



MAG CWD response team removing stockpile of CW in Derabun collective town, Dahuk governorate

SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

The programme continued to reduce risk to vulnerable communities and support conflict recovery and rehabilitation by implementing Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) and Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) projects in **Dahuk, Diyala, Erbil, Kirkuk, Ninewah, and Sulimaniyah** governorates

- MAG teams **released 334,912 m²** of land using hand, electronic, and visual techniques safely removing and destroying **422 hazardous items**. Additional **281,487 m²** of suspected hazardous land were made safe through demarcation
- Mine Risk Education (MRE) teams delivered **229 MRE sessions reaching 4,636 individuals in 59 villages** in Diyala, Dahuk, Kirkuk and Mosul governorates
- Community Liaison (CL) teams identified **213 dangerous areas in 69 different villages**. Team conducted **88 teachers training** sessions training more than **7,460 national teachers** in MRE delivery in Dahuk, Diyala, Erbil, Kirkuk and Sulimaniyah governorates
- 6 CWD response teams **deployed 90 times to complete 231 tasks** during July, **destroying 5,152 items of CW**
- Mechanical assets were used to clear and prepare **2,767 m²** of land and process **5,441 m³** of contaminated earth
- Mine Detection Dogs (MDD) were used to clear **6,168 m²** of **low and medium risk parts** of 3 minefields in Yahyawa Mamsha and Pirijan villages in Kirkuk governorate

SUMMARY OF IMPACT

- **Creating a more secure environment** for the Iraqi people by reducing risk to life and limb
- **Building safer communities** and working to improve the **futures of people** affected by explosive remnants of conflict
- **Facilitating national reconstruction** by freeing up land that can be used for livelihood generation and infrastructure projects
- **Contributing to economic growth and stability** by creating safer environments and communities and increasing economic independence for families working in farming and herding
- **Facilitating repatriation** by handing back cleared land that has previously been denied to its returning residents due to contamination by explosive remnants of conflict
- Contributing to the **building of sustainable Iraqi Humanitarian Mine Action Capabilities** in country

OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Training for national dog handlers is ongoing in partnership with Marshall Legacy Institute and Global Training Academy
- Two local NGO partners working in Diyala and Kirkuk governorates continued to deliver training sessions in MRE and SALW awareness delivery to teachers

DEMINE & CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

- **Diyana sector:** MATs released **1,319 m²** of contaminated land. MAG's teams in Diyana worked on 2 ongoing tasks in support of **socio-economic rehabilitation and agricultural development** prior to the sector's closure at the end of July
- **Dahuk sector:** MATs released **99,180 m²** of contaminated land, removing and destroying **141 conventional weapons**. Teams continued working on 4 prioritised tasks in support of **IDP resettlement, agricultural development and socio-economic development** in Bamne, Sarsink, Chamanke and Rzgari sub-districts of Dahuk governorate. Teams completed clearance operations in 2 prioritised tasks in Zawita and Rzgari sub-districts of Dahuk governorate. Cleared lands will be handed over to local community during August 2009
- **Chamchamal sector:** MATs released **184,294 m²** of contaminated land. Teams removed and destroyed **222 conventional weapons**. Teams continued working on 3 tasks in support of **agricultural development and socio-economic development** in Qara Hanjir, Kirkuk and Daquq sub-districts of Kirkuk governorate.
- **Sulimaniyah sector:** MATs released **50,119 m²** of contaminated land. Teams removed and destroyed **59 conventional weapons**. MATs continued working on 7 tasks in support of **agricultural development, socio-economic rehabilitation, tourism development and conflict recovery** in Mawat, Sruchk, Qaradagh, Arbat, Tanjaro and Bazyan sub-districts in Sulimaniyah governorate and Khanaqin district in Diyala governorate. Team completed clearance operations in one prioritized area in Sruchk sub-district of Sulimaniyah governorate. Additional **281,487 m² of suspected hazardous land was demarcated**
- **Mechanical assets:** Teams deployed across northern Iraq to **support MATs and improve the efficiency of operations**. Assets and attachments were used to **clear and prepare 2,767 m² of contaminated land and to excavate 2,999 m³ and sift 2,442 m³ of contaminated soil** in Sulimaniyah, Kirkuk, Diyala, Dahuk and Erbil governorates
- **Mine Detection Dogs:** MDD teams were deployed to Mamsha, Yahyawa and Pirijan villages in Kirkuk governorate to clear **6,168 m² of suspected contaminated land in low and medium risk areas**

CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION (CWD) EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- **4 dedicated CL teams** deployed from Dahuk, Diyana, Sulimaniyah and Chamchamal sectors to identify and prioritize stockpiles and caches of CW for safe removal and destruction
- CL teams continued the SALW awareness project, which aims to warn children and other vulnerable groups about the dangers of SALW. A children's activity book, as well as posters and leaflets, were specially designed to support the project. Teams conducted **17 awareness sessions and distributed 1,432 booklets and stickers**
- **6 CWD response teams deployed 90 times supporting regional security and conflict recovery** during July **completing 231 tasks** in 81 different villages in Dahuk, Mosul, Erbil, Sulimaniyah, Diyala and Kirkuk governorates
- Teams destroyed **5,152 items of CW** in July

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CL)

- Teams identified **213 dangerous areas in 69 villages** that pose a threat to resident communities and block socio-economic development

MINE RISK EDUCATION (MRE)

- MRE teams delivered **109 MRE sessions in 59 villages** reaching **1,552 vulnerable individual** in Mosul, Kirkuk, Diyala and Dahuk governorates. **141 MRE posters and 1,286 leaflets were distributed** to different age groups of students, children and villagers
- Teams conducted MRE and SALW awareness delivery training for the local primary teachers participating in the teachers training conducted by the Ministry of Education within the Kurdistan Regional government. **88 teachers training sessions were conducted for 7,460 primary school teachers**
- Teams from local partner NGOs working in Diyala and Kirkuk governorates conducted **120 MRE sessions** to more than **3,084 individuals** and distributed **5,179 MRE leaflets** to more than **7,831 individuals**

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