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Programme Highlights

UNMAS and UNAMI Host Resource Mobilization Workshop for IKMAA



UNMAS, in partnership with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), organized a basic level training workshop on resource mobilization for 10 staff members of the Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency (IKMAA).

The workshop focused on a holistic approach to developing a resource mobilization strategy, including sessions on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, outlining relevant strategic goals, formulating a cohesive communications and media strategy, and gender. An advanced version of the training is planned for next year.

Photo: Participants pose for a group photo with their certificates, after successfully completing the training (@UNMAS).

-participant in the workshop, said: *“This course was very beneficial. I appreciate all the useful information I received at the training, and I hope to take part in the next, advanced instalment of this workshop.”*

Commenting on the training, Ghazi Maarooof, a partici-

UNMAS Hosts Gender and Risk Education Workshop for DMA

UNMAS held a three-day workshop for 12 staff members of the Directorate of Mine Action (DMA) aimed at supporting the Risk Education and Media Department with the tools and knowledge required for enhancing its monitoring and evaluation in a gender-responsive manner.

The workshop focused on integrating gender in risk education activities, ensuring that the needs of girls, boys, women, and men are taken into consideration.



Commenting on the workshop, Rana Sherwanee, Head of DMA’s Risk Education and Media department, said: *“This was a crucial workshop as it*

Photo: Participants as they engage in training exercises at the “Gender-Responsive Monitoring & Evaluation in Risk Education” workshop (@ UNMAS).

focused on developing media and risk education activities to ensure that all activities are conducted in a gender-responsive manner. We will work to incorporate these new tools in our activities for the year 2020.”



UNMAS in Iraq is funded bilaterally through contributions to the UN Voluntary Trust Fund. In 2019, UNMAS secured USD 31.1 million in funds. UNMAS is making consistent efforts to raise additional funds to respond to the needs for survey and clearance, technical support and training to government entities, and risk education, as well as to support the Recovery and Resilience Programme and the Humanitarian Response Plan.



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In the past few years, the people of Iraq have experienced particularly difficult times under the control of Da'esh. Two years have now passed since the defeat of Da'esh, and their presence is still felt throughout all retaken areas: in contaminated lands still booby-trapped with explosive hazards, in damaged infrastructure, and in the decline of basic services.

Due to the generous contributions from our donors, UNMAS has been able to clear explosive hazards and make the country safer for all Iraqis, and reaffirms its commitment to continue doing so in 2020.

Thank you to all of our donors who have facilitated our activities in Iraq!

You can watch the message from UNMAS Iraq Senior Programme Manager, Mr. Pehr Lodhammar, [here](#).

Mine Action Achievements



Clearance



Survey



Risk Education

UNMAS & Partners' Achievements in December 2019

5,367 m² of high priority areas surveyed, 13,046 m² cleared, and 44 explosive hazard items removed.

18 assessments and surveys completed in support of stabilization and humanitarian efforts.

1,408 risk education sessions delivered to 26,908 beneficiaries of which 44% were female and 74% were children.



*Figures for the Mine Action sector are provided by the Directorate for Mine Action (DMA) and the Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency (IKMAA). Statistics obtained from the Government databases might not fully reflect the up-to-date numbers as reports are submitted on a rolling basis. For these reasons, the figures reported have to be considered as the absolute minimum and only reflect the achievements of humanitarian actors (not the Iraqi Security Forces)



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