



# **MINE ACTION IN ETHIOPIA**

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# LEGACY AND NEW CONTAMINATION



# NEW CONTAMINATION IN THE NORTH (JULY)



## Explosive Ordnance Contamination near IDPs Sites in Tigray

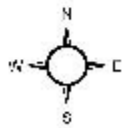


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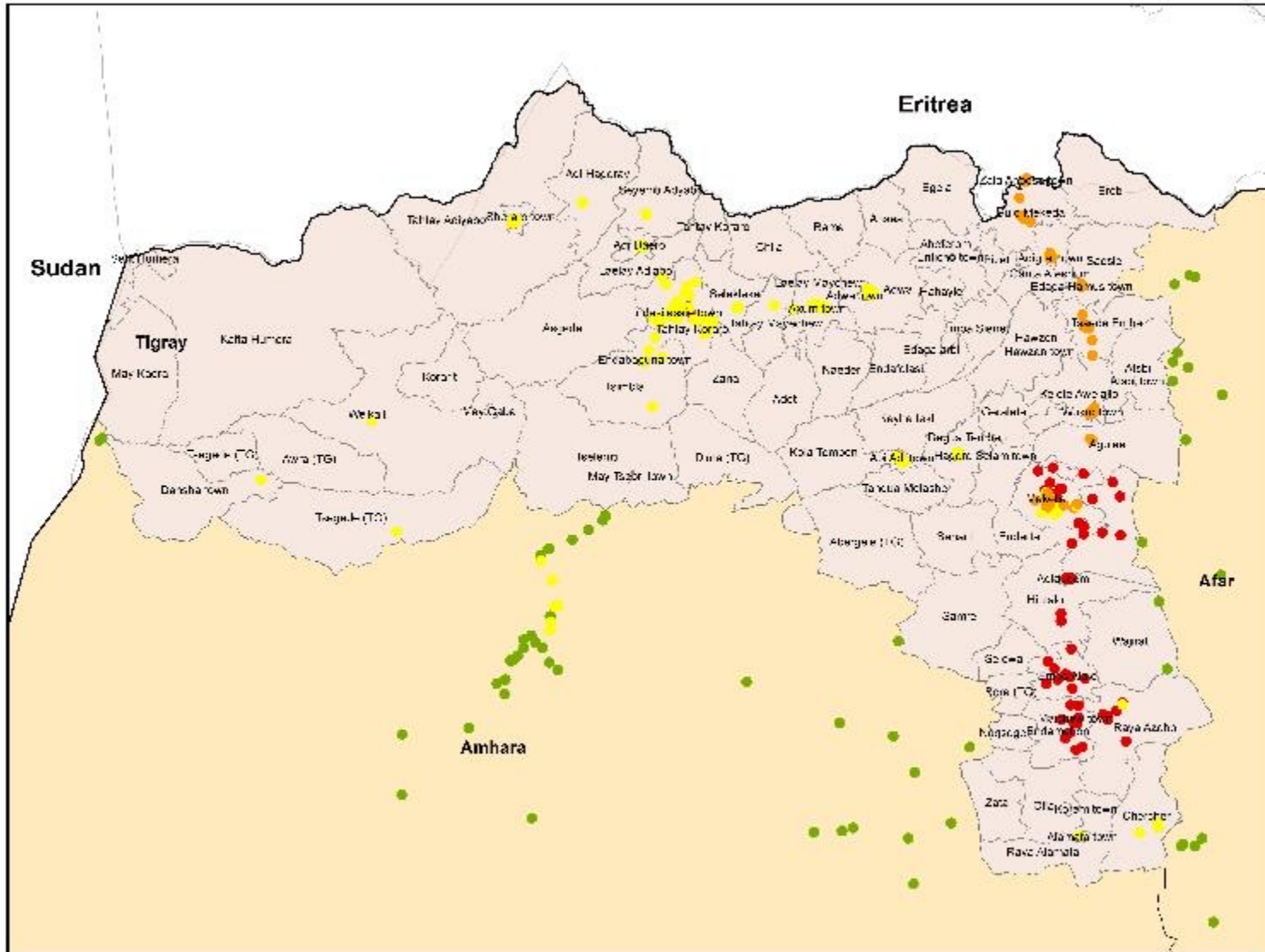
#### EO next to IDPs site location

