



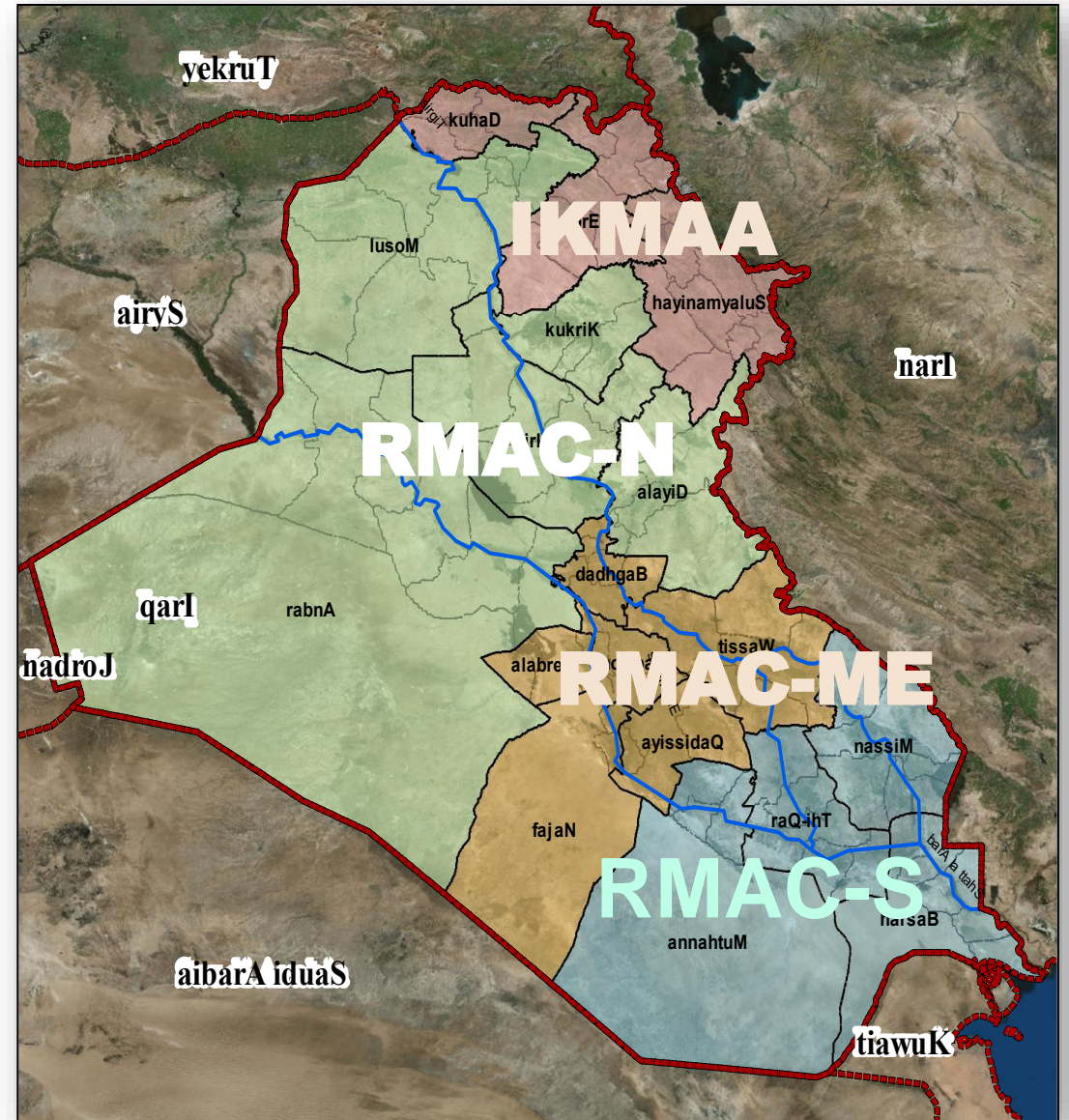
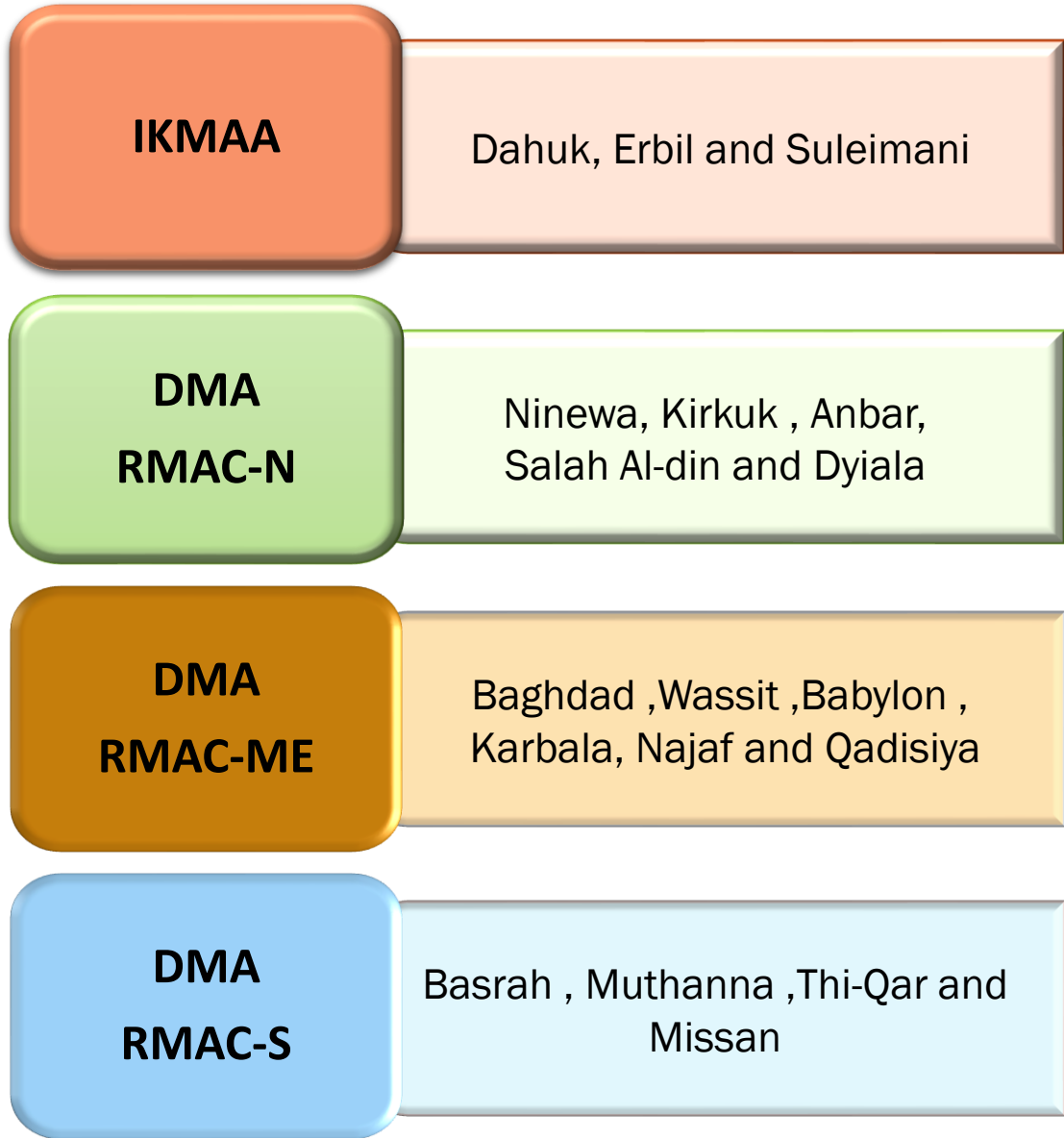
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National Director Meeting (NDM)

