

Ministry of Environment
Directorate for Mine Action - Baghdad



Iraq Mine Action Programme

Mine Actions Pillars:

- Mine Risk Education (MRE)
- Mine/UXO clearance
- Victim Assistant
- Advocacy
- Legislation

The Goal:

Declare Iraq Free of Mines and UXOs. Releasing the impact of Mines and other remnants of war, in addition to rehabilitation of mine/UXO survivors and their reintegration into the Iraqi society, through the integration of mine action activities and disperse them in parallel and in all fields by doing the following:

First:- Build institutional capacities to achieve the national objectives.

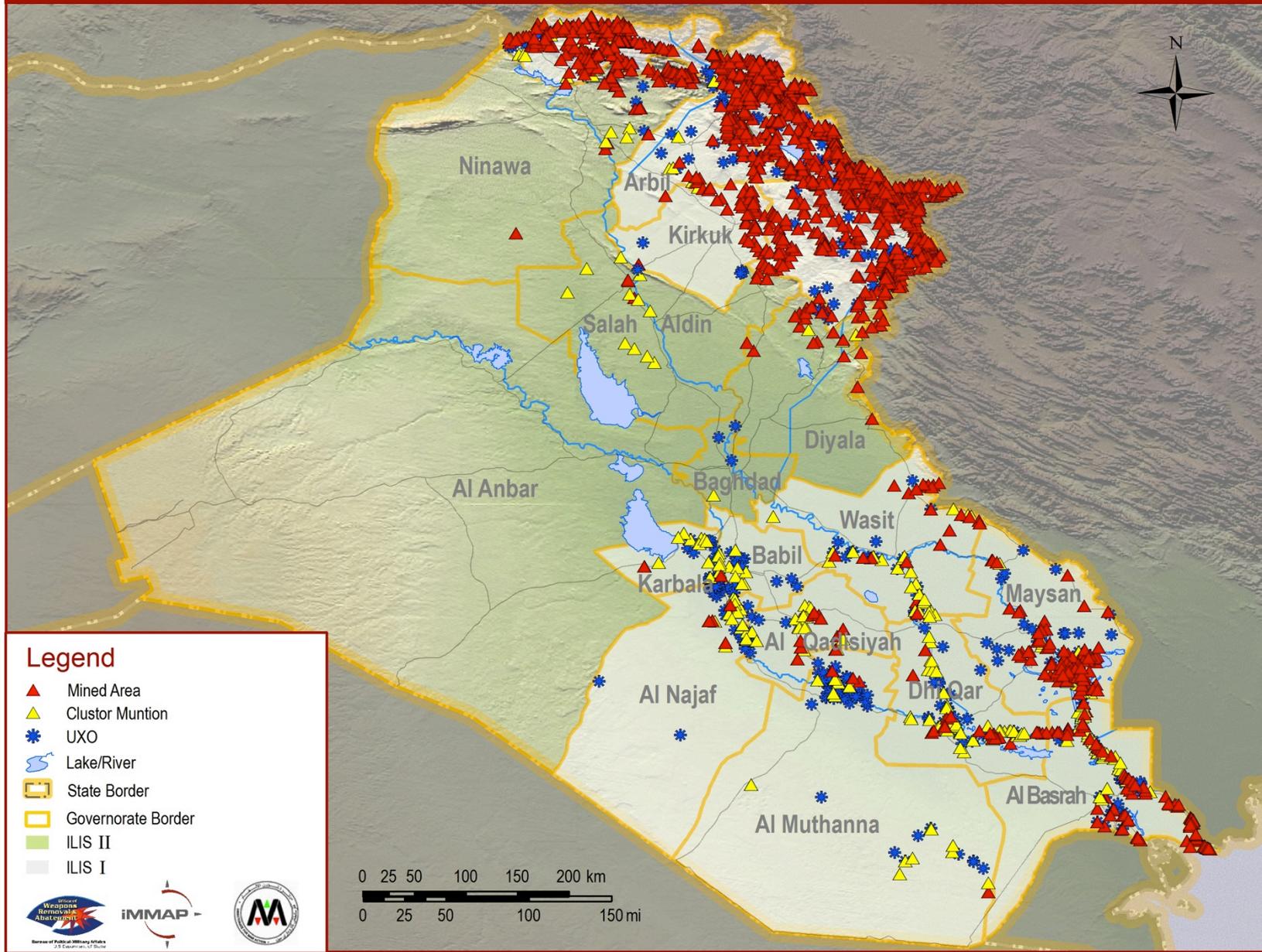
Second:- Clearance work for the purpose of land restoration and stimulating of the economy.

Third:- Assist the Survivors through reintegrating them Socially and economically.

Forth:- Conduct Mine/UXO Risk Education (aimed mainly to reducing the impact "Prevention")

Fifth:- work towards meeting international treaties' obligations where Iraq became or will become a member state (Ottawa treaty, CCM, CRPD...etc)

CONTAMINATED COMMUNITIES (ILIS I & II)



Major Achievements “2010/2011”:

- Creation of a national higher committee, lead by H.E. Pri-Minister, with members from MoEn, MoD, Mol and MoAgr.
- Official legislation of Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency by KRG parliament.
- Approval of 23 chapters of National Mine Action Standards and work is going for the rest of the chapters
- MoD trained to use national mine action SOPs for clearance operations.

Information about Cluster munitions:

- Type of existing cluster munitions are (M40, M42, BLU89, BLU97, BLU98, BLU99, MK20, MK118)
- Total estimated hazardous areas: 408,005,450 M2.
provided by Civil Defense.
- Cluster items destroyed by Civil Defense: 20,819
(during 2009/2010)
- Cluster items destroyed by MoD: 6,265 (during 2010)
- (Baghdad, Karbala, Najaf, Wasit, Qadisiya, Babil, Diala, Nainawa, Anbar, Muthanna, Thi qar, Missan, Basra)

Challenges:

- The unstable security situation
- Limited technical abilities
- Clearance Operators in the ground are much less than what is required (does not meet/match the scope of the problem in Iraq)

Needs and Support

required for the Iraq Mine action programme

- Human Capacity Development
- Encourage Operators/NGOs to work in Iraq (enabling to meet international obligations)
- International cooperation and support in terms of technical devices and technologies that help in furthering the work of the technical survey, clearance and quality control.

**Lets Work Together for Iraq and a
world Free from Mines and all other
Remnants of War**

Thank You for Your Attention