



Who is SMAWT

The SMAWT was formed in 2019 as a group of Sahrawi female volunteers, operating in the field of mineaction. Four of them are former deminers, who have worked in the field, following specialized training by international operators, such as the Norwegian Peoples' Aid. Since its foundation, team members have received training in subjects such as non-technical surveys, by the Danish Refugee Council, explosive ordnance risk education, by the Sahrawi Mine Action Coordination Office and various aspects of women in operations by UNMAS.

SMAWT secured rented premises in Rabouni in December 2021, to promote a central coordination and training pointfor the whole team. SMAWT received its official NGO accreditation from the Sahrawi Ministry of Interior in February 2022.



SMAWT main goals are:

- Provide explosive ordnance risk education and raise awareness on the dangers of mines and other explosive remnants of war.
- Help mine victims by providing targeted support and working to re-integrate them into society.
- Successfully advocate for adherence to international conventions and agreements that prohibit the use of mines and cluster munitions.
- Participate actively and independently in demining activities.



SMAWT Results

So far, and with very limited resources, the team has accomplished results such as:

- A total of 7321 women, men, boys and girls sensitized on the risks of mines and explosive remnants of war, including 2346 children.
- Approximately 565 pamphlets of combined EORE and COVID-19 prevention messages distributed in Rabouni and in the five refugee camps.
- Assistance to 84 mine victims and corresponding families.
- Contributed to several local and international activities and events, such as the 24th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers in 2021, and advocated for clearance in the Territory of Western Sahara, and the banning of anti-personnel mines and cluster bombs.
- Team members have been portrayed in several local and international media broadcasts and documentaries that shed light on the problem of mines and the role of women in the peace and security agenda, for instance, the 2018 BBC podcast [The Numberone Ladies' Landmine Agency](#).



SMAWT Projects and Donors:

Mines Action Canada (MAC)



EORE 2019



Victims Assistance 2020



Victims Assistance 2021

United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)



Combined EORE & COVID-19 Prevention 2021



Equipment borrowed in 2021

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



Combined EORE & COVID-19 Prevention to schools
2021

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)



Raising awareness of explosive ordnances risks for displaced communities from areas east of the Berm, Western Sahara 2022.

What do we need



A vehicle to allow us reaching our beneficiaries more swiftly and sustain our independence, without draining our scarce resources.



Access to further our professionalization up to international standards.



Financing for projects, equipment and work continuity.

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