Iraq Mine Action Program: Ensuring a Safe Future

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National Authorities and Regional Centers



Objectives of the Iraq Mine Action Program

Primary objectives

1. protect civilian lives and livelihoods from the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW).
2. clear contaminated areas and make them safe for resettlement, agriculture, and infrastructure development.
3. facilitate the safe return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees.
4. promote national and regional stability through the elimination of Explosive Ordnance (EO) threats.



22% of IDPs in camps site EO as a principal reason for not wanting to return to their areas of origin

Mine Action impact

Stability:

Mine action initiatives contribute to stability and security in post-conflict regions. Cleared land can be used for agriculture, infrastructure development, and the safe return of displaced populations. Removing the threat of landmines/ERW also allows communities to resume normal activities without fear of injury or death.

Society Communication:

Society communication plays a crucial role in mine action efforts. Also involves engaging with affected communities, understanding their needs, and involving them in decision-making processes. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, society communication helps build trust, promote cooperation, and empower communities to take an active role in their own safety.

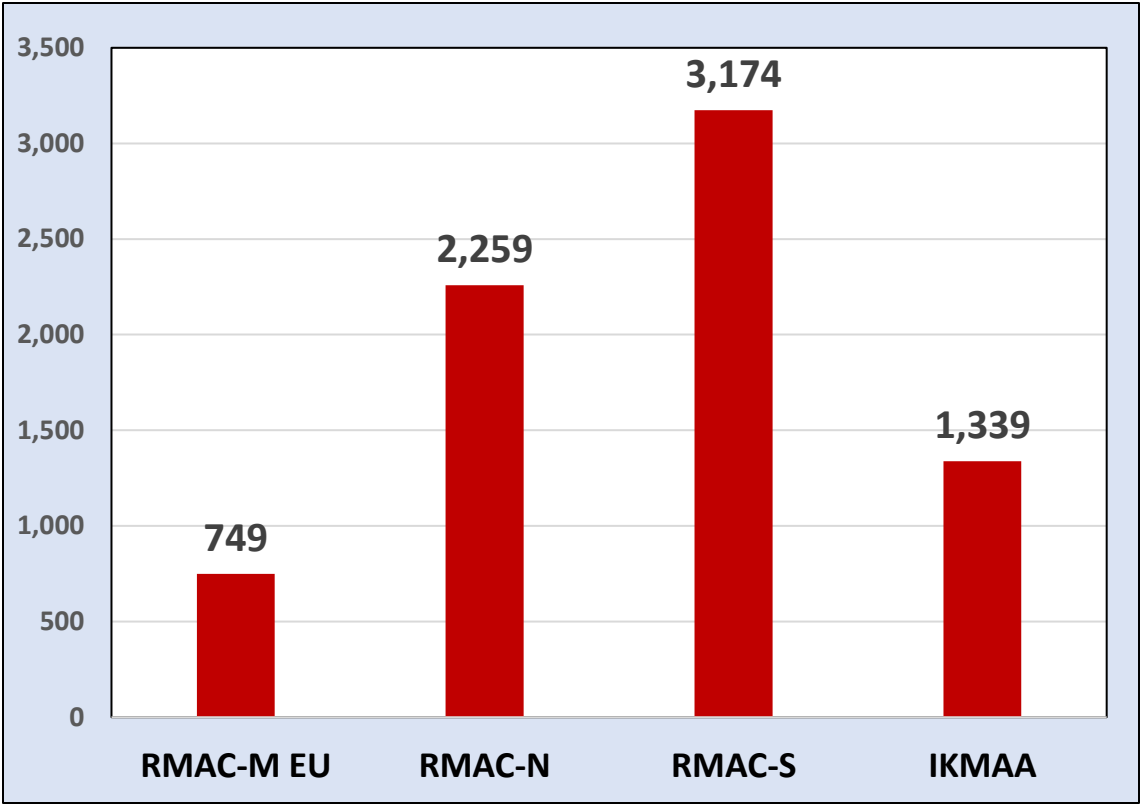
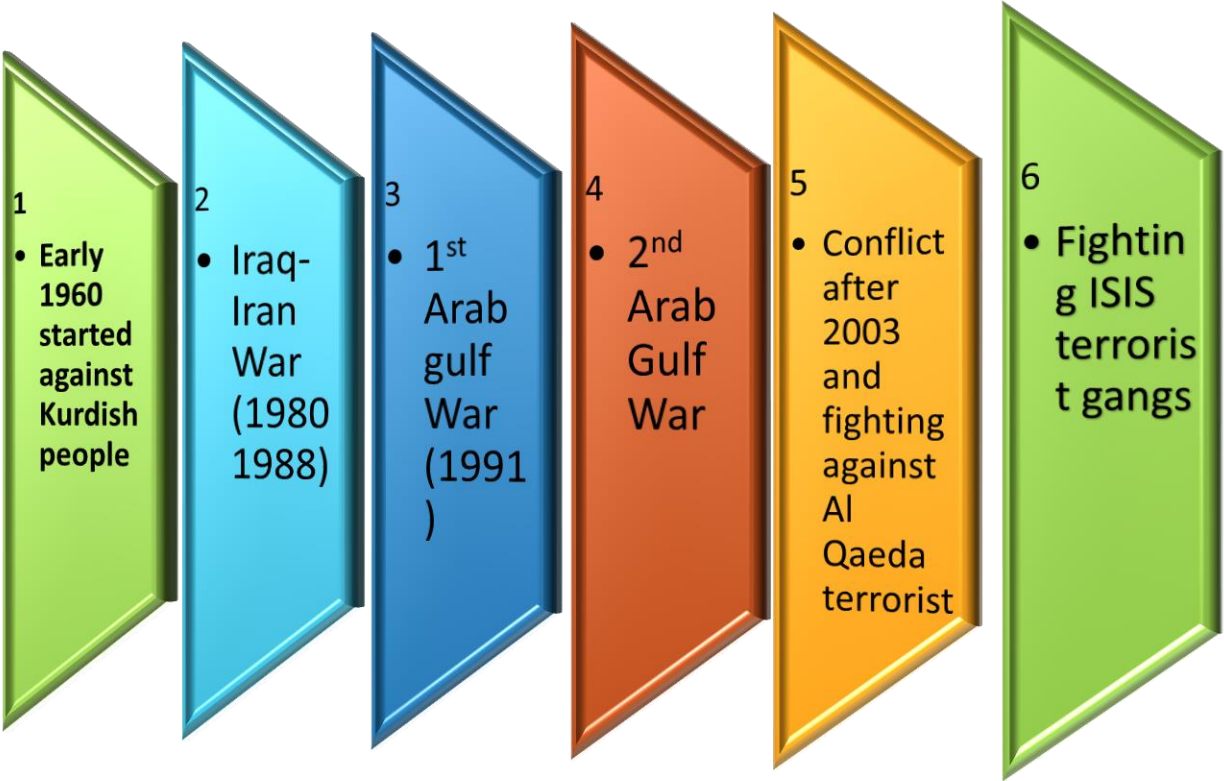
Environmental Impact:

Landmines and ERW have significant environmental impacts that extend beyond their immediate threat to human life and limb. Explosions can lead to soil erosion, fragmentation of habitats, contamination of water sources, and the destruction of flora and fauna. These consequences can disrupt ecosystems, affect biodiversity, and hinder sustainable development in affected areas.

We can work towards creating safer communities, fostering effective communication, and preserving the environment for future generations.

Scope of problem

Iraq is one of the countries most affected by landmines , ERWs and IEDs from previous wars. The presence of explosive ordnance (EO) has had devastating consequences for the Iraqi people, causing injuries, deaths, and displacements. These hazards also hinder economic development and access to essential services such as agriculture, water, and infrastructure.



