



# NPA Ukraine

# Mine Action & Disarmament

From the initial deployment to Ukraine in May 2022, NPA focused on supporting the main national mine action operator: the State Emergency Services of Ukraine (SESU), and in parallel established its own mine action operational capacities. NPA's collaboration with and support of SESU has taken different forms, including equipping 20 of their demining teams, and delivering and training six mine-detection dogs and their handlers for humanitarian demining operations. Additional training of trainers (ToT), and capacity development activities for SESU and the National Mine Action Centre are ongoing, mostly focusing on National Mine Action Standards, the use of mine detection dogs and quality management (quality control and assurance) of demining operations.

NPA started directly implementing mine action activities from February 2023 onwards. Since then, the programme has grown to almost 500 staff, mostly Ukrainian nationals, who are conducting risk education, survey, and clearance of landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive ordnance in the country's most affected communities. Our work focuses on agricultural areas and local communities. The programme currently deploys 16 non-technical survey & risk education teams in Sumy, Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, 38 manual demining teams in Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, 20 mine-detection dogs and their handlers, and 16 mechanical demining assets in support of clearance operations.

## Mine Action Activities

- Survey and clearance of explosive ordnance contaminated areas, explosive ordnance risk education and conflict preparedness and protection trainings in Mykolaiv, Kherson and Sumy regions.
- Capacity development of SESU to contribute to their sustainable mine action capacity.
- Capacity development of the National Mine Action Centre in the field of Quality Management for Mine Action.
- Conflict preparedness and protection trainings through NPA's partners in Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhyya, and Donetsk.
- Support the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), surveying damaged homes and infrastructure to confirm the presence or absence of explosive ordnance as part of a rehabilitation project for returning families.
- Partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), aiming to release and rehabilitate small and medium-scale farmland and household plots in areas contaminated by explosive ordnance.
- To address the growing issue of armed violence and weapons proliferation, NPA launched a Weapons and Ammunition Management project in 2025.



## Operational Results as of 31 May 2026

- Surveyed 1,306,277,678 m<sup>2</sup> of land for the first time through non-technical survey
- Identified 63,128,880 m<sup>2</sup> hazardous area through non-technical survey
- Processed 3,293,556 m<sup>2</sup> of hazardous area through clearance and technical survey
- Found and safely removed 3,603 items of explosive ordnance through survey and clearance operations
- Released 26,096,403 m<sup>2</sup> of land through non-technical survey, technical survey and clearance, and returned to communities for productive use
- Reached 4,066 direct beneficiaries (1,561 women, 506 girls, 430 boys, and 1,569 men), and 11,081 indirect beneficiaries (4,779 women, 1,197 girls, 1,056 boys, and 4,049 men) through the release of land by technical survey and clearance
- Provided explosive ordnance risk education/conflict preparedness and protection to 127,487 individuals (41,137 women, 34,680 girls, 33,393 boys, and 18,277 men). Of these 1,979 are persons with disabilities (achieved by NPA's teams and national NGOs partnering with NPA)
- 562 houses and 49 critical infrastructure units, including medical facilities, waterways, and two schools, were surveyed to support NRC's households and infrastructure rehabilitation project

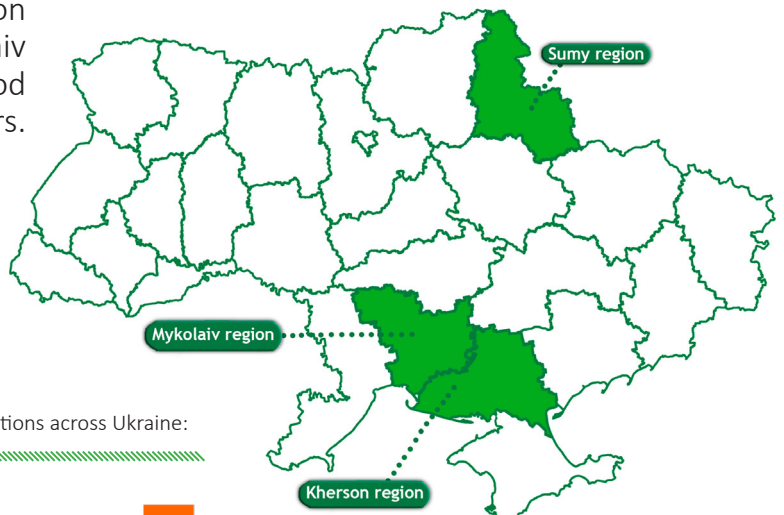


## Mine Action Operational Areas

NPA's mine action programme in Ukraine currently operates in Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Sumy regions (highlighted below), but has also conducted activities in Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Odesa, and Poltava regions based on partner requests and emerging needs. This demonstrates NPA's ability to reallocate teams and resources in response to shifting humanitarian priorities, security developments, and access constraints. Furthermore, NPA Ukraine collaborates with national partners operating in different regions, enhancing its capacity to respond effectively while promoting local ownership.

## Integrated Livelihood Assistance

NPA Ukraine started a partnership with WFP, formalised in February 2025. Through this collaboration, WFP provides material support for demining operations on agricultural land while NPA shares real-time data on cleared areas in Kherson and Mykolaiv regions to enable targeted livelihood assistance to small- and medium-size farmers. By embedding this integrated approach into its operational framework, NPA is increasing its long-term impact and sustainability for conflict-affected communities while strengthening its role in multi-sectoral recovery efforts.



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