Mine Action Update

Hudaydah

In February 2023, UNMHA recorded 21 civilian casualties due to landmines and ERW incidents, a 30 per cent increase compared to February 2022 (16) and a nine per cent decrease compared to January 2023 (23). This includes nine civilians injured (five children) and 12 killed (one woman killed and six children killed). The casualties were distributed across the Al Garrahi, Al Hali, Ad Durayhimi, Bayt Al Faqih, At Tuhayta and Hays districts.

Civilian casualties resulting from landmines and ERW incidents reported in Feb 2023 per district*

*The map is from open source map and is only for data visualization. It does not represent UN positions in administrative boundaries.

Mine Action Advocacy and Support

UNMHA supported several preparation meetings for the First Mine Action Partnership Conference organized by YEMAC, SCMCHA, OCHA and ICRC. The conference took place between 22 and 23 February in Sana’a and brought together different organizations in Yemen to discuss the impact of landmines and ERW on civilians.

The Mission also facilitated discussions on coordination and access with INGOs in Aden and collaboration on risk education projects with agencies working in Hudaydah.

Hudaydah Governorate remains the most landmine and ERW-impacted governorate in Yemen. Freedom of movement and livelihood activities of the local population has been restricted due to the risk of landmines and ERW. UNMHA continues to advocate for urgent humanitarian mine action and international support to demining efforts in the governorate.

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