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MINE ACTION

UPDATES FOR 2025



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded one (01) landmine and explosive remnant of war (ERW) related incident in Hudaydah Governorate in January 2025. In this incident, one (01) boy was injured in Hays district. During the past year, Al-Hali, Ad Durayhimi, and At Tuhayta have been the districts in the governorate most affected by landmine and ERW incidents. Yemen remains heavily contaminated by explosive devices, with Hudaydah Governorate being one of the most impacted due to heavy fighting in the past and continued conflict along the frontlines in the south of the governorate. While an overall reduction in casualty numbers has been observed, the daily threat to civilians posed by landmines and ERW remains significant and UNMHA urges the local population to be cautious, especially when accessing unknown areas.

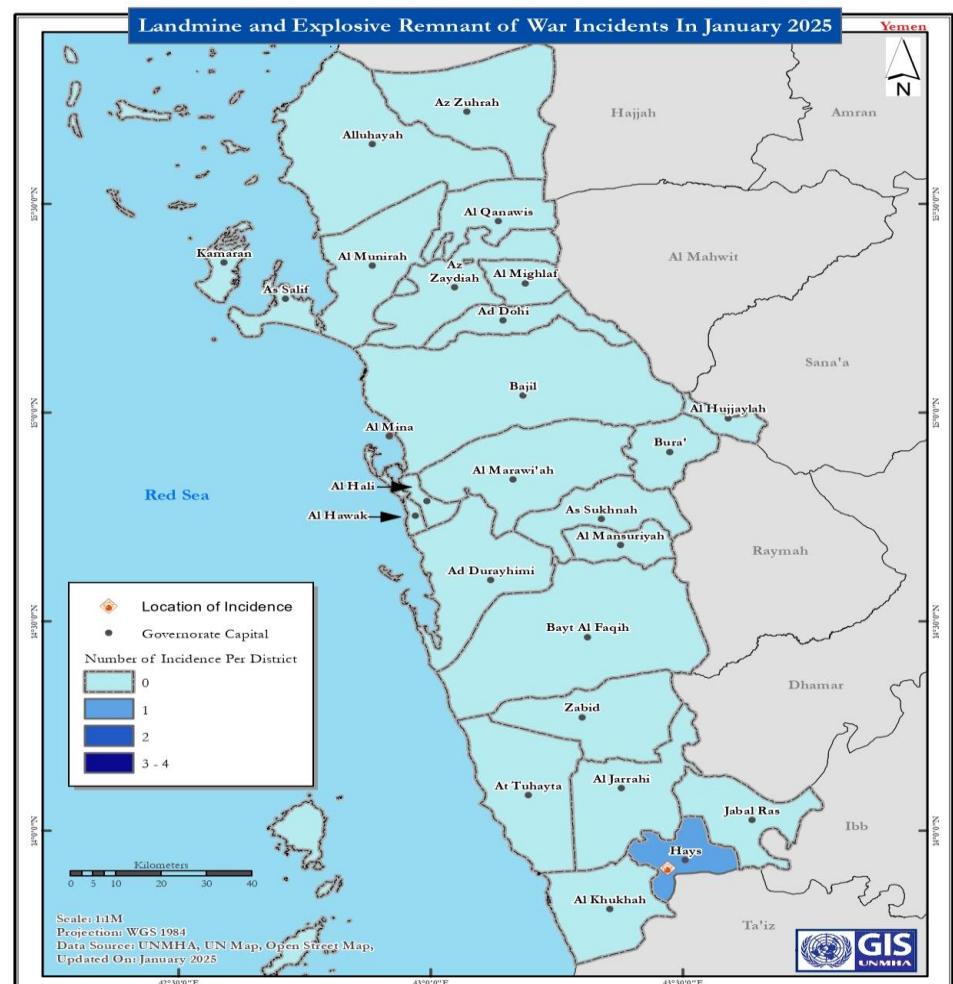
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for January 2025



