, which pose a major threat to humanitarian operations.

(Source: iMMAP)

iMMAP Iraq

The RMIMC collected, analyzed, and reported explosive hazard incidents and security-related information, which facilitated coordination of humanitarian and security efforts as well as safe access for humanitarian organizations working in areas liberated from ISIS.

Main objectives of the project

The objective was to improve the accessibility in hard to reach locations, including areas regained from armed actors and newly accessible areas for humanitarian activities, provide risk information to affected communities about explosive hazards hampering movement while simultaneously improving the quality of information management and data visualization techniques of humanitarian organizations.

Donor: Iraq Humanitarian Fund (IHF)
Years of Presence in Iraq: 18 Years, since 2003
Current Project: Risk Mitigation Information Management Center
Project budget: USD 743,833
Number of partners iMMAP supported: 116

Personnel

Number of personnel: 12

Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes
Activities and Accomplishments

**Raising Risk Awareness:** iMMAP collaborated with Spirit of Soccer (SoS) to conduct safety awareness sessions for NGOs working in areas liberated from ISIS. The sessions were aimed at improving access to locations by humanitarian workers and protection of affected populations in areas at risk through increasing information sharing on hazard risks, safety, and security.

**Capacity Building:** iMMAP provided training sessions to NGOs on data collection, visualization methodologies and the use of mobile data collection tools. These tools were managed by iMMAP and used by humanitarian actors to improve data collection and data sharing by partners to avoid duplication of efforts and resources.

**COVID-19 Contingency Activities:** iMMAP continued capacity strengthening activities amid the COVID-19 lockdown by providing real-time remote training sessions for humanitarian actors on information management cell, data collection tools and methodologies, dashboard creation, and data visualization.

**Data Collection:** iMMAP collected data through reliable, open-source media research and the secondary data shared by mine action actors as a part of the information sharing agreement between iMMAP and the National Mine Action Authorities.

**Data Analysis:** iMMAP provided information collected on areas that had not yet been surveyed by humanitarian mine action actors, by utilizing advanced data analysis conducted through the latest satellite images and integrated desktop surveys.

**Information Sharing:** iMMAP provided regular IM situational maps, online real-time dashboards, snapshots, infographics, and situation reports on areas around the camps, humanitarian response locations, and routes frequently used by humanitarian actors, returnees and internally displaced people (IDPs).

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Products and activities

108 NGOs supported by RMIMC

397 Humanitarian workers trained

21 Training sessions

11 Awareness sessions

299 Information products