

Briefing on Explosive Ordnance Contamination in Syria

*Mine Action Support
Group Meeting*

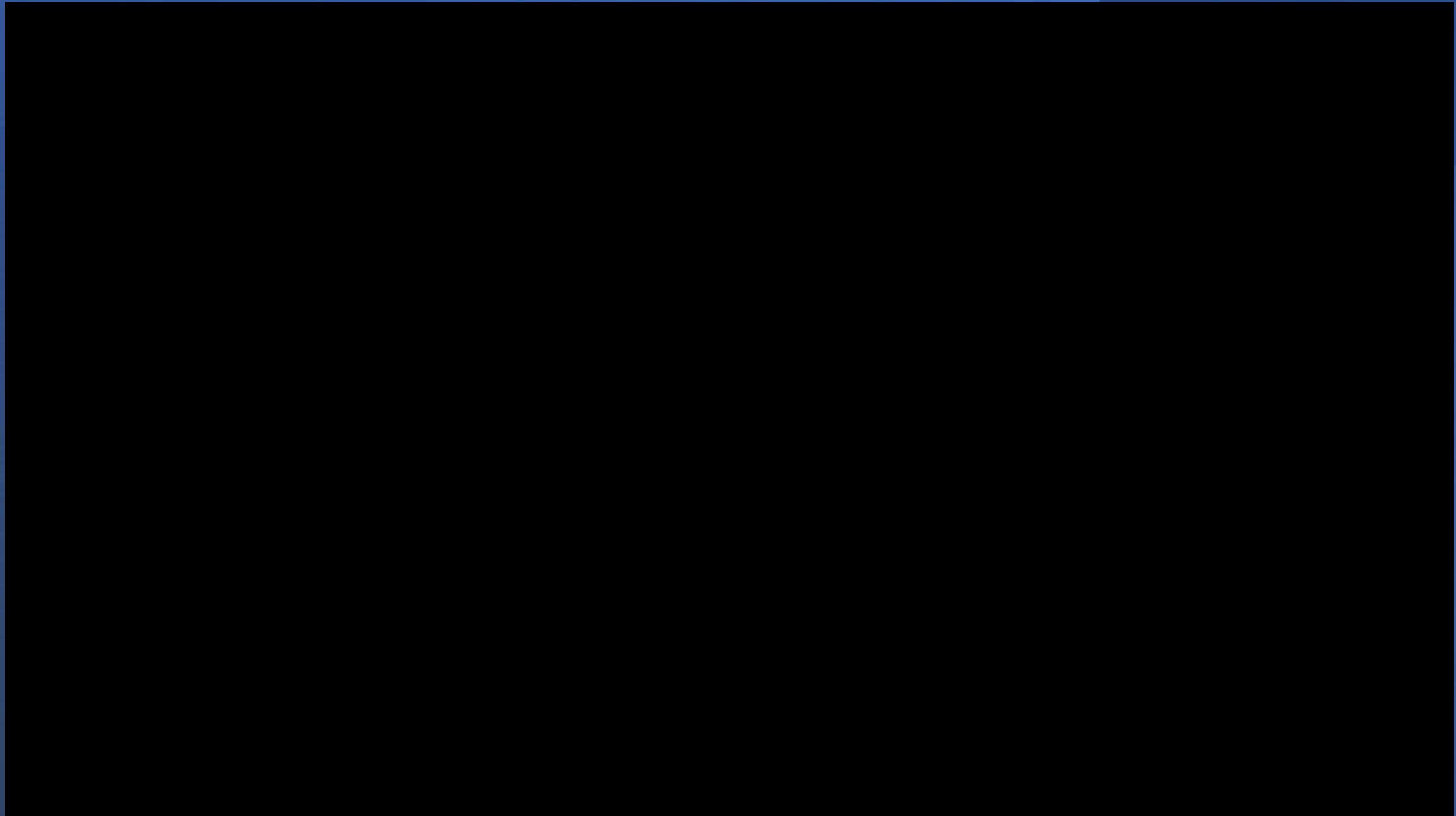