Mine Action Activities

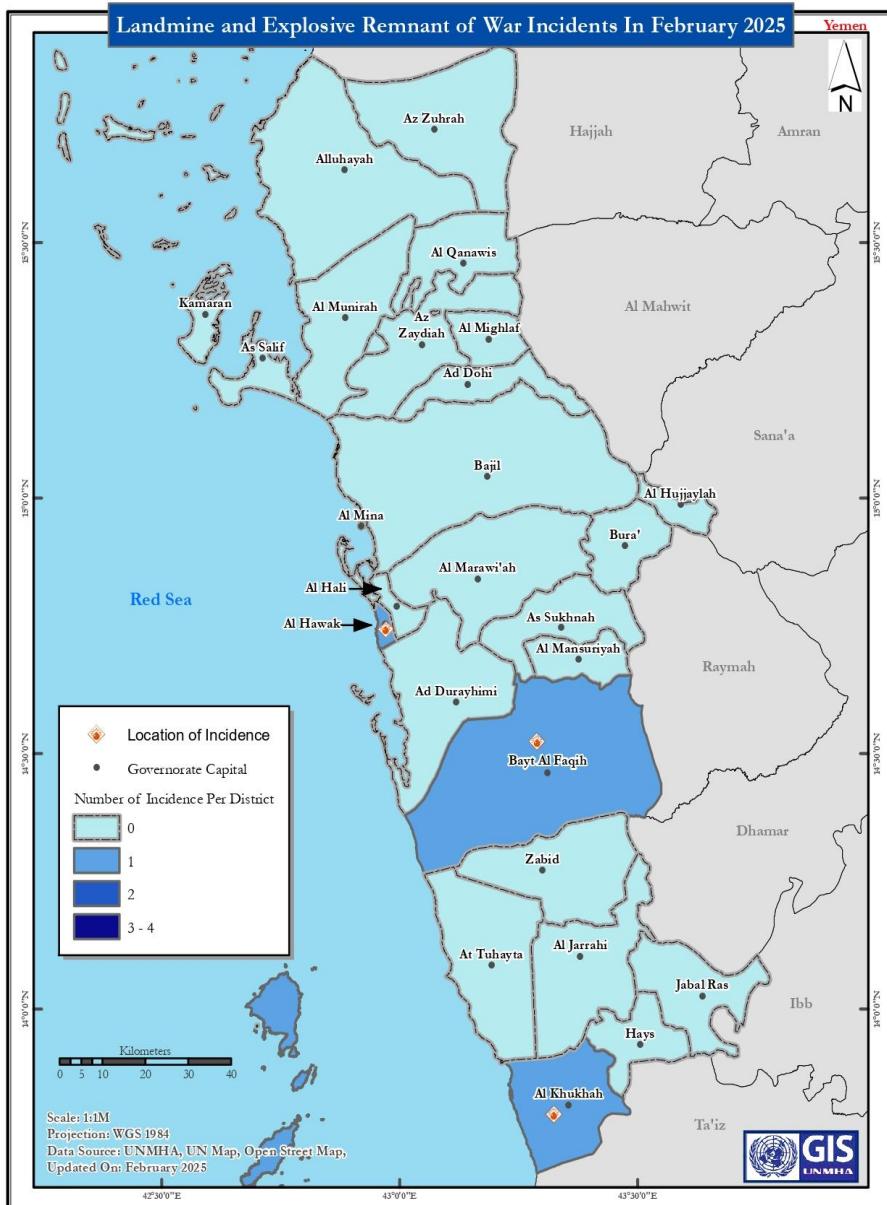
In January 2025, the UNMHA Mine Action Team continued its efforts to support mine action initiatives on both sides of the frontline in Hudaydah Governorate. These activities included field visits to potentially hazardous areas, as well as extensive engagements with Yemeni mine action stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and UN counterparts aimed at promoting stronger partnerships and strategic coordination to address the threat posed by landmines and ERW.

UNMHA also continues to monitor the demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three Ports of Hudaydah, Ras Isa, and Salif in line with its mandate.



