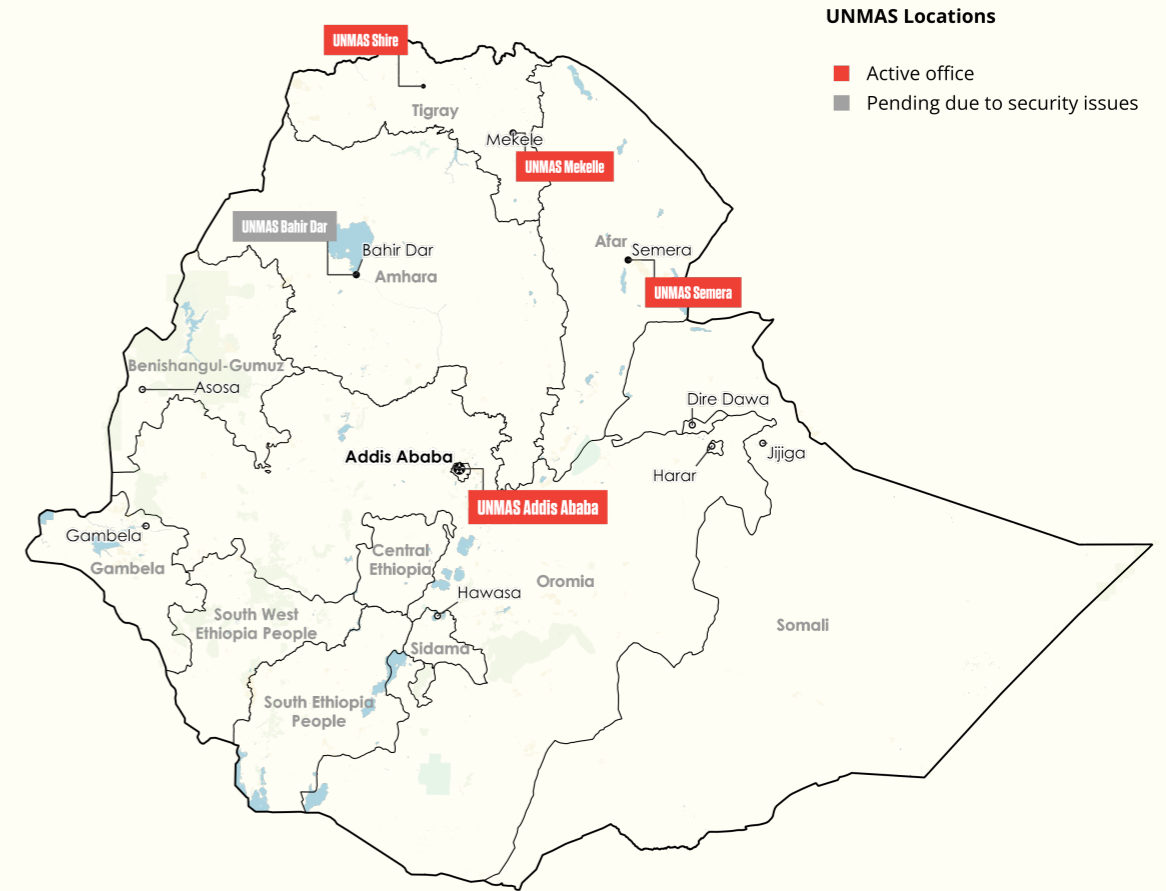