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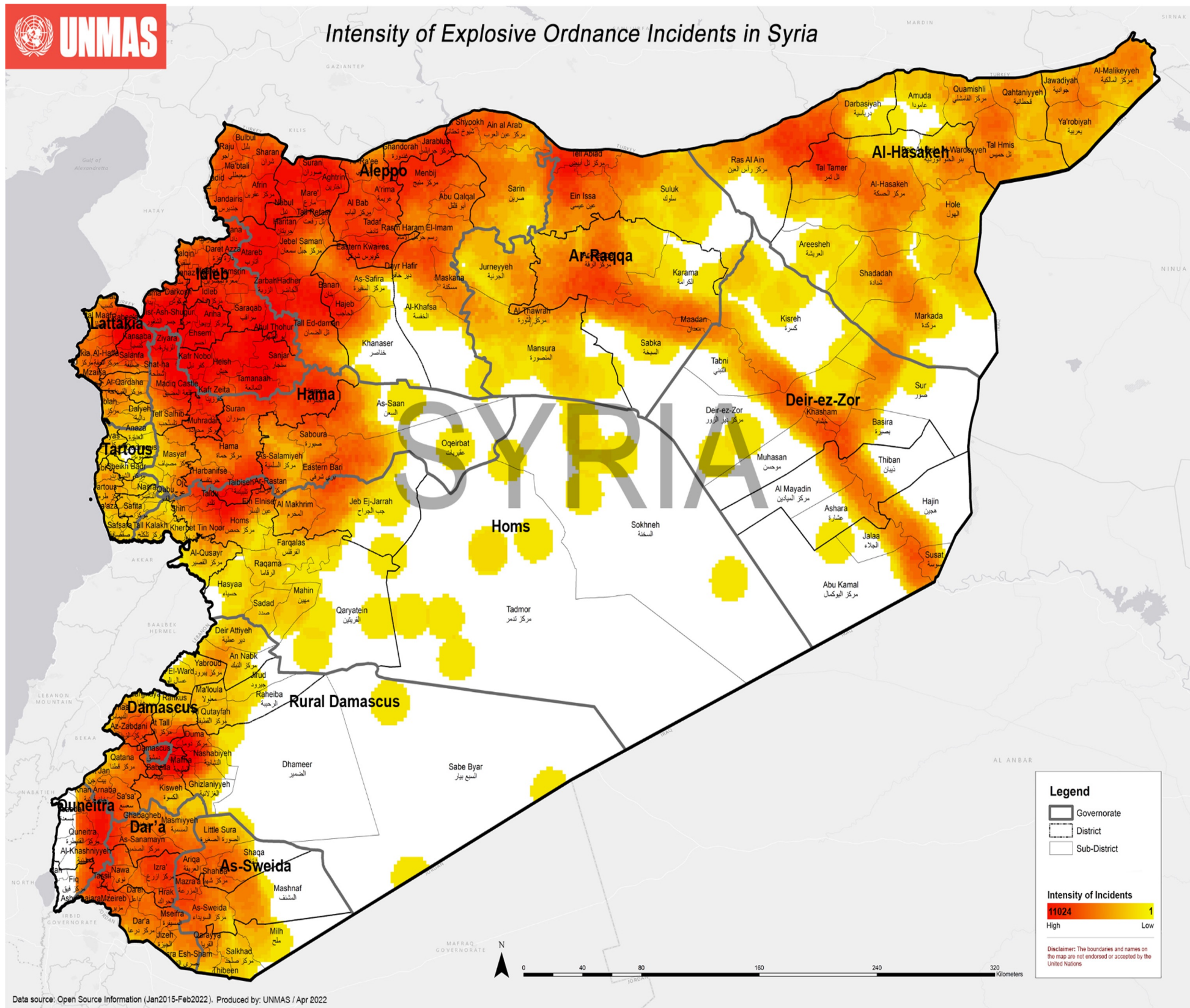