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded three (03) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate in February. In these incidents, one (01) boy and two (02) men were injured; and one girl (01), one (01) boy, and one man (01) were killed. The incidents took place in Al-Khawkhah, Al-Hawak, and Bait Al-Faqih districts, in areas previously documented as sites of recurrent landmine and ERW incidents. In 2024, Al-Hali, Ad Durayhimi, and At Tuhayta districts were the most affected by landmine and ERW incidents, which also highlights the continued danger for the local population in these areas. February saw an overall increase in the number of casualties compared to the previous month, underlining the persistent threat posed by explosive devices to civilians in Hudaydah Governorate.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for February 2025



Mine Action Activities

In February 2025, UNMHA Mine Action Team undertook eleven (11) activities in support of mine action efforts. These activities included engagements with mine action stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and UN counterparts. They aimed at promoting stronger partnerships and strategic coordination to address the threat posed by landmines and ERW in Hudaydah Governorate. The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.

The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded one (01) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incident in Hudaydah Governorate in April. In this incident, one (01) man was killed. The incident took place in At Tuhayta, an area that continues to be documented as a site of recurrent landmine and ERW incidents. While the number of casualties recorded for this month has decreased compared to March, this doesn't signify that the threat has diminished. Landmines and ERW remain a persistent threat, underscoring the continued need to strengthen mine action interventions, including clearance operations, explosive ordnance risk education, and victim assistance, to safeguard civilians and prevent future tragedies.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for April 2025

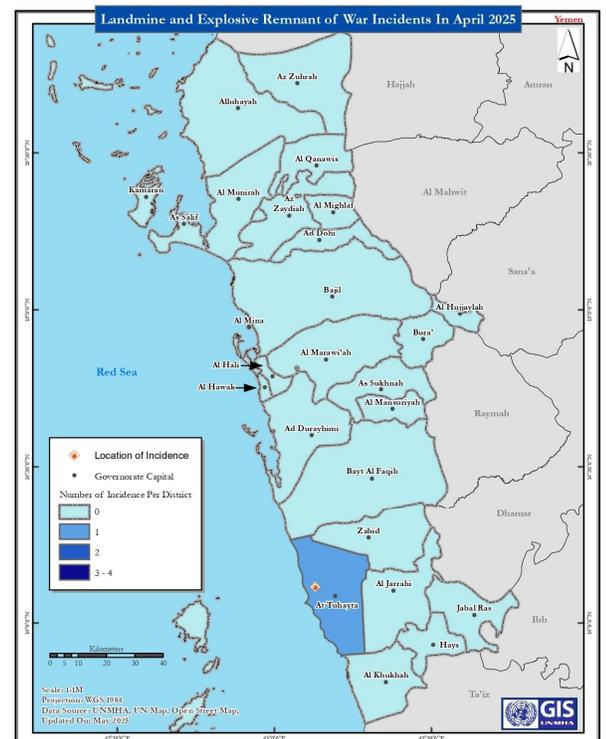


Mine Action Activities

In April 2025, UNMHA Mine Action Team undertook seven key activities to support humanitarian mine action (HMA) efforts in Yemen. These included active engagement with mine action stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and UN counterparts to strengthen strategic coordination and partnerships aimed at mitigating the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW).

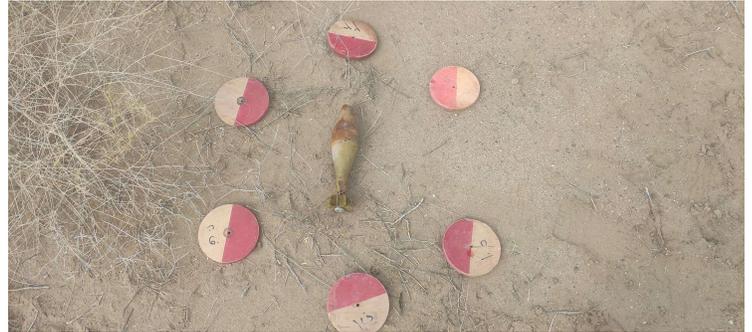
On 9-11 April 2025, the team participated in the 28th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers (NDM-UN28) in Geneva, where UNMHA was represented in high-level discussions on humanitarian mine action. In April, the team supported UNMHA technical missions, contributing to the Mission mandated verification activities on the ground, and with a view to promote civilian safety. As part of its outreach, the Mission handed over Arabic-language versions of the UNMAS Landmine, ERW, and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) booklets to the Yemen Mine Action Coordination Centre (YMACC) in Aden for further dissemination.