Total Contamination = 7,520.7 km²

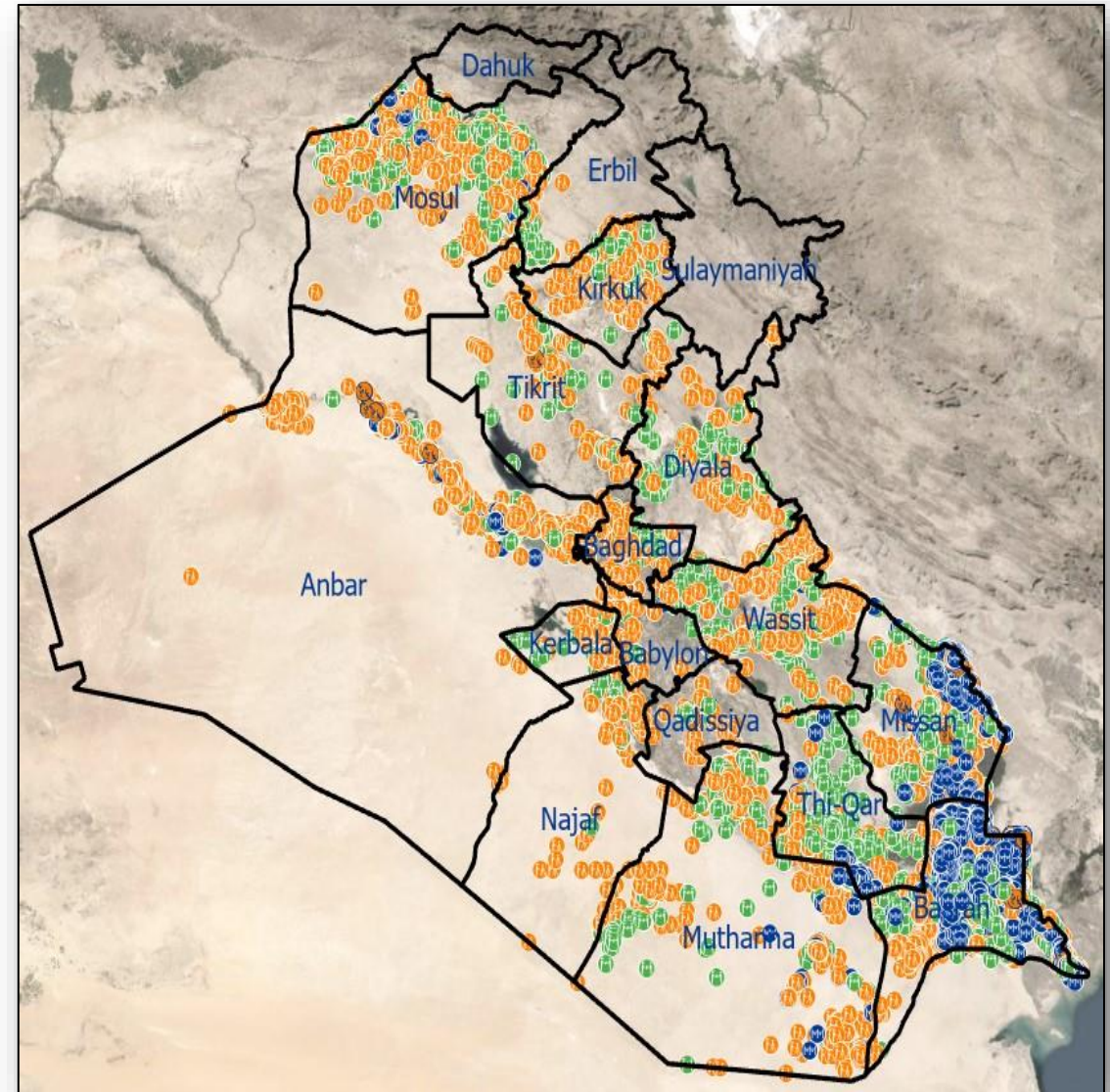
Achievements (DMA)

- Efforts to address the landmine, IEDs and ERW contamination in Iraq have been ongoing. National and International organizations, such as (UNMAS), and non-governmental organizations work in collaboration with the national authority to clear contaminated areas.
- Clearance operations involve locating, marking, and safely removing or destroying landmines and ERWs. These activities require specialized equipment, trained personnel, and extensive coordination to ensure the safety of both the deminers and the affected communities.