UNMAS technical experts assessing damaged areas in Darayya, Rural Damascus.



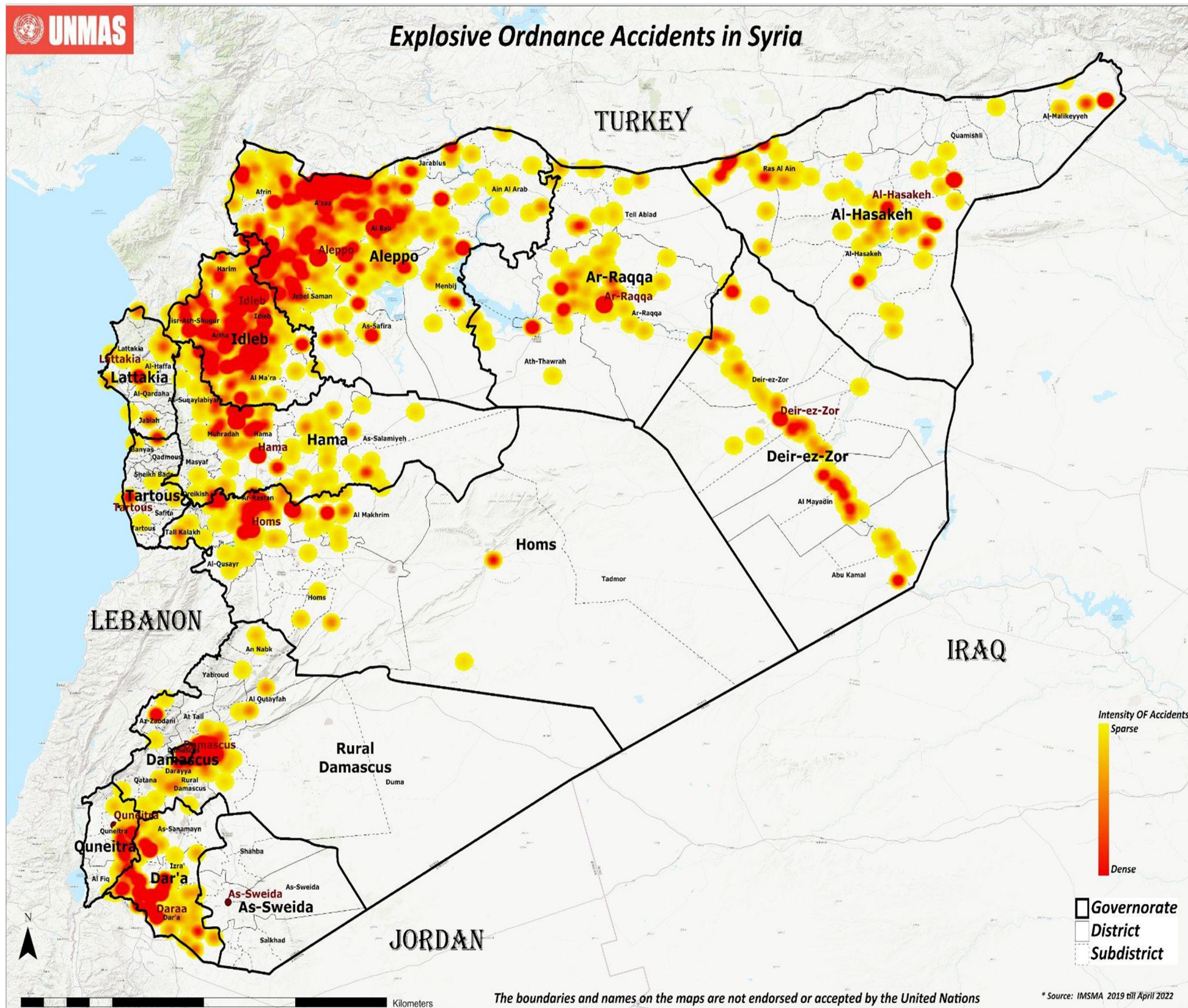


Overview of the Explosive Ordnance contamination in Syria



From Jan 2015 - Feb 2022, a total of **346,163** explosive ordnance incidents were recorded, which makes an average of **133** incidents per day.

Explosive Ordnance Accidents in Syria



From January 2015 to April 2022: **13,240** explosive ordnance accidents have been recorded and verified, which makes approximately **5** accidents per day.

Who is most at risk?



1 in 2 people living in Syria are exposed to the risk of explosive ordnance, according to the 2022 HNO.

Men and boys represent nearly **85%** of total recorded victims.



50% of people exposed to the explosive ordnance threat are **children**



Farmers, herders, people on the move, scrap metal collectors and construction workers are mostly impacted by the explosive ordnance contamination.