The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate. The Mission mine action staff on both sides of the frontlines in Hudaydah continues to support UNMHA's mandate implementation and broader nation-wide efforts by the Special Envoy, Resident Coordinator, and UN agencies, funds, and programmes.



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded four (04) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate in May. In these incidents, two (02) men and one (1) boy were killed, and one (1) boy injured. One of the incidents involved a landmine detonating beneath a plow that a civilian was using to prepare his farmland for the agricultural season, further highlighting the devastating impact of landmines on livelihoods and food security. The affected areas At Tuhayta, Bayt Al Faqih, and Hays remain hotspots for persistent landmine and ERW incidents. The number of casualties in May marks an increase compared to April, highlighting the ongoing and serious threat posed by Landmines and ERW. This alarming trend reinforces the urgent need to enhance mine action efforts, including clearance operations, explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), and victim assistance, to protect civilians and prevent further loss of life.

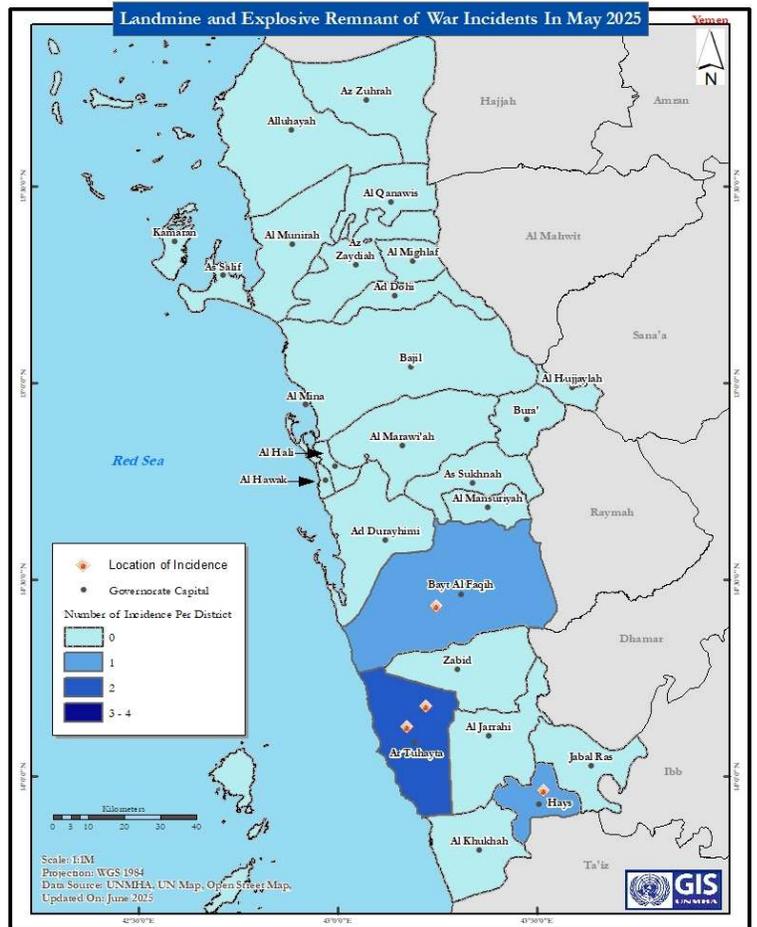
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for May 2025



Mine Action Activities

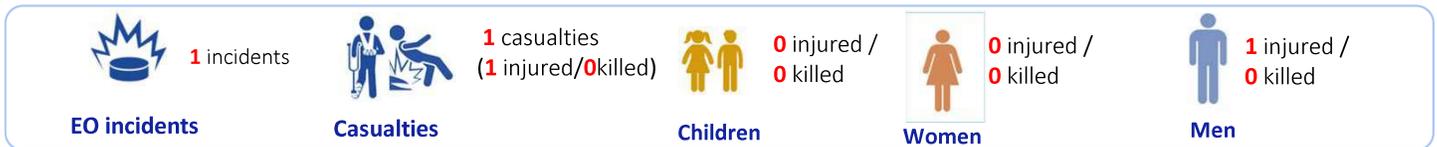
In May 2025, the UNMHA Mine Action Team demonstrated strong operational engagement by participating in nine key coordination meetings with mine action stakeholders across Yemen. These efforts focused on strengthening strategic partnerships, aligning operational priorities, and enhancing information sharing. Through its consistent presence and collaboration, the team contributed to more effective planning and implementation of activities aimed at mitigating the threat posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), ultimately supporting safer conditions for affected communities.