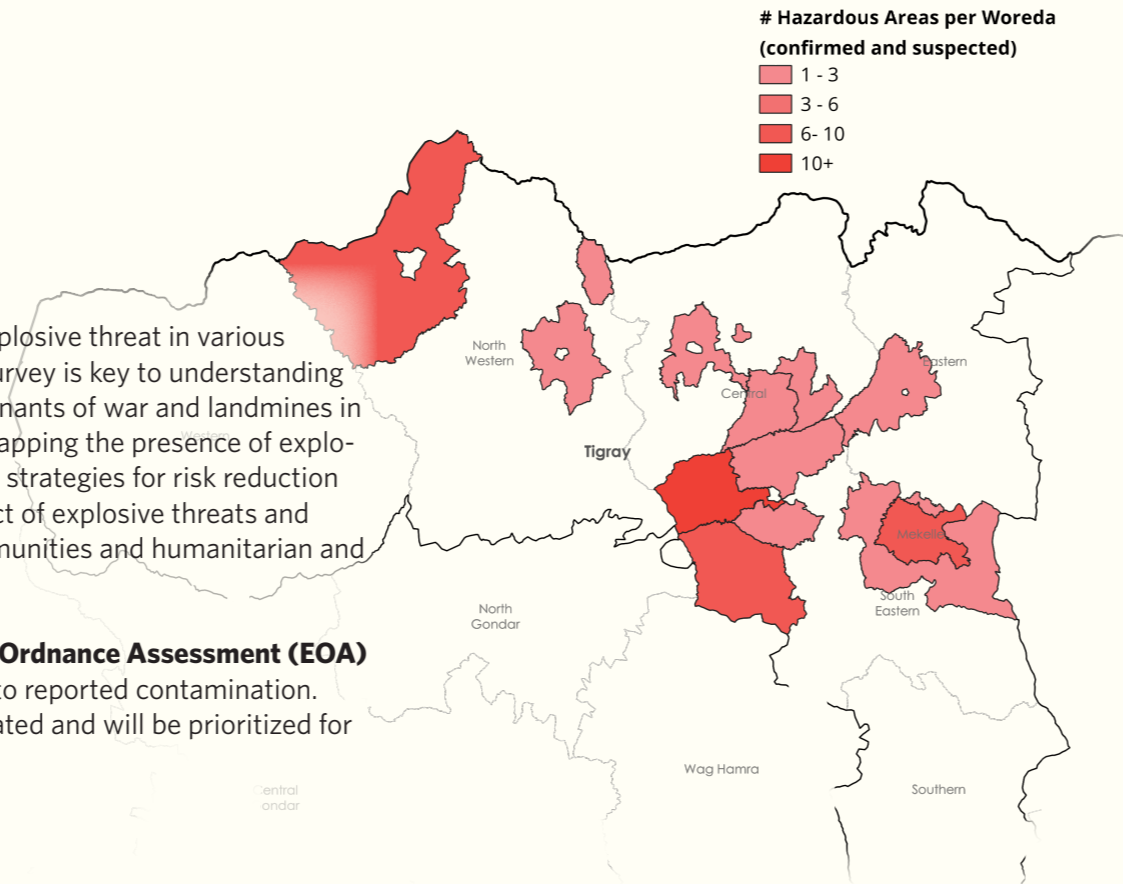


