



*MAG MAT team leader disarming a live landmine
in Diyala governorate*



*MAG mechanical team conducting quality
assurance of land cleared by MAG MAT - Dilaya*

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Summary of outputs:

- MAG teams **released 320,150 m²** of land through a combination of electronic, hand mechanical, MDD clearance and area reduction
- MAG teams **removed and destroyed 5,062** hazardous items
- CWD response teams **completed 235 emergency response tasks** to safely remove and destroy different types of Conventional Weapons (CW)
- MAG CL teams **conducted 181 Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions** and **5 Small Arms and Light Weapons Risk Education (SALWRE)** targeting **3,498 beneficiaries**

MAG Iraq MATs completed clearance operations in four prioritized clearance tasks in Kirkuk, Diyala, Dohuk and Ninewah (Mosul) governorates directly benefiting more than 1,742 individuals and supporting agricultural development by enabling access to important land used by local farmers and shepherds for farming wheat and barley and grazing. The cleared land will be handed over to the local communities in coordination with IKMAA and GDMA once the quality assurance process is completed. MAG MATs deployed to demarcate two minefields in Diyala governorate. In total, 39,225 m² of suspected hazardous land was demarcated to international mine action standards (IMAS).

Coordination meetings were held with both regional Mine Action authorities, the Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency (IKMAA) and the General Directorate of Mine Affairs (GDMA). Activities, plans and priorities were the main points of the meetings agenda.

17 MATs deploying from the programme's 3 operations bases in Sulimaniyah, Chamchamal and Dohuk continued clearance operations in different clearance tasks that, when completed, will support agricultural development, poverty reduction, IDP resettlement and conflict recovery.

11 Community Liaison (CL) teams continued to deploy on daily basis to deliver MRE and SALW RE, conduct training of trainers for community leaders and teachers. They conducted primary school follow up visits, distributed leaflets, and identified and reported unguarded stockpiles of CW. Teams visited 134 different villages in Kirkuk, Sulimaniyah, Diyala, Dohuk and Ninewa (Mosul) governorates. CL teams continued to liaise with land owners and local authorities to secure their approval for clearance activities. CL staff in Sulimaniyah and Dohuk delivered SALW RE to 171 villages and students to minimize the risk of SALW on their lives.

MAG's Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) teams deployed to 77 different villages completing 235 emergency tasks to safely remove and destroy 4,765 CW. Highlights included the removal and safe destruction of 4 stockpiles of 2,033 hazardous items in Chimany Azady area of Kirkuk and the safe removal and destruction of 5 CW stockpiles of 254 hazardous items in Qorato sub-district of Diyala. These items were posing significant threat to the local communities.

Mine Detection Dogs (MDD) and manual support teams deployed to 3 prioritized minefield in Kirkuk and Sulimaniyah governorates undertaking clearance operations in low and medium risk areas of the minefields supporting MATs in achieving operations' efficiency and quality.

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