The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate. The Mission continues to keep staff in the governorate, on both sides of the frontlines, to implement the Mission's mandate and support efforts by the Special Envoy, Resident Coordinator, and the UN agencies, funds, and programmes.



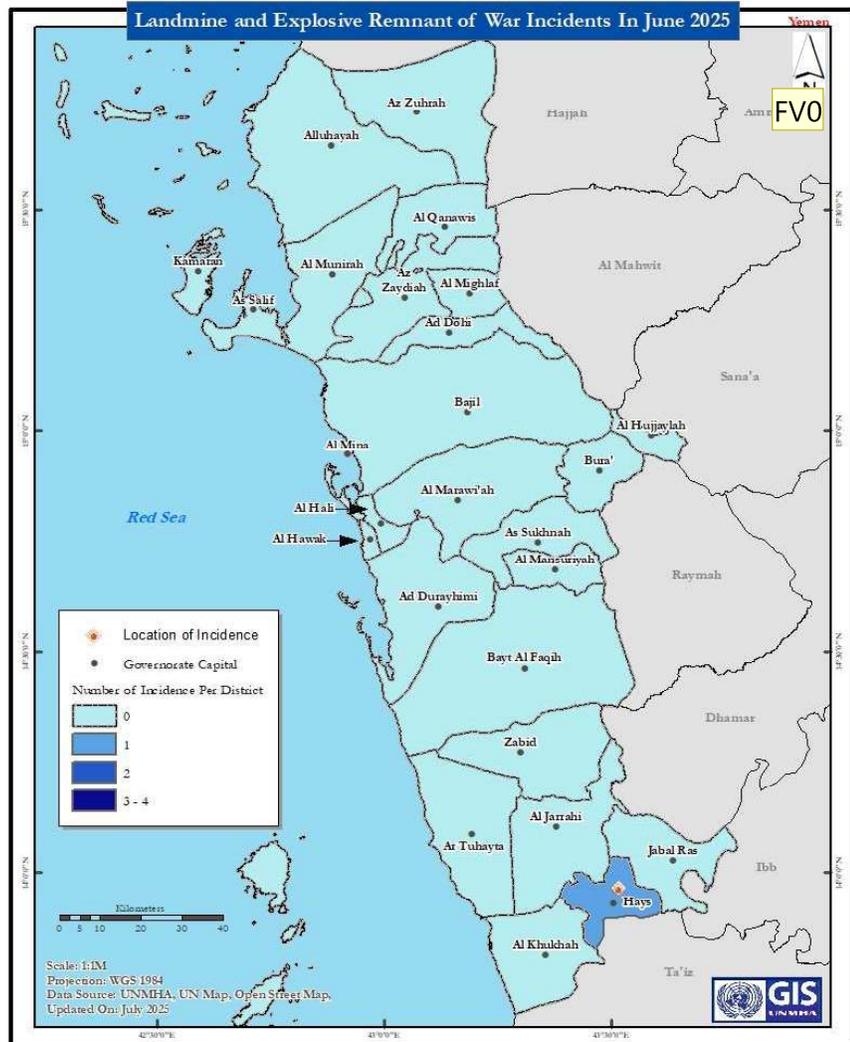
The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded one (1) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incident in Hudaydah Governorate in June. In this incident, one (1) man was injured. The landmine detonated beneath a plow while the man was preparing his farmland in Hays, an area that continues to be a hotspot for such threats. This marks the second incident of the same nature in a consecutive month, highlighting the danger landmines pose not only to human lives but also to agricultural livelihoods and Yemen's already fragile economy. Although the number of casualties has decreased compared to May, the persistent presence of landmines and ERW across Yemen remains a serious and ongoing threat. UNMHA urges the intensification of mine action efforts including clearance operations, explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), and victim assistance to protect civilians, preserve livelihoods, and support long-term recovery in affected communities

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for June 2025



Mine Action Activities

In June 2025, the UNMHA Mine Action Team continued its engagement with mine action stakeholders by participating in ten coordination events with mine action stakeholders. These efforts focused on strengthening strategic partnerships with local and international partners. With Mine Action specialists deployed on both sides of the frontlines, the Mission continues to implement the Mission's mandate and support efforts by the Special Envoy, Resident Coordinator, and the UN agencies, funds, and programmes.



