

## UNMAS DRC: JOURNALISTS AND NGOs TRAINED ON LANDMINES AND EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR



In anticipation of International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in DRC held a training session on March 28, 2018 for journalists and members of national NGOs to raise awareness of the risks of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The training took place at the offices of the United Nations Mission for the Stabilization of Congo (MONUSCO) in Kinshasa.

Mine action is a very important field. Unfortunately, it is little known, especially in urban areas such as Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It also remains a very technical domain using terminologies that are not commonly known. The purpose of this training was also to explain and decipher the various terms used in mine action and to allow participants to become familiar with this area, allowing them to sensitize their own communities.

This training is part of the third pillar of Mine Action known as Risk Education on mines and ERW. Nearly 10,600 NGOs, UN staff and civil society professionals benefited from direct sessions given by UNMAS like this one between 2015 and 2018.

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