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## Surveying the explosive threat

UNMAS is conducting surveys to assess the explosive threat in various woredas (districts) across northern Ethiopia. Survey is key to understanding the extent of the threat posed by explosive remnants of war and landmines in these areas. By systematically surveying and mapping the presence of explosive hazards, UNMAS aims to develop targeted strategies for risk reduction and, eventually, clearance to mitigate the impact of explosive threats and creating safer environments for Ethiopian communities and humanitarian and development workers alike.

In 2023, UNMAS Teams conducted **Explosive Ordnance Assessment (EOA) in 10 Woredas identified as high-priority** due to reported contamination. **48 Hazard Areas were identified** as contaminated and will be prioritized for future mine action activities.



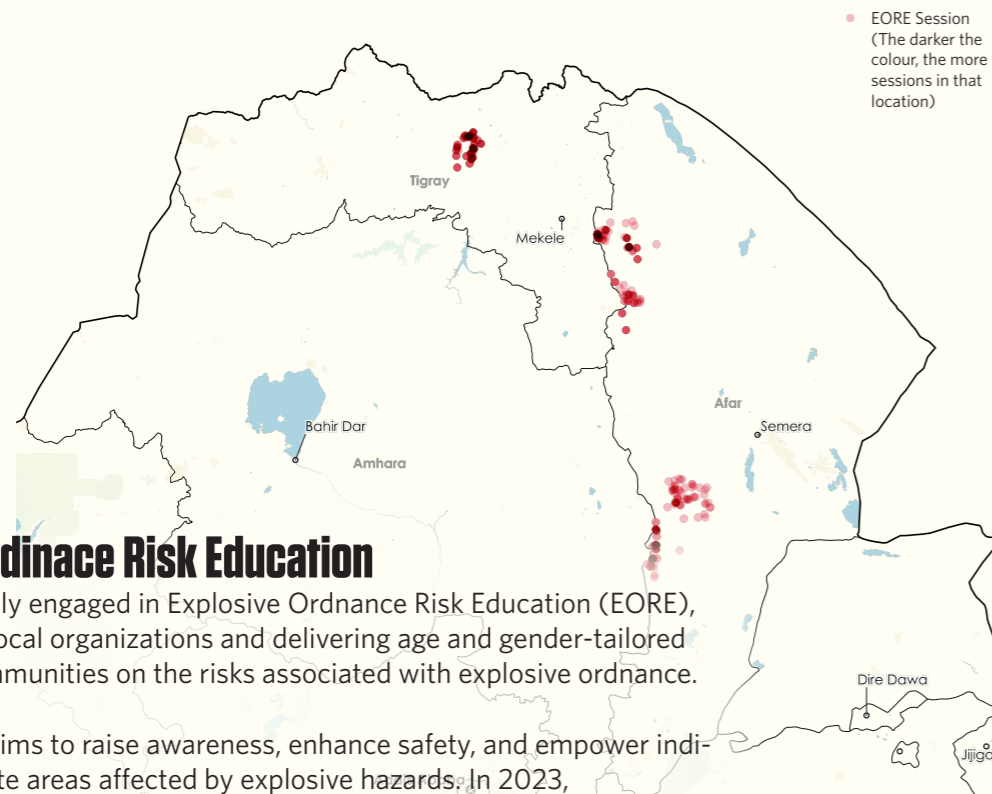
## UNMAS in 2023

UNMAS has expanded its presence in Ethiopia with the establishment of three new offices strategically placed in Tigray and Afar regions. This move underscores UNMAS's commitment to addressing the challenges posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war in the northern parts of the Country. The offices aim to enhance the efficiency of mine action efforts, focusing on mine clearance, risk education, and victim assistance. Currently, UNMAS has offices and teams in **Mekelle, Shire, Semera** and **Addis Ababa**.

## Explosive Ordnance Risk Education

UNMAS is actively engaged in Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), partnering with local organizations and delivering age and gender-tailored messages to communities on the risks associated with explosive ordnance.

This joint effort aims to raise awareness, enhance safety, and empower individuals to navigate areas affected by explosive hazards. In 2023,



**722 sessions**

**28,000+** beneficiaries reached:

**7,285 Women**

**8,272 Men**

**6,719 Girls**

**6,204 Boys**



## BUILDING THE SECTORS CAPACITY

UNMAS is committed to strengthening the mine action sector's capabilities by conducting Explosive Hazard Awareness Training (EHAT) and Information Management (IM) training for actors in the sector. This includes training trainers to empower individuals to educate others about explosive hazards. Improved IM enhances the sector's data capabilities, ensuring a more coordinated response. UNMAS is thus instrumental in building a safer environment through empowered communities and effective mine action initiatives.

**24 sessions** with a total of **658 participants**:

**EHAT (19)** **408 Men** **218 Women**

**IM (5)** **32 Men** **5 Women**

# 2023 Ethiopia Mine Action Area of Responsibility

## The mine action area of responsibility (AoR)

In line with the global humanitarian architecture, UNMAS in Ethiopia coordinates the mine action area of responsibility (AoR) under the Protection Cluster at the national (Addis) level and at the field level. Presently, the mine action AoR is co-led by the Ethiopia Mine Action Office and regroups a diverse pool of actors (UN agencies, national and International NGOs).

UNMAS in Ethiopia has further set up an online system for humanitarian actors to request support from UNMAS, either through awareness training of field deployments to assess the presence of explosive ordnance, marking items found, or moving items that are safe to be moved.

## Activities and reach per region

The Mine Action Area of Responsibility (AoR) is actively engaged in a comprehensive strategy to address the threat posed by explosive hazards. This includes a shared analysis of the needs, Explosive Ordnance Risk education delivered at the community level, capacity building on a set of different mine action activities, harmonization of data collection tools, systematic contamination assessments, and assistance to survivors. From its field offices in Tigray (Mekelle and Shire) and Afar (Semera), UNMAS participates in regional humanitarian coordination meetings and animates regional meetings of mine action partners to exchange information on planned activities and discuss challenges to operation.

### Tigray (5 partners)

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)  
Capacity Building of EORE, Non-Technical Survey and Clearance Teams  
Victim assistance