Lans Release by Activity

Activity	Area size (km²)
Clearance	1,505
NTS	18,822
TS	811

Hazard Reduction Activity



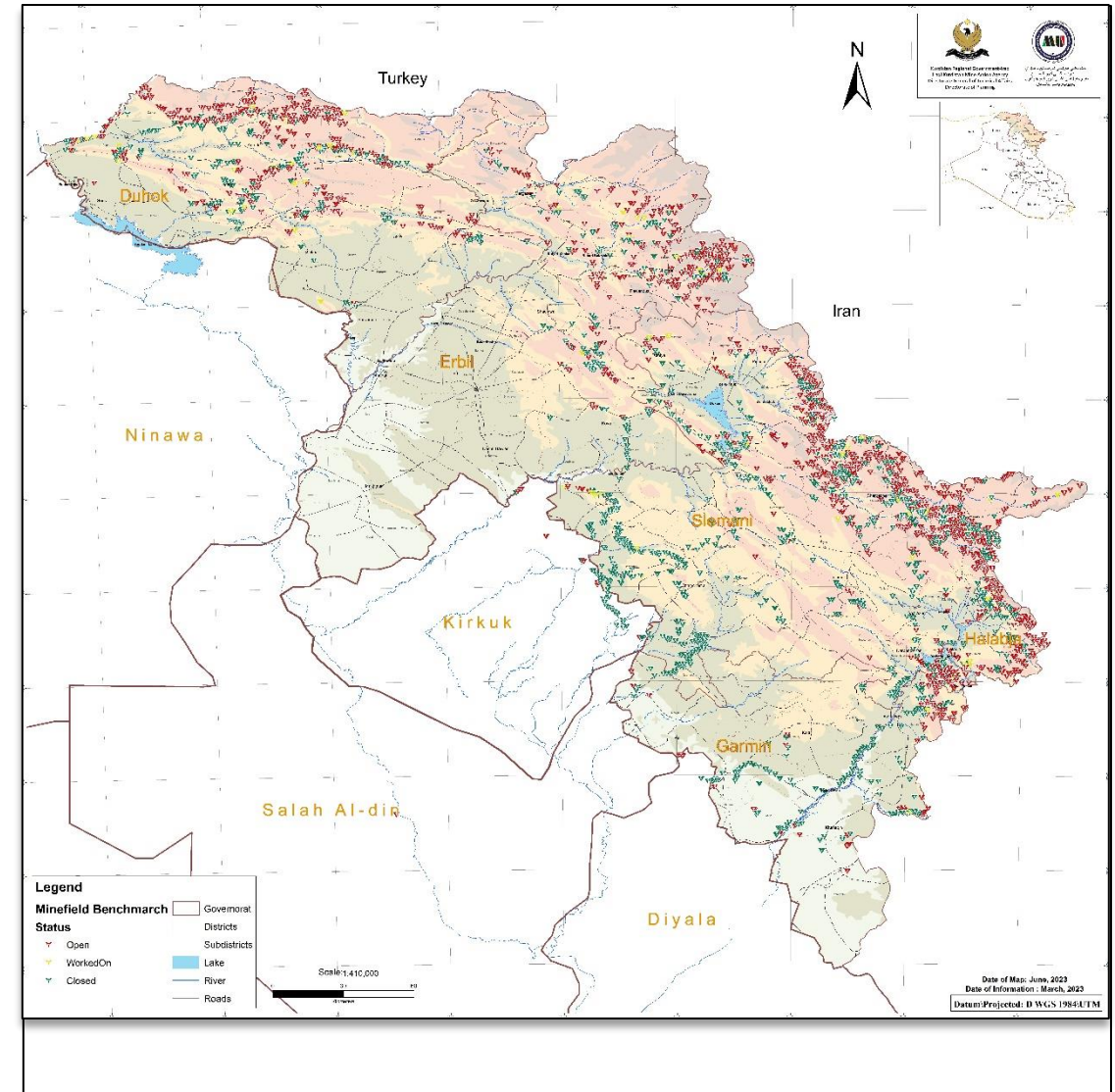
Achievements (IKMAA)

- Contamination land with mine/ERW has been started to release beginning of early 1991, with International affords, later continued by establishing Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency in early 2004, land release has been continue through IKMAA's clearance teams and International and national mine action agencies, also through local NGO and contracted companies.
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Total Land Release by Activity

