



Syria

Humanitarian Mine Action Response in Northeast Syria

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Services

Coordination, Data Systems, GIS, Data Visualization

Background

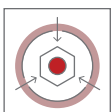


In the wake of the Arab spring protests that precipitated Syria into a civil war, Northeast Syria (NES) gained its de facto autonomy in 2012. Since, the region has been crippled by a multi sided conflicts involving various actors (the ISIS, Turkish Army, Syrian Democratic forces, International Coalition) that resulted in the extensive use of Explosive weapons.



To mitigate the impact of EO contamination in the area, HMA organizations started operating in NES in 2017. Four international organizations and one national organization currently provide clearance (respecting the land release process), EO Risk Education and victim assistance services in the area.

Objectives



The Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) response and Explosive Ordnance (EO) contamination knowledge is strengthened, coordinated, and the implementation of operations facilitated.



Clearance efforts in NES are prioritized on evidence-based information collected by 3iS and its partners.

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Focus:

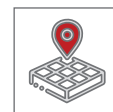
Syria, Northeast Syria, Al Hassakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Aleppo and Deir Ez-Zor Governorates

Project Duration:

- October 2022
March 2024

Number of Partners: 3

Key Facts



22 million square meters of contaminated areas (suspected or confirmed) by Explosive Ordnances are awaiting to be released
Equivalent to **3081** soccer fields in size.



An estimated total of **3046** recorded victims of Explosive Ordnance Explosions in NES.

3iS Services



In the absence of a UN-led coordination mechanism and strong local mine action authorities, 3iS has been leading the coordination for HMA activities since 2017, under the umbrella of the local NGO-Forum. As part of its action, 3iS has ensured coordination and communication between HMA actors, set up a centralized information management system supporting the assessment of gaps, ensuring a coordinated response and integration of mine action in other key humanitarian sectors.



3iS provided various in-depth analysis of the HMA response in NES and continues to issue on a monthly basis, analysis of activities carried out by the HMA partners. As of the 23rd of August 2022, reports show that 21 152 997 m²13 of lands are either confirmed or suspected to be contaminated in NES. Given the extend of the above-mentioned military operations, this figure is believed to be well underestimated, as only limited proportion of the NES region has so far been surveyed. As a result, it remains difficult to have a comprehensive understanding about the scale and the impact of the contamination making any current prioritization and response strategy incomplete or inaccurate. The proposed action aims at resolving this issue.

Expected Outputs



HMA activities are coordinated and prioritized within Mine Action actors.



The Mine Action information management system is accurate, standardized, updated and interactive.



The level of EO contamination, ongoing HMA activities, and gaps are shared with:

- Humanitarian
- Development
- Peacebuilding organizations



EO contamination in the whole NES region is known, reported and prioritized for further clearance efforts.



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Since January 2017, a total of **1,810,050** direct

beneficiaries received Risk Education sessions from HMA organizations in NES.

(Source: IMSMA database, Feb 2023)

Key Deliverables



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In-depth Analysis of HMA response in NES



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General Non-technical Survey (NTS) Report



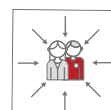
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HMA regularly updated Dashboard



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Mine Action Sub-working Group Coordination Meetings



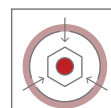
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Communities Surveyed in NES



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Persons trained on IM and GIS for HMA Response



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HMA Organizations within the Sub-working Group