### Afar (1 partner)

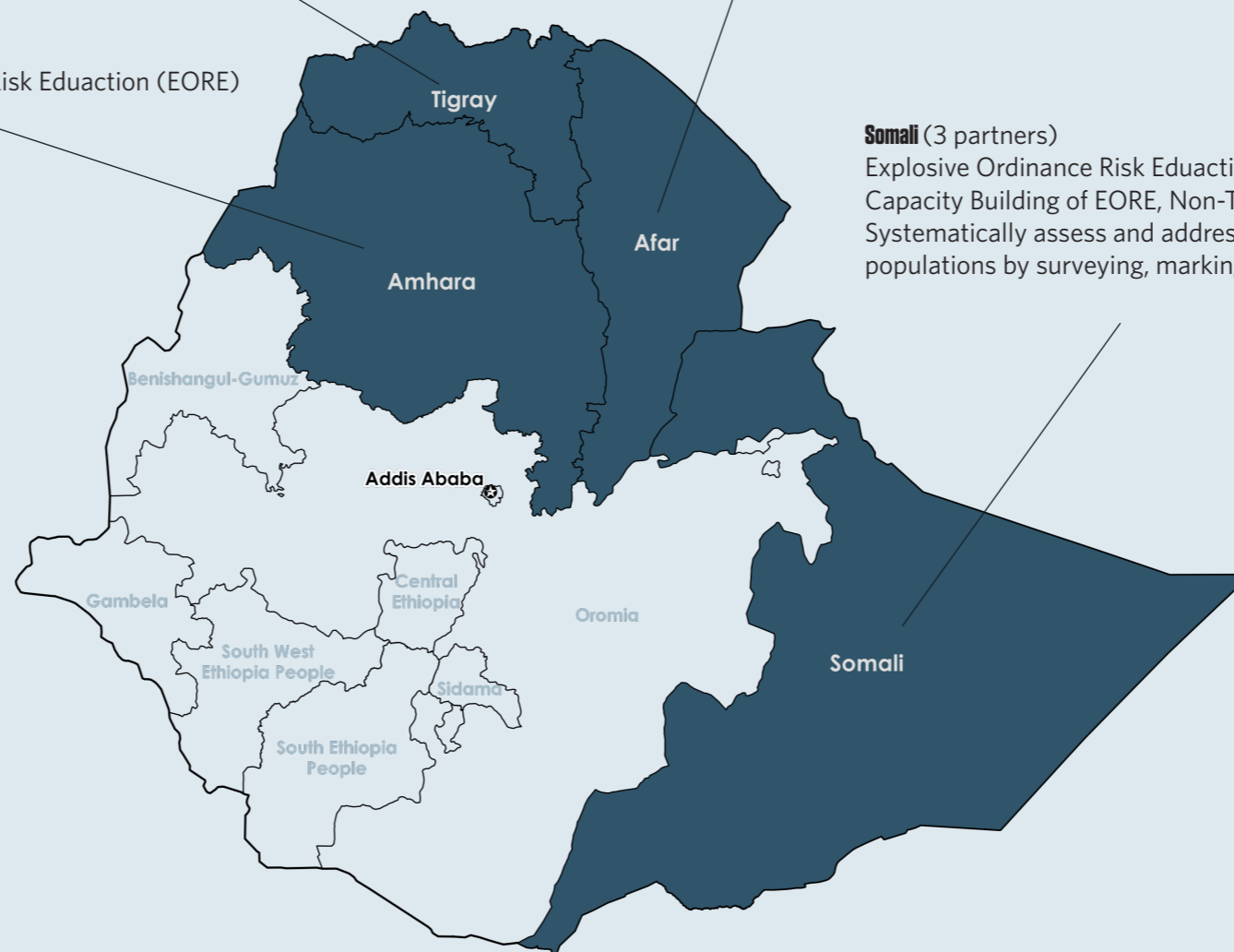
Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

### Amhara (1 partners)

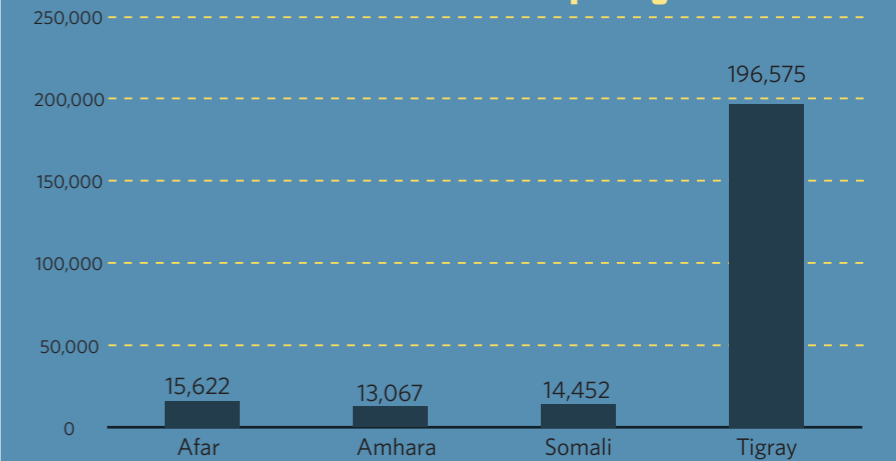
Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

### Somali (3 partners)

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)  
Capacity Building of EORE, Non-Technical Survey and Clearance Teams  
Systematically assess and address EO contamination in areas impacting vulnerable populations by surveying, marking, clearance and explosive ordnance disposal.



## Beneficiaries reached per region



## Partners

