



**MINE ACTION WITH  
HAMAP-HUMANITAIRE**

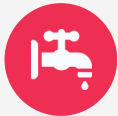
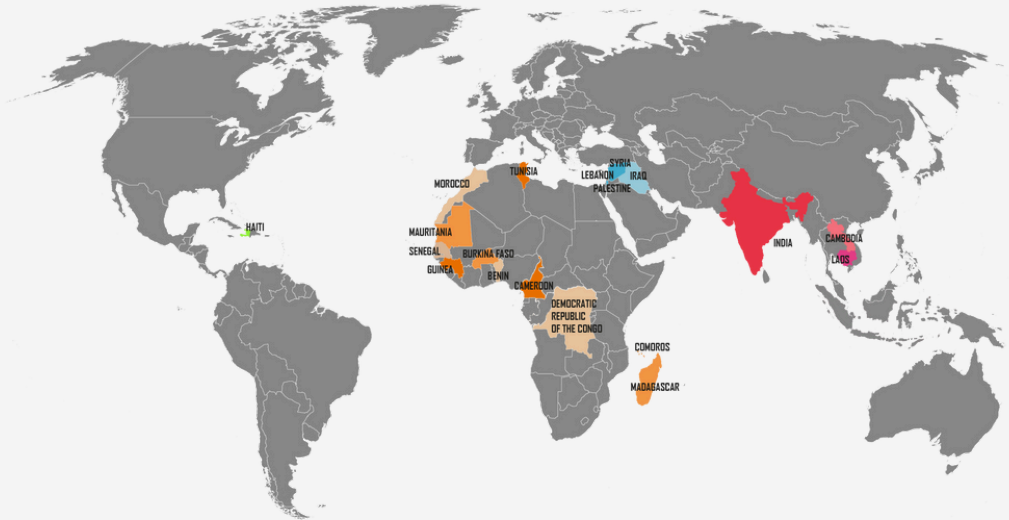


**HAMAP**  
HUMANITAIRE

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# WHO ARE WE?

HAMAP-Humanitaire operates in **19 countries**. Every year, its actions benefit **over 500,000 people**.



**275,000 people benefit from access to drinking water and sanitation**



**250,000 people benefit from demining operations and explosive ordnance risk education sessions**

Created in 1999, **HAMAP-Humanitaire** is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to international solidarity and **development aid**.

**Its mission** is to **enable populations to access, recover and develop their land and water resources**. Facing conflicts and climate change, HAMAP-Humanitaire supports local organisations in their projects to clear landmines, provide access to water, sanitation and agriculture, by promoting an environmentally-friendly approach.

HAMAP-Humanitaire partners with other organisations to meet essential needs such as education and health.

## OUR VISION

HAMAP-Humanitaire's vision is a world free of mines, where everyone has access to drinking water, and where every family can live and benefit from the resources of its land in social and environmental conditions that allow for a decent and protected future.

## OUR COMMITMENT

HAMAP-Humanitaire always works with local partners, civil society organisations, municipal and regional councillors and local businesses and strives to strengthen their skills so that they can fully exercise their roles and responsibilities and interact together to ensure the sustainability of the projects and services implemented. HAMAP-Humanitaire promotes cooperation between local authorities in different parts of the world, enabling the exchange of experience and a shared understanding of global issues.

## OUR VALUES

HAMAP-Humanitaire considers the beneficiary populations to be at the heart of its operations. The association is committed to taking into account the diversity and specific needs of all its partners: gender, age, ethnic origin, to avoid reproducing or generating inequalities, particularly for women. This means ensuring their representation on decision-making bodies.

Aware of the devastating effects of climate change, HAMAP-Humanitaire is initiating specific and innovative actions to protect the environment in its projects as a priority that will enable the sustainable preservation of community resources.

