



Syria

Coordination Support to Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Actors in Northeast Syria



Context



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 at 470,000 deaths and 1.9 million people wounded in February 2016.

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.

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UNMAS is the lead of the Mine Action Sub-Cluster for the Whole of Syria (WoS) 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 (NES) response, there is an increasing requirement for on-the-ground support for HMA coordination in the region.



The iMMAP HMA project in NES provides coordination and information management (IM) support to partners and other stakeholders by maintaining a platform for communication among the HMA practitioners, strengthening partnership with other working groups and providing input for advocacy to raise the profile of HMA in all humanitarian discussions related to NES. The project provides a comprehensive picture of the explosive hazard contamination and the progress of the intervention measures by processing data, sharing information and geographic information systems (GIS) products with all stakeholders to facilitate their safe delivery of humanitarian assistance to the region.

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

Years of presence in Syria: 5 Years, since 2017

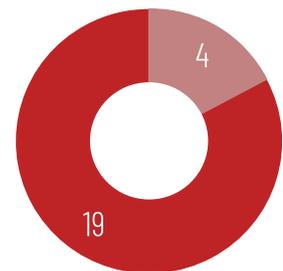
Current project: Coordination Support to Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) Actors

Project budget: USD 1,184,395

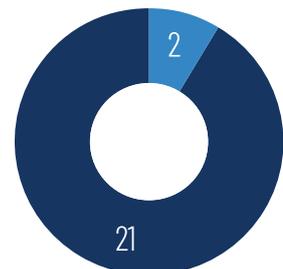
Number of partners iMMAP currently supports: 6

Personnel

Number of personnel: 23



- Women
- Men
- National
- International



Project Deliverables

Information Management Support:



Training: Providing training in both northeast Syria and Erbil to sub-cluster members.



Technical Support: Provision of technical IM support to the Mine Action Sub Working Group (MASWG) in mobile data collection, GIS, and reporting and data visualization. iMMAP also supports change management in organizations needing assistance to adapt their systems, tools, and staff.



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 MASWG lead at the Whole of Syria level and HMA NGOs through the northeast Syria NGO forum. iMMAP supports the dissemination of products and maps to partner NGOs through training sessions that cover Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, communication tools, servers and database management, as well as standard reporting methods.

Coordination Support:



iMMAP promotes the exchange of information among partners by organizing regular MASWG meetings, acting as the bridge between the MASWG and the NGO Forum. iMMAP also contributes to the advocacy to support HMA activities, promotes HMA standards, and provides HMA analyses to stakeholders.

Partners



UNMAS: UNMAS Syria Response established the MASWG under the 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.

MASWG: With seven active members, the MASWG's activities include surveys, risk education, clearance and victim assistance.

Capacity Building



60

HMA partners staff members trained

Number of partners supported in the clusters: 6



Education



Shelter



Health



Protection



Food Security



Early Recovery



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Number of indirect partners supported:160

ReportHub coverage by clusters/sectors



Protection



Mine Action Sub Working Group