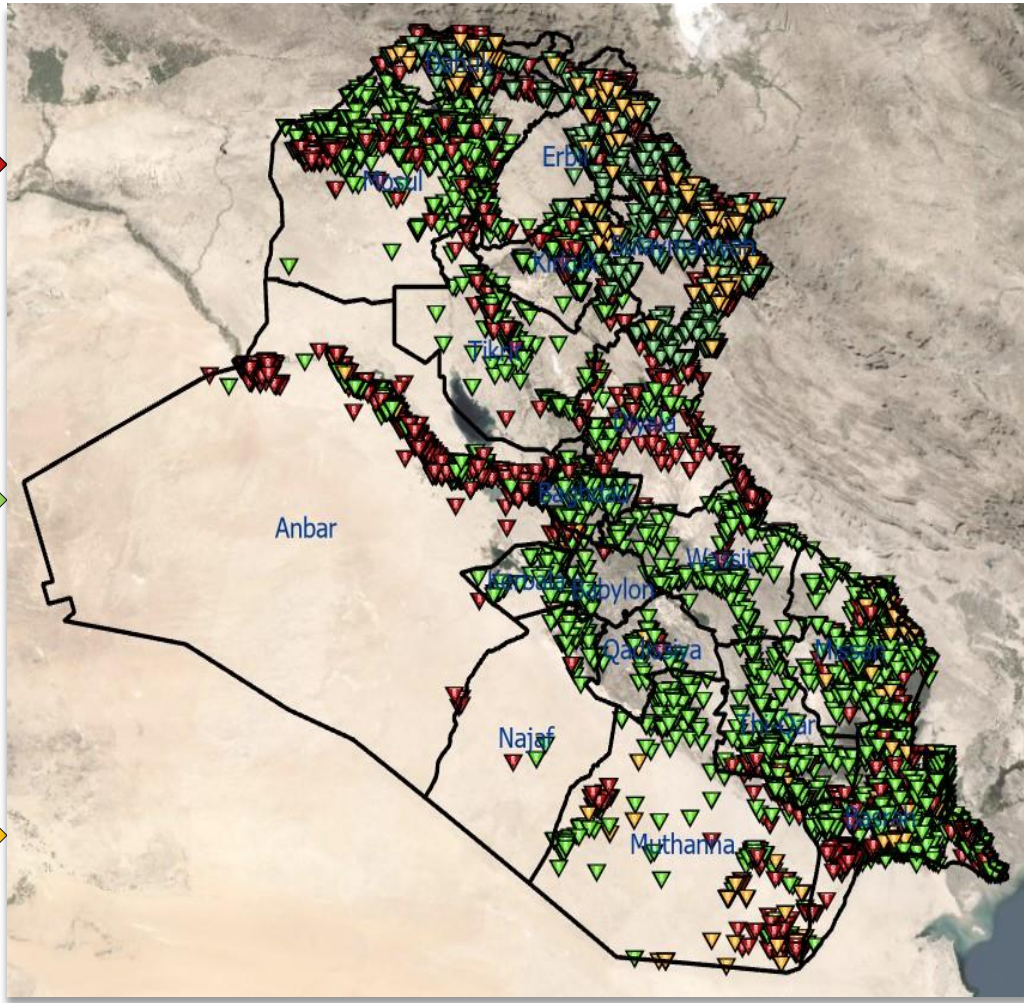
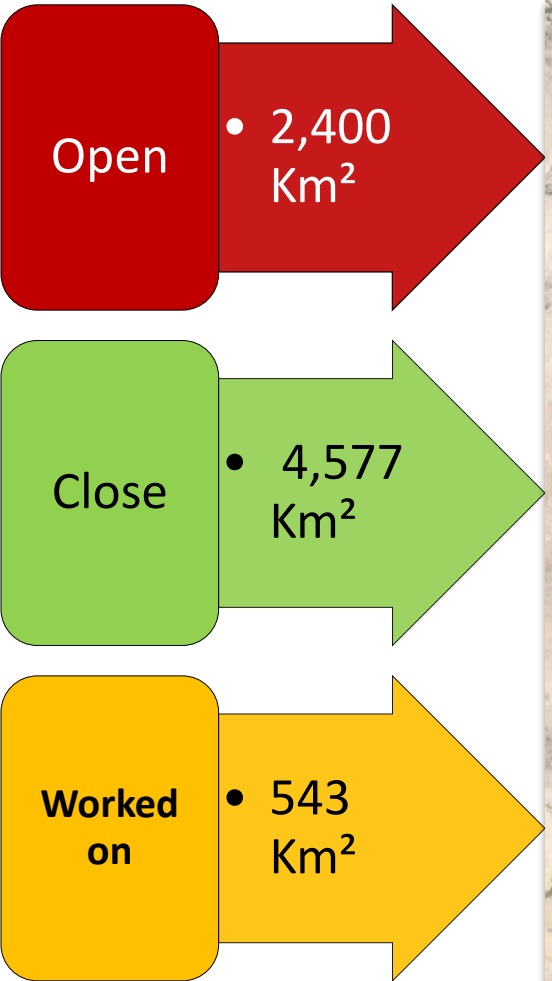
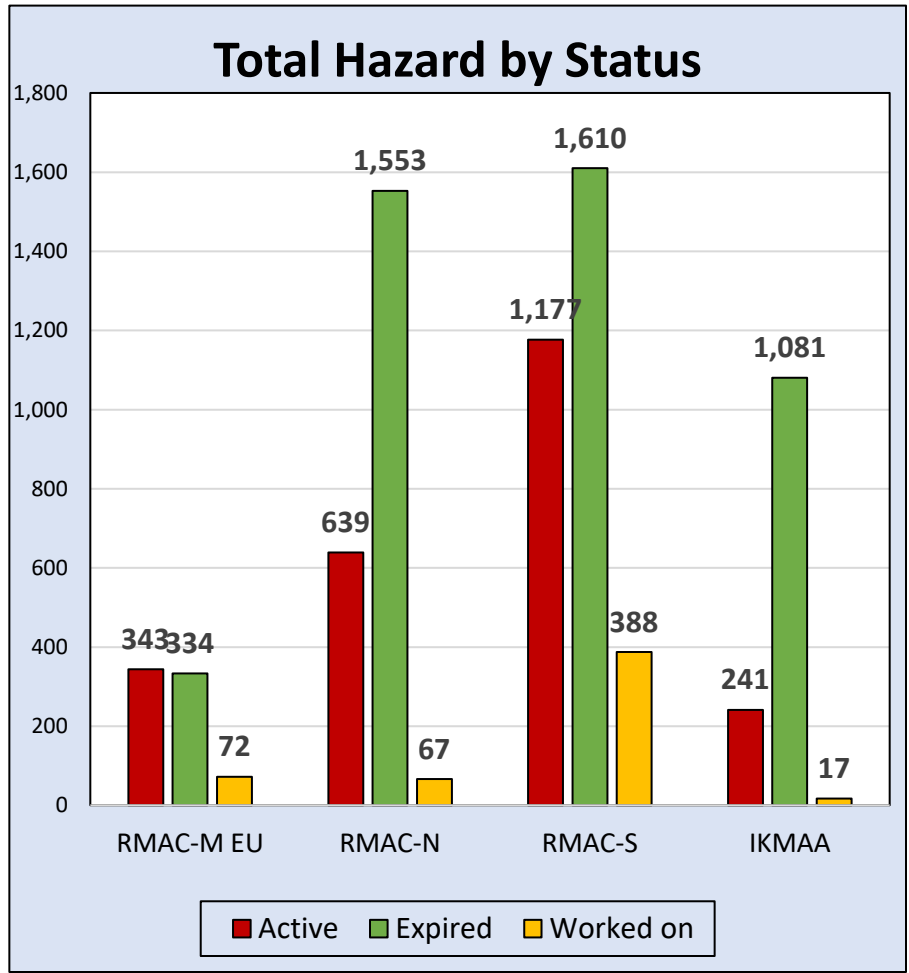
Activity	Area size (Km ²)
Land release (Clearance, TS, PTS, etc.)	1,081

Land contamination Current situation



Current Situation

By clearing areas from mines and EO, displaced people are able to return to their homes and begin rebuilding their lives. However, there are still significant challenges facing the process of displaced individuals' return in Iraq, including a lack of funding and resources. The clearance of mines and ERW remains a crucial step in facilitating the return and reintegration of displaced individuals in Iraq.



