

# Mine Action Update

## Impact of Landmines and ERW on Civilians in Hudaydah

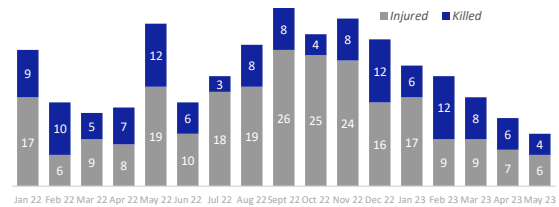
*Note: numbers in this document are as reported by multiple sources and have not been independently verified by UNMHA.*

In May, UNMHA recorded **eight** landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) incidents, resulting in **ten** civilian casualties in the Hudaydah governorate. This is a 68 percent decrease compared to May 2022 and 23 percent decrease compared to the previous month. Casualties were primarily reported in Ad Durayhimi, Bayt Al Faqih and At Tuhayta districts.

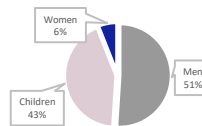
Countrywide, ERW had caused 121 civilian casualties in the first quarter of 2023, which is a 13 per cent quarter-on-quarter decrease. About half of these casualties were reported in the Hudaydah governorate. Since the frontline in Hudaydah shifted to the south allowing greater freedom of movement for civilians in late 2021, Hudaydah has registered the highest ERW casualties in Yemen. *(Source OCHA)*

The **Yemen Mine Action Coordination Center (YMACC) in Aden** reported that it had cleared 9,725 sqm and defined almost 1.5 million sqm of new hazardous areas in May in the southern districts of the governorate. The **Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) in Sana'a** reported that it had marked 75,012 sqm as new minefields and cleared 38,215 sqm of contaminated areas, finding, collecting and destroying a total 52 landmines, 9 IEDs and 478 of other ERW in the northern districts of the governorate.

Casualties per month



Casualties in Hudaydah in May



Casualties in Q1 in Yemen



## Mine action advocacy and coordination activities

In May, UNMHA conducted 18 mine action coordination activities with UN partners, local authorities, NGOs, and other stakeholders on facilitating the importation of equipment, advocacy, resource mobilization, and risk education.

On **17 May**, UNMHA supported the FSO Safer project in a field visit to Ras Issa port, providing technical advice on landmine and ERW risks in the visited area, onshore from the FSO Safer oil tanker. On **18 May**, UNMHA visited a YEMAC training for deminers in Hudaydah city to observe training standards and the use of new equipment. On **24 May**, on behalf of the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), UNMHA Mine Action Advisor travelled to Djibouti to coordinate risk mitigation and security briefings to project crew onboard the FSO Safer support vessel. On **29 May** in Sana'a, UNMHA met with the RCO and discussed the RC's strategy for mine action in Yemen. From **30 to 31 May** in Aden, the Deputy Head of Mission met and discussed mine action implementation and coordination with INGOs, including Project Masam, ICRC, Norwegian People's Aid, the Halo Trust, and the YMACC.



UNMHA Mine Action Advisor coordinated risk mitigation and security briefings to FSO Safer project crew member on a vessel in Djibouti



UNMHA visited the YEMAC deminer training in Hudaydah city.