Mine Action Update

Impact of Landmines and ERW on Civilians in Hudaydah

Note: numbers in this document are as reported by multiple sources and have not been independently verified by UNMHA.

In August 2023, UNMHA recorded 13 landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) incidents, resulting in 20 civilian casualties in the Hudaydah governorate. This is a 26 per cent decrease compared to the same period last year and a 122 percent increase compared to the previous month. Casualties were reported in Ad Durayhimi (10), Al Jarrahi (4), Hays (3), Bayt Al-Faqih (2) and Al Hawak (1) districts. The August spike interrupted the declining trend in casualties observed since January. Despite the change in trend, the percentage of children among all casualties remained above 30 per cent almost every month.

The Yemen Mine Action Coordination Center (YMACC) in Aden reported that in August they recorded 32,092 sqm of new hazardous areas; found and destroyed one landmine and two ERW in the governorate. The Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) in Sana’a did not provide inputs.

Mine action advocacy and coordination activities

In August, UNMHA conducted 22 mine action coordination activities with 20 interlocutors including UN partners, local authorities, NGOs, and the private sector on facilitating the importation of equipment, advocacy, resource mobilization, and risk assessment. Almost one-third of these activities involved local authorities and 35 per cent involved UN entities. Close to half of these events were carried out in Aden.