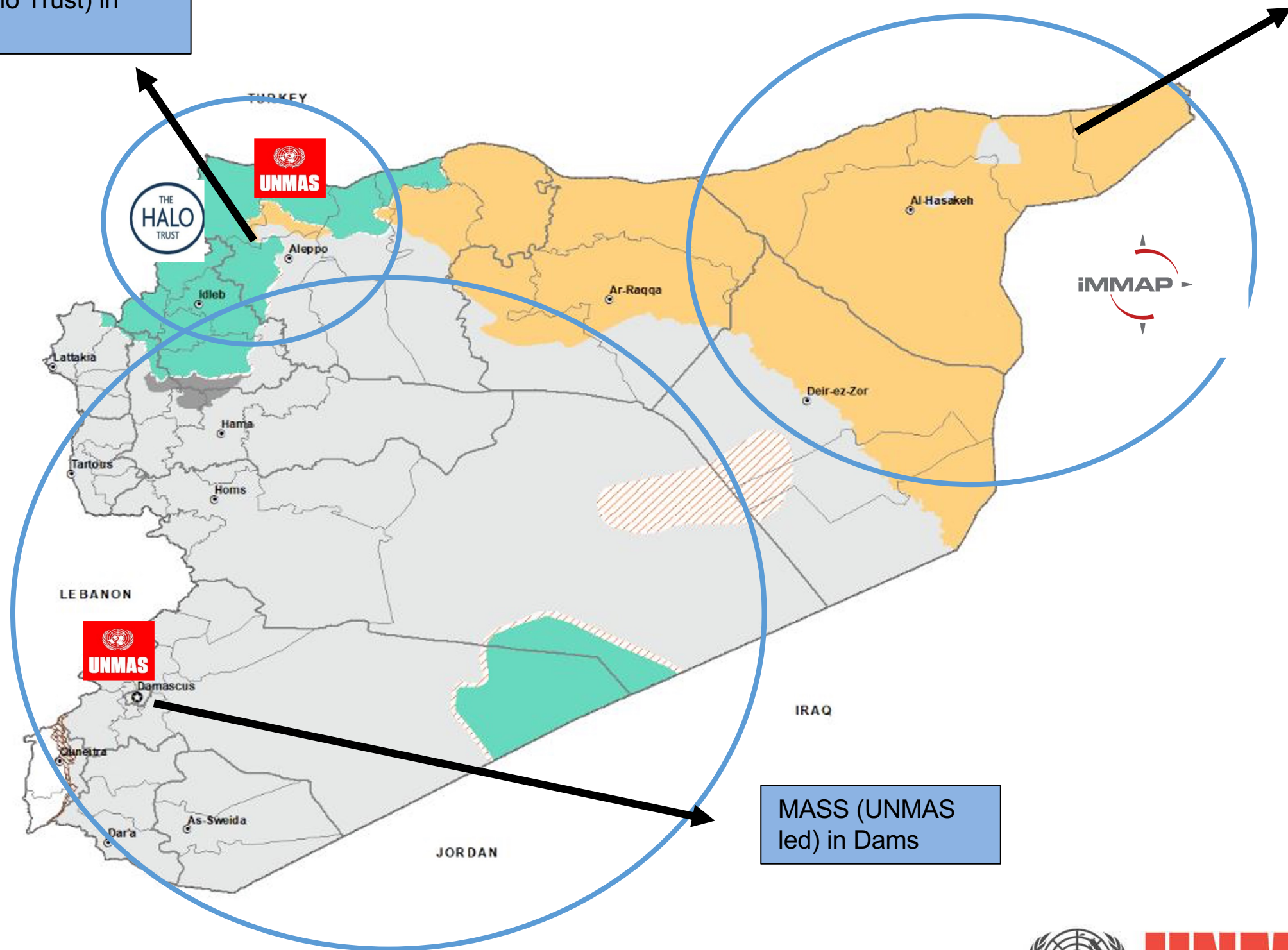
Explosive ordnance contamination hindering humanitarian aid and service delivery



Mine Action Sector Response: Coordination

MASC (UNMAS led and co-led by the Halo Trust) in GZT

iMMAP MA focal point



MASS (UNMAS led) in Dams

Major Achievements

Establishment of UNMAS in Damascus

Launch and expansion of EORE activities, using multiple approaches

Deployment of explosive ordnance technical survey teams

Start of pilot clearance project in Rural Damascus

Demolition of explosive ordnance

Prequalification of Implementing Partners

Registration of Implementation Partners

launch and expansion of VA activities

Establishing NTSGs for Syria

Start of NTS in North was as of March 2022



19 April 2022:
1st explosive ordnance demolitions managed by
Humanitarian Mine Action Actor. Darayya, Rural
Damascus, Syria.

Little Shepherd

15 June 2022

Darraya, Rural Damascus



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In 2021, Explosive Ordnance were the primary cause for child casualties among grave violations documented in Syria!

Prevention is better than cure!

Child's rights to Education and Health are at risk!

Child survivors grapple with long-lasting psychological trauma!

Severe economic hardship faced by families with survivors of Explosive Ordnance

UNICEF creative approaches for EORE programing, reaching 5M children and caregivers since 2018, with significant expansion plan

Priorities and Funding Needs

Mine Action is a crucial enabler to the delivery of humanitarian aid, services and early recovery to assist people in need, as well as key to safe voluntary return.

Key priorities:

- ❑ Sustaining the core functions of UNMAS in Syria
- ❑ Start of country wide Non Technical Survey across Syria
- ❑ Clearance activities
- ❑ Risk Education

Funding Needs:

Mine Action sector in Syria requires **83 million USD** for Mine Action Response across Syria, among which **25 million USD** is UNMAS funding need to sustain its core capacity in Syria, complete the pilot clearance project, launch the non technical survey operation and implement minimum required RE and VA activities.



Thank you for considering support to mine action in Syria

Mine Action is complex, more complex in the context of Syria, but is a critical Humanitarian need.

**However,
together we can do it.**



H.E Tarja Fernandez, Ambassador of Finland, during her visit to the clearance activities in Darayya, Rural Damascus, Syria.