Collaboration and Partnerships

The collaborations and partnerships that have contributed to the success of the program:

1- National Government Agencies:

Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior.

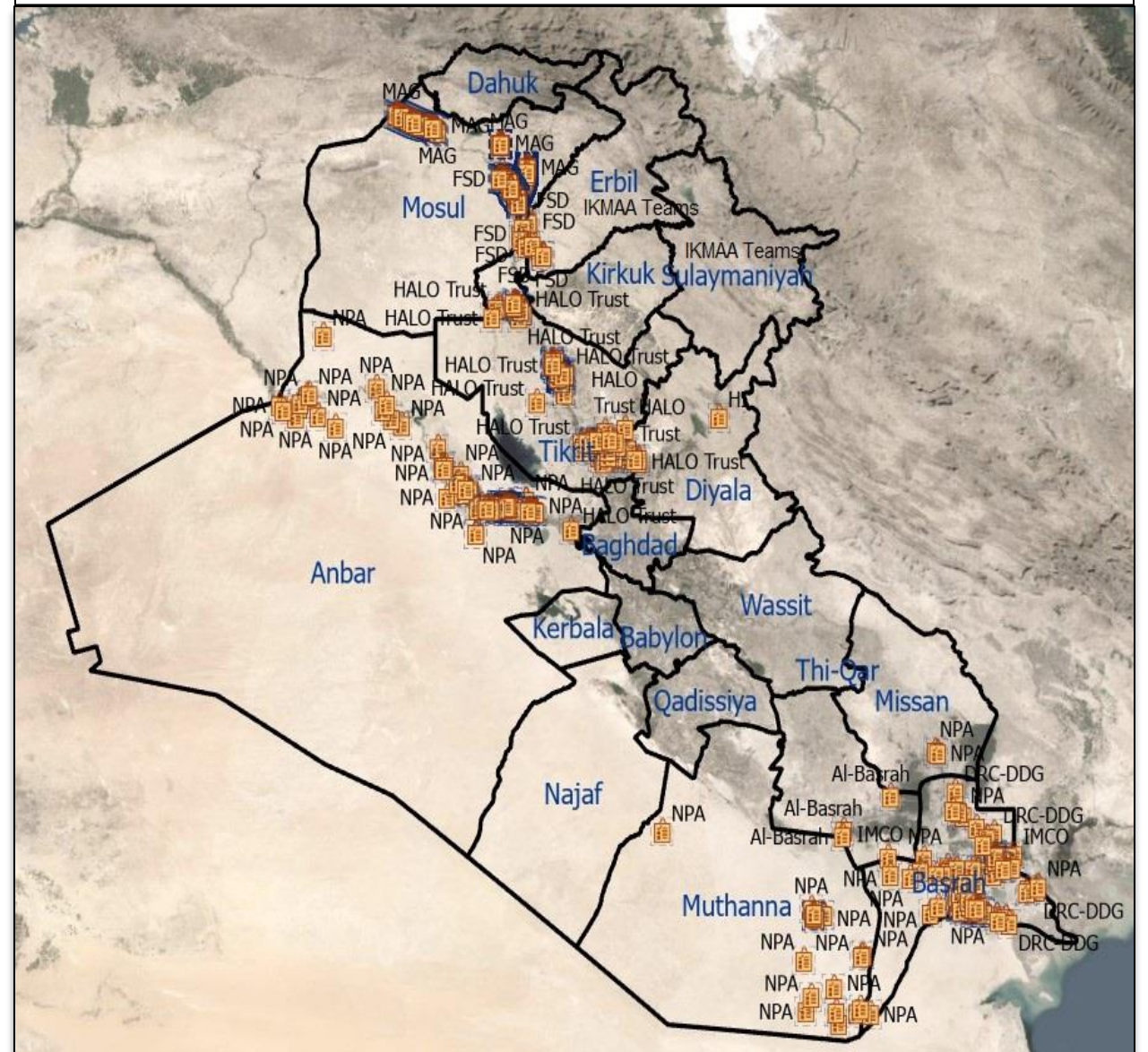
2- International Organizations:

United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), NGOs and private sector.

3- Donor Countries and Organizations:

key contributors and their support.

