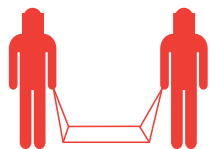




Highlights **MAY 2021**



Land assessed by clearance teams as safe from explosive hazards

221,098 m²



3

Explosive remnants of war destroyed



1

Anti-tank mine destroyed



Anti-tank mine found in Noong



912

Men, women, girls and boys received explosive ordnance risk education (EORE)



Safety briefing to local population



1,403

People reached through performances of EORE drama skits



Drama play in northern Abyei



40

UNISFA military and civilian staff received safety training



Joint briefing prior a ground monitoring mission

20

Ground monitoring missions supported

UNMAS EMPLOYED A DIVERSE TEAM TO REACH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

AND PROVIDE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION

As part of its regular activities, UNMAS consistently communicates with local communities to collect data about explosive hazards and provide education about explosive hazard risks and safe behavior. Following an explosive hazard incident in January 2021 involving three children who were slightly injured in southern Abyei, UNMAS initiated an intensive Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) campaign targeting children throughout Abyei, by producing comic books, performing short drama skits and broadcasting a radio drama in English, Dinka and Arabic languages based on the comic book characters to increase awareness. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNMAS also designed face masks based on the comic book, which are distributed prior to any direct presentation in Abyei communities.

Previous incidents have shown that children in the Abyei area are at an increased risk of encountering explosive hazards in their daily life and getting injured by tampering with devices found in vicinity of their communities. In order to ensure equal access to all communities throughout Abyei, UNMAS has taken the initiative to employ male and female community liaison officers from within the local communities. A diverse team of six Community Liaison Officers (CLOs), composed of two men and four women, was thus contracted to deliver EORE lifesaving information for the most vulnerable groups, taking into consideration the needs of men, women, boys and girls. They have all been trained by UNMAS in the use of various EORE materials and tools for the best interactive and educational methods to introduce and teach safe behavior.



Training of the Community Liaison Officers in Agok



Community Liaison Officer providing EORE in Diffra



Community Liaison Officers providing EORE in Agok

Achan is one of the CLOs proudly representing UNMAS within the communities and teaching both children and adults about staying safe from explosive hazards. She stated, "I like this work, I learned a lot and I am very proud to take this role and support my community in this problem we are all facing in the area after the conflict." Achan is happy when people listen to her and her messages, especially the children and the women who are most at risk while playing, fetching water or collecting wood.