

2025 FACTSHEET IRAQ MAD



CONTEXT

The war between Iraq and Iran during the 1980s, the Gulf War in 1991, the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the conflict to liberate Iraq from ISIS have littered the country with millions of explosive remnants of war (ERW), cluster munition remnants (CMR) and landmines, including those of an improvised nature.

There is a total contaminated area of 1,636km² of anti-personnel (AP) mines and improvised mines and 208km² of CMR. Federal Iraq accounts for 1,420km² AP mines and improvised mines and 11km² CMR.

NPA response focuses on stabilization, reconstruction and development as well as supporting Iraq to fulfil its Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) Article 4 and Mine Ban Treaty (MBT) Article 5 obligations.

PROGRAMME

NPA's mine action program is one of the longest standing humanitarian operations in Iraq with a presence since 1995. The country office in Baghdad administers the sub-offices and allows for closer coordination with the Directorate for Mine Action (DMA), donors, local partners and other relevant stakeholders to support and develop the framework conditions for mine action in Iraq.

Currently, NPA's mine action activities cover four governorates in Federal Iraq, including Muthanna and Thi Qar in the South, and Anbar in Central Iraq.

NPA's mine action activities include non-technical survey (NTS), technical survey (TS), clearance, explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), marking of affected areas, and capacity development.



Overall Results as of 31 December 2024

- 132,132,906m2 of land release
- 519,036,816m2 cancelled land through NTS
- 25,673 mines, 31,798 CM and 13,639 UXO/AXO found and safely destroyed
- 228,996 people received EORE: 29,440 women, 72,172 girls, 116,997 boys, 70,387 men

2024 Results

- 20,923,738 m2 of land released
- 8,775,242 m2 cancelled land through NTS
- 2,456 mines, 1,610 CM and 557 UXO/AXO found and safely destroyed
- 39,702 people received EORE: 4,659 women, 12,362 girls, 16,130 boys and 6,551 men

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