- Yes, Not marked
- Yes, Marked
- Unknown
- No
- No information

- Road network
- National boundary
- Neighbouring countries



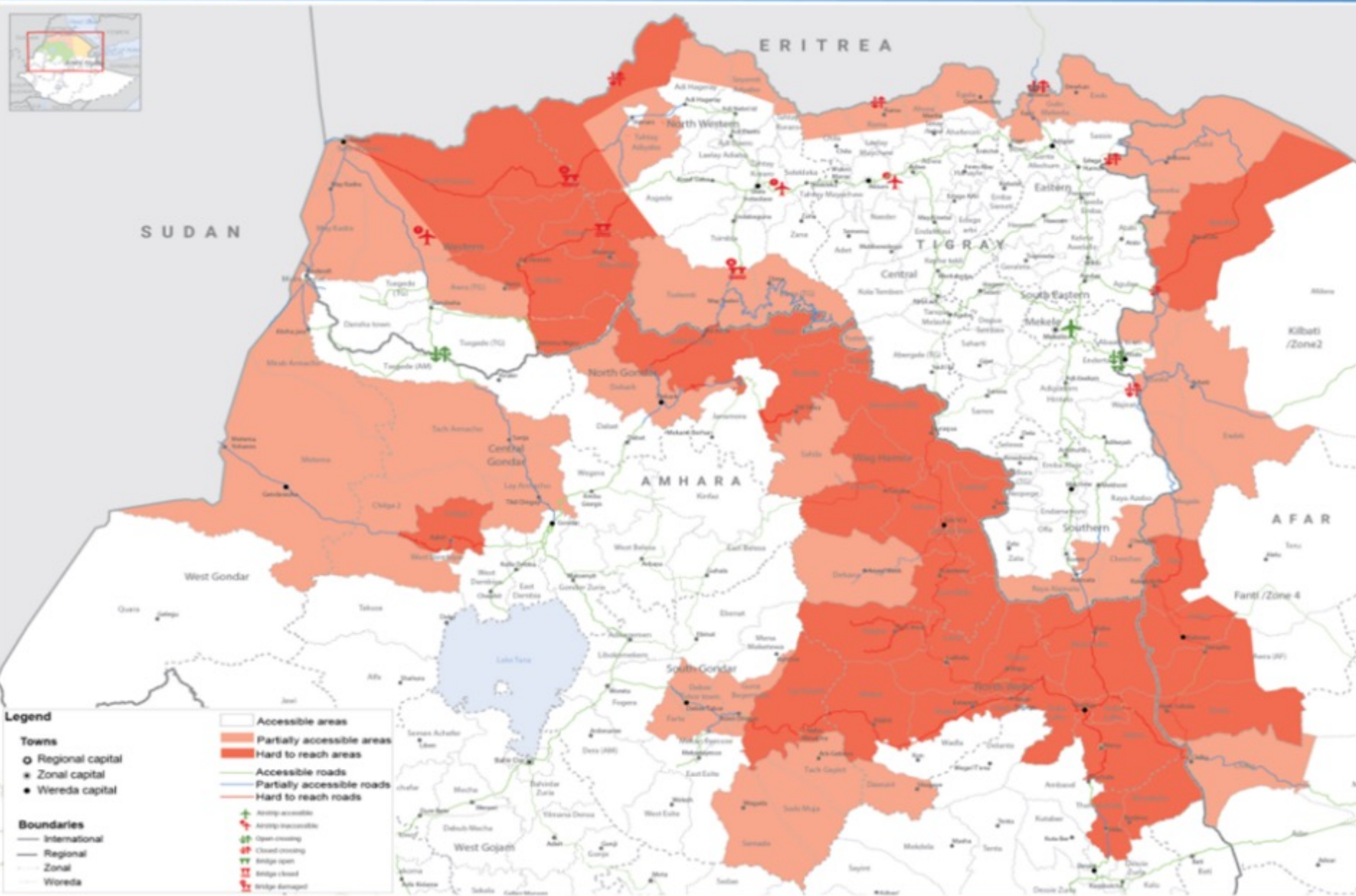
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# HUMANITARIAN ACCESS (August)

OCHA | Access Map

As of 31 August 2021



- **2021 impact of explosive ordnance on children**
  - Hard to gather but 70+ confirmed cases in Tigray (source UNMAS)
  - Child Rights Monitoring mechanism will likely include gathering data on EO-related killing/maiming
- **2021 results**
  - EORE: 4x 10,000 posters and 100,000 brochures printed. Dissemination plan agreed with partners. Awaiting dispatch via road to Tigray
  - UNICEF EORE presentations to Protection cluster and AoRs with UNHCR in Mekelle, Abi Adi, Adwa and Shire; mostly informal reach as materials have not yet been delivered
- **Plans for 2022 (UNICEF)**
  - 500,000 USD proposal in Japan supplementary 2022. Not yet confirmed.
- **Challenges, trends and lessons learnt**
  - Acceptance of advocacy materials developed at federal level, for use in Tigray
- **Inter-agency collaboration**
  - Steady collaboration with UNMAS and protection colleagues from UNHCR and less often with IOM CCCM colleagues, establishing ad hoc biweekly meetings to update on situation/progress. Deliverables incl.: validating EORE messages, finalization and dissemination of interim messages, collaboration on distribution plan (using protection/CP/GBV AOR networks and CCCM)
  - Since Sep/Oct, MA AOR has been established.



# INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO MINE ACTION IS WELCOMED



- April: HALO Trust registered
- May: mine action consultation (5 Heads of Security services from Afar, Benshangul, Gambella, Somali and Tigray; Ministries of Peace, Defense, Foreign Affairs, Health, Labor and Social Affairs and the AG office; 7 Defense Attaches (Austria, Australia, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA); OCHA, UNICEF and UNDP as well as Secretariat of APMBC, 4 INGOs)
- June: Tigray administration request
- July: UN Emergency Directors' mission, NPA re-registration "supported"
- September: Mine Action Area of Responsibility activated

# ACTION

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## NOW

From Feb to Oct 2021 |

- Mine action international and national stakeholder conference held
- UNMAS participated in two integrated assessments to Tigray
- Humanitarian Access to North including Tigray remains
- Mine Action Area of Responsibility activated
- HALO Trust registered (not related to the North)

## FUTURE

Two-pronged approach |

1. Northern Ethiopia: UNMAS/UNICEF to scale-up emergency mine action response (Tigray, Afar, Amhara)
2. Country-wide: support the Government with regards to its obligations under APMBC (\$4.7million for multiple INGOs and UN entities)

MA AoR/ UNMAS HQ support mission

Fundraising for both 'prongs'



**THANK YOU**