Mine Action Quarterly Update

July-September 2025

The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded nine (9) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate between July and September. In these incidents, six (6) men were injured, one (1) man, one (1) woman, and one (1) girl were killed. The incidents were reported across several districts: Al Hali (2 incidents), At Tuhayta (2), Bayt Al Faqih (2), Hays (2), and Ad Durayhimi (1). These areas continue to experience recurring contamination from landmines and other ERW, posing an ongoing risk to civilians. The number of reported incidents remained stable over the period, underscoring the persistent threat posed by landmines and ERW across Hudaydah Governorate, particularly in areas of recurring contamination. UNMHA calls for strengthened mine action efforts with urgent focus on clearance, risk education, and victim assistance to protect civilians and enable recovery in contaminated communities.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah from July-September 2025



Mine Action Activities

The Mine Action team held **30 coordination and strategic meetings** to advance mine action efforts across Yemen. Discussions centered on clearance operations, explosive ordnance risk education, and incident verification, with particular attention to flood-affected areas along the West Coast. The team also **engaged in regional and global forums, working closely** with UN entities and diplomatic missions to support planning, resource mobilization, and highlight the humanitarian impact of explosive hazards. With specialists deployed on both sides of the frontlines, the Mission continues to implement its mandate and support the efforts of the Special Envoy, Resident Coordinator, and UN agencies.



Annual Mine Action Update 2025

Explosive Ordnance Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for 2025



24 incidents

EO incidents



37 casualties
(13 injured/24 killed)