# MINE ACTION

## The Ottawa Convention, a major commitment by governments

Signed in 1997, the Ottawa Convention sets the standard for a total ban on antipersonnel mines. Article 1 of the Convention prohibits the use, development, production, stockpiling and transfer of antipersonnel mines. By signing the Convention, states undertake to reduce their stockpiles within four years and to clear mined areas of their land within 10 years. However, although 162 countries have signed up to the Convention, only 28 have finalised their mine clearance programmes, and 134 are still struggling to achieve their objectives, given the scale and complexity of landmine contamination and the need for expertise and funding.

## HAMAP-Humanitaire's mandate

In this context, the NGO HAMAP-Humanitaire is involved in mine action, with a clear objective: to make land safe and return it to the local population by **raising awareness among vulnerable groups, identifying contaminated areas and neutralising and then destroying the devices found.**

While this action in favour of stability and the protection of individuals can be implemented directly on the ground with the beneficiaries, it also indirectly involves support for the states' mandates. Under international law, all sovereign states that are signatories to the Ottawa Convention are responsible for mine action on their territory. However, since explosive contamination involves a situation of armed conflict, whether current or past, the economic and social development of most of these states is fragile, often requiring the support of external operators in order to meet their international commitments. The intervention of private and humanitarian players can therefore provide an expertise and an experience in the field, in fragile countries that may lack both resources and technical knowledge.

## THE STAKEHOLDERS OF MINE ACTION

- **Ministry of Defence / Ministry of the Armed Forces:** First responder for mine clearance in conflict or emergency situations, neutralisation or explosion of devices found by various responders.
- **National Mine Action Agency:** Delegated body for mine action in the country, and guarantor of the national strategy. Variable competencies, ranging from coordinating the mine action to monitoring and accrediting the players involved and capitalising on information relating to explosive contamination.
- **NGOs:** National or international, they indirectly support the mandate of mine action agencies. They are subject to the directives of the national agencies, while ensuring compliance with their own principles of non-profit making, impartiality, neutrality and independence.
- **Private companies:** Private providers of services to public institutions and local authorities

## HAMAP-Humanitaire's approach

### 1 ONE PILLAR OF INTERVENTION, CAPACITY BUILDING

Far from intending to act by itself, HAMAP-Humanitaire is convinced that it is by **ensuring local actors, authorities and civil society organisations the means and the capacity to act in their own country** that they will be able to fully honour their commitments: to make their land definitively free of any contamination by explosive devices and to allow all the populations to return to their lands.



**Supporting local actors** means providing a range of training and assistance so that local actors have the organisational (management, administration, procedures) and technical skills to be able to carry out actions independently, with no external dependence other than financial, and with all the necessary strategy, knowledge and human resources.

To achieve this, HAMAP-Humanitaire experts carry out a gap assessment at the start of the project, and set up a **series of training courses** (deminer training, training of trainers, first aid, etc.), **ongoing mentoring of the partner's teams**, and **regular quality assurance and control** to ensure compliance with international and national operational standards.

*"My family and I are internally displaced [following the occupation of Sinjar (Iraq) by the Islamic State and the contamination explosive that follows], we were welcomed by another family in their house. But now that my land has been cleared of mines, I want to rebuild my house there. I'm very attached to this place, which belonged to my grandparents, and I'm very happy to be able to go back there"*

**Barakat Khalaf Ilies**

Owner of agricultural land cleared of mines by SHO in 2023



**Ismat Selevany**  
Director of SHO

*"After 4 years of partnership and ongoing support from HAMAP-Humanitaire, SHO is proud of the skills it has acquired. We have now become a major stakeholder in mine action in Iraq."*

# 2

## LAND RELEASE AT THE HEART OF HAMAP-HUMANITAIRE'S ACTIVITIES

An area of land recorded as a suspected hazardous area can be released by following a three-step logic:



### NON-TECHNICAL SURVEY

Gathering and analysing data through interviews with communities and authorities, allowing to eliminate or delineate dangerous areas. It enables to:

- Formulate recommendations concerning the delimitation of suspected hazardous areas and confirmed hazardous areas;
- Make recