

HAMAP-Humanitaire

MINE PROJECT ACTION

MISSION TO ASSESS THE PROBLEM OF IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

 NORTH EAST OF SYRIA



LOCAL CONTEXT

This needs assessment mission is part of the preparation for the demining of the Northern Syrian cantons in order to allow the civilian population and in particular the numerous refugee families who are resettling in the former combat zones, to return to a normal life in a safe environment. The risk identification, risk education and demining activities that resulted from this assessment mission have helped to accelerate the reconstruction and economic recovery of this war-torn region. Violent clashes during 2016 drove Islamic State fighters out of Efrin, Cizire and Kobane townships that they had occupied in some cases for several years. The end of the fighting does not mean a return to peace. Indeed, a new challenge must be met, that linked to the presence of thousands of improvised explosive devices deliberately planted by fighters in towns, villages and cultivable areas to prevent any return of the civilian population. In addition, ground fighting and intensive strikes by international coalition aircraft on residential areas occupied by the Islamic State have left a large amount of unexploded ordnance in the rubble.

GOALS

- // Assess the nature and density of improvised explosive devices and explosive remnants of war in and around the target towns of Qamishlo, Hol, Sari kani, Hassaké and Shaddadi.
- // Assess the humanitarian impact of the pyrotechnic pollution on the civilian population remaining in the area and evaluate priority needs.
- // Determine the priority needs of populations living in or returning to the areas targeted by the assessment.
- // Map the local actors concerning both pyrotechnic and humanitarian pollution.

ACTEURS AND PARTNERS

HAMAP-Humanitaire: supervises and coordinates the project

GEODE: provides HAMAP-Humanitaire with the benefit of its network of experts on all issues related to the reduction of armed violence.



Project duration

1 month (01/2017)



Beneficiaries

The sedentary civilian population as well as the displaced persons in the North East of Syria.



Budget

38,965 €

Funding received

 100 %