Locations of International Orgs working



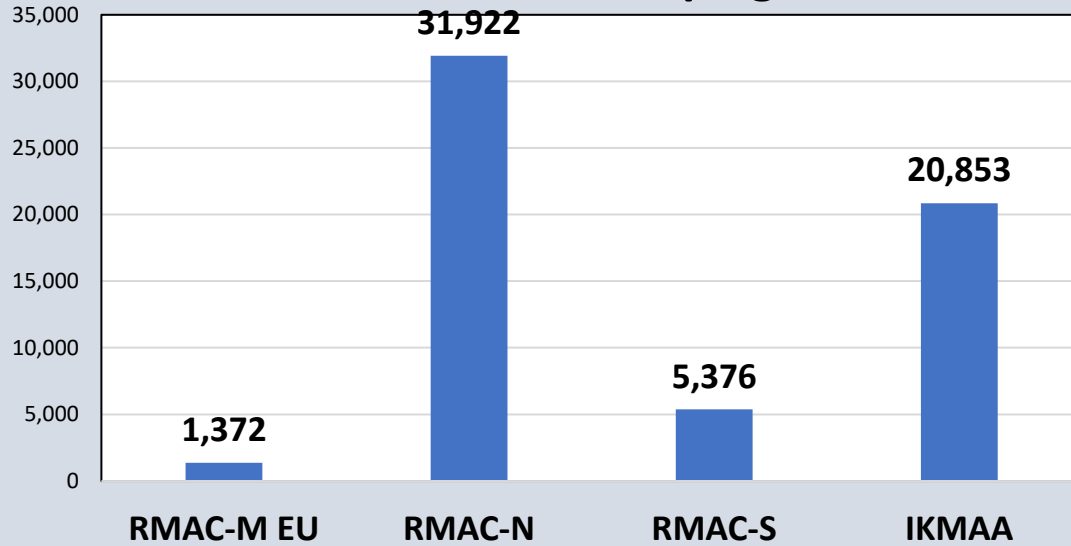
Risk Education (EORE)

EORE : They are educational activities aimed at reducing the rate of accidents caused by Mines and ERW through awareness-raising and behavior change, including the dissemination of public information, education, training and communicate with the local community.

Mine & ERW awareness activity is considered one of the important activities that accompany all surveys carried out by National authority and IPs.



Count of EORE Campaigns



Total Awareness Campaigns = 59,523

Total No. of Beneficiaries = 4,887,971



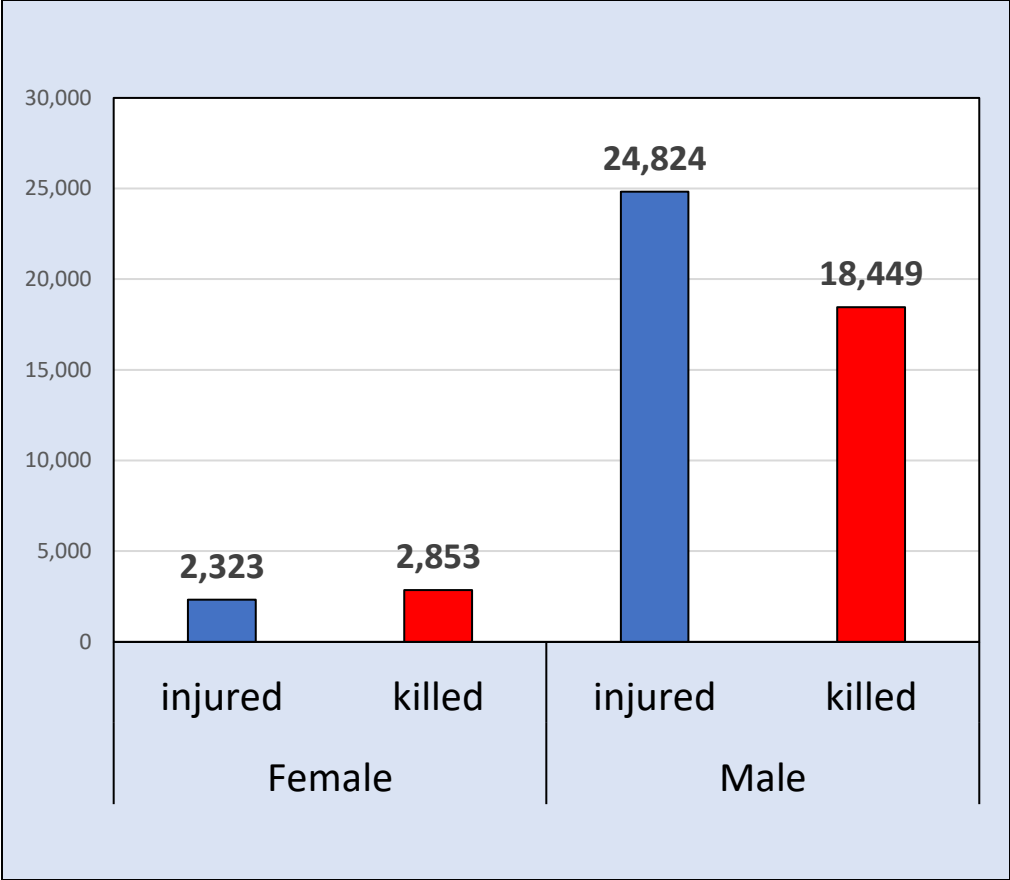
Victim Assistance

Victim assistance is a vital component of mine action programs in Iraq. Given the significant impact of Mines and (EO) on individuals and communities, addressing the needs of victims and providing them with appropriate support and services is essential.

Victim assistance in Iraq includes the following components:

- Medical Care.
- Socioeconomic Support.
- Psychological Support.
- Social Inclusion.

Efforts to provide victim assistance are ongoing, but challenges remain, such as limited resources and the continuous threat posed by Mines and ERW.



Total Count of Victims = 48,449



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