



Highlights

Due to the rainy season, which majorly impacts mobility within the Abyei area, mine action activities have been reduced.

One Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Response Team remained in charge of emergency mine action activities as well as four Patrol Support Teams.

Six communities in the Abyei area have a presence of Community Liaison Officers who make their community members aware of explosive hazards.



Explosive Ordnance Safety Induction Training



Ground Monitoring Mission in Tishwin

Stats **AUGUST 2025**

42 Newly arrived uniformed and civilian members of UNISFA received safety induction briefing

24 Safety briefing sessions conducted by local Community Liaison Officers

15 Ground monitoring missions supported by UNMAS ensured full implementation of the JBVMM mandate



A SAFE ABYEI THROUGH EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE SAFETY BRIEFING SESSIONS

In August, the rainy season reaches its peak in Abyei. The roads become muddy, and puddles appear everywhere. Children walk carefully to school, hopping over wet spots. This month, their lessons went beyond reading and writing, they also focused on practicing safe behavior and learning how to stay safe from the dangers posed by landmines and other explosive ordnance.

Abyei is a region where conflict has left behind a legacy of dangerous explosive ordnance. These devices pose serious risks to both children and adults in the community. In an effort to protect people from these threats, UNMAS UNISFA, through its implementing partner The Development Initiative (TDI) and their national community liaison officers (NCLO), have been working diligently to educate local residents on how to stay safe and adopt safe practices.

The NCLOs visited Ackenhial Primary, Awolnhom Primary, Amathabek Primary, and Abyei Boys schools, delivering explosive ordnance safety briefings. These sessions focused on how to identify dangerous items, avoid them, and report them if encountered. Pictorial posters and storytelling were used to help children understand and remember the safety messages. The images depicted explosive ordnance commonly found in Abyei, helping children recognize what these items might look like. Special emphasis was placed on areas where such ordnance is likely to be found.

The NCLOs stressed the importance of staying on safe paths and avoiding areas with warning signs, overgrown grass, or abandoned buildings. They also demonstrated what to do if something dangerous is encountered. By the end of the sessions, children were able to repeat the safety rules and felt proud to know how to protect themselves.

The children learned three key rules:

- If you see something strange, suspicious, or dangerous, do not touch it!
- Do not play near unknown objects or in unfamiliar places!
- Report anything suspicious to an adult immediately!

Recognizing that not all children attend school, the NCLOs also visited homes and villages, delivering the same safety briefings to both children and adults. Everyone listened attentively and asked questions.

Community elders also received the safety messages. As respected leaders, they were encouraged to share and spread these messages within their communities to help keep everyone safe.

One teacher, Mr. Amos Deng from Ackenhial Primary School, stated:

"This is not just teaching; it is saving lives. Our children now know how to stay safe. We thank you for helping our community."

One student from Ackenhial Primary School, Awut Ater Arop, said:

"People in Abyei are learning every day how to stay away from danger. These lessons help build a safer environment and a safer future for us."



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