



Highlights **JULY 2022**



Rainy season started and clearance teams demobilised as of 1 July 2022



One explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) emergency response team is deployed at the UNISFA HQ in Abyei to conduct EOD activities



9 explosive remnants of war found



Six explosive remnants of war found in Agok



29

explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions provided



Safety induction training in Abyei



14

new UNISFA military members received safety training



Ground monitoring mission in Tishwin



7

ground monitoring missions supported

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS CONTRIBUTE IN DISEMINATION OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION MESSAGES

Despite the onset of the rainy season, the United Nations Mine Action Services (UNMAS), continues to raise awareness of the dangers posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The maintenance of activities to enhance safe behaviors and to gather information that enable us eradicating the threat remains essential throughout the year. Among those targeted to benefit from the Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) are Abyei residents, internally displaced people (IDPs) from areas surrounding Abyei town, and humanitarian actors that operate within the Abyei Administrative Area.

In order to achieve UNISFA's mandate of peace and protection of civilians in Abyei, UNMAS Community Liaison Officers are ensuring that EORE reaches all corners of the Abyei Area. EORE sessions are conducted on a bi-weekly basis in various locations within Abyei town and adjacent areas. There is a sustained focus in delivering EORE at schools and adapting the awareness messages to reach vulnerable boys and girls in particular. In 2021, three accidents involving children occurred in the Agok and Diffra areas and resulted in three fatalities and 10 injuries. Since then, UNMAS has further intensified EORE activities through radio, skits and six dedicated Community Liaison Officers.

To determine if the EORE sessions implemented are making the desired impact to the communities, an EORE Comprehension Survey form is completed for each session conducted.

The Abyei communities have been very receptive and appreciative of efforts made in ensuring their safety through EORE sessions. The importance of staying safe and alert to possible dangers in their areas cannot be underestimated.

To ensure a continued interaction between the communities and UNMAS is maintained, phone numbers have been provided to members of the community, to report any information relating to mines and ERW.

During one of the Community Liaison Officers visits to Rumajak, targeting internally displaced people, Mrs. Aluel Deng shared that:

"We are very happy with the work UNMAS is doing in this area. This brings a sense of alertness and safety to the people who are staying here. This information will help us even in the near future, when we return to our homes, when the fighting is over. It also gives us assurance that we are not alone, when we see you coming to our villages to help us out."

UNMAS is contributing as much as possible to ensure that the mission's mandate to protect civilians from any harm posed by ERW is carried out, and that communities are aware of safe-behavior practices and the actions they should take when encountering ERW and landmines.



Explosive ordnance risk education in Abyei



Explosive ordnance risk education in Goli



Explosive ordnance risk education in Abyei

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