Casualties



3 injured /
9 killed

Children



1 injured /
1 killed

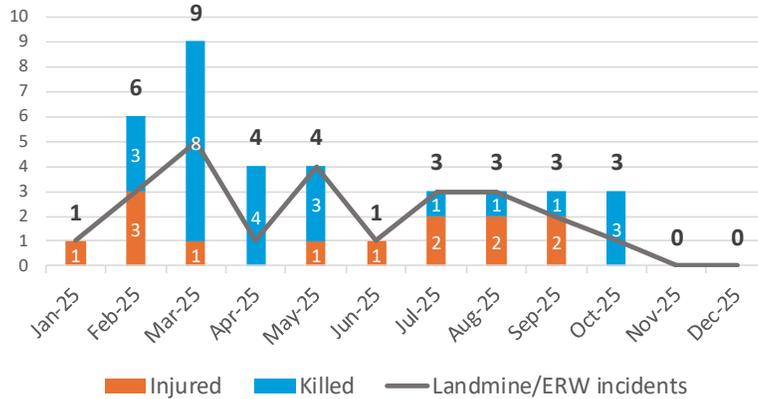
Women



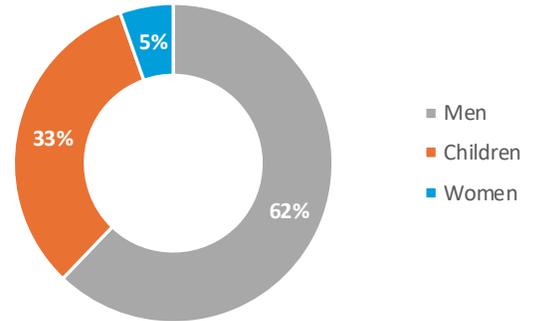
9 injured /
14 killed

Men

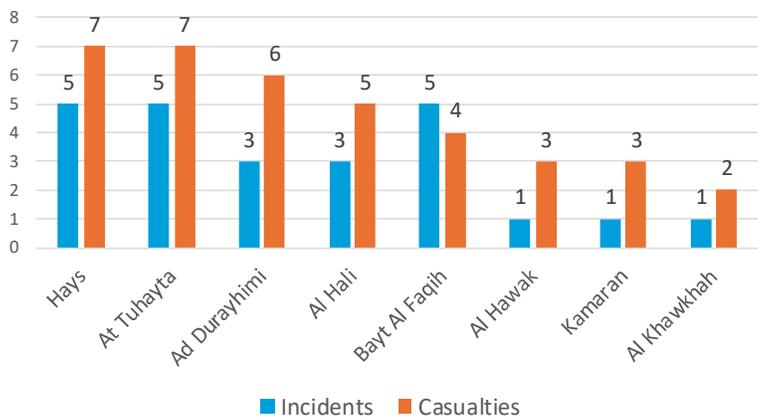
Landmine/ERW incidents and casualties (2025)



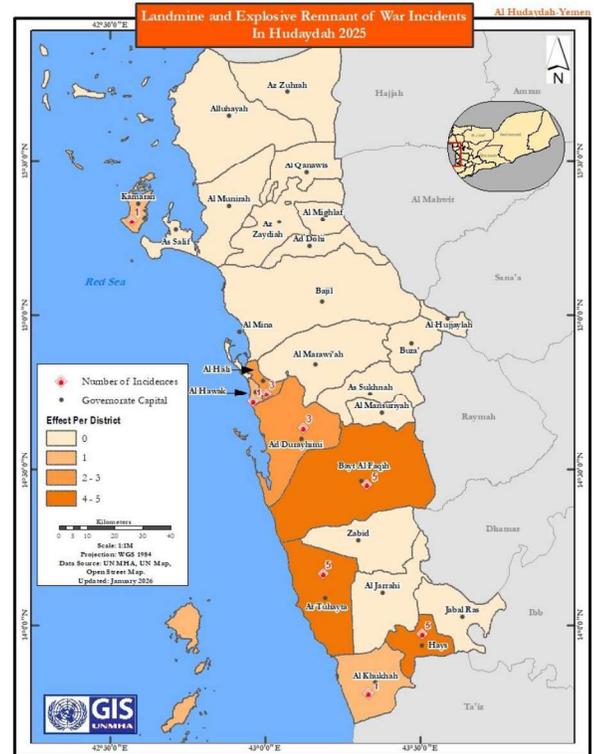
Casualties by age and gender (2025)



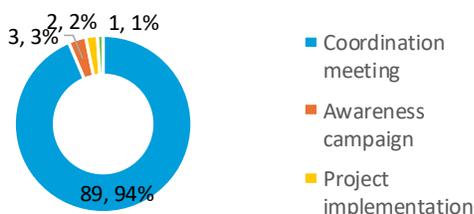
Total incidents and casualties by district (2025)



During 2025*, the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded 24 landmine and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate. A total of 24 civilians were killed and another 13 were injured. 38 per cent of the victims were women and children. Hays, At Tuhayta and Ad Durayhimi were the most affected districts. Many incidents occur as civilians go about daily life activities, including attending to their farmlands, highlighting the severe dangers unexploded ordnance poses for civilians in Hudaydah. While the number of incidents and casualties has more than halved compared to 2024, Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most affected areas. For this year, Yemen has continued to be ranked in the top five countries in the world, most impacted by landmine and ERW, while Hudaydah was the most impacted governorate in the country.



UNMHA Mine Action Activities by type of activity (2025)



Mine Action Activities

During 2025, the UNMHA Mine Action Team undertook a total of 99 activities to address the ongoing threat posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), with a primary focus on Hudaydah Governorate. **The number of activities were severely impacted by the security situation in Yemen.** Activities included sustained coordination with national mine action authorities, UN entities, international NGOs, and donors; the delivery of targeted Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) initiatives for UN and humanitarian personnel; and the monitoring and verification of mine/ERW incidents. The team also systematically supported mine action through Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) targeting mine and ERW victims. Against a backdrop of continued conflict, environmental shocks, and funding constraints, UNMHA advocated for international support to mine action in Yemen. While the Mission does not have the mandate to fund any demining operations in Hudaydah, it did its utmost to promote support for mine action in regional and international forums, through advocacy and information sharing



*UNMHA relies on open-source reporting to initiate a further in-depth analysis of incidents and trends. Any media blackouts and security restrictions might influence the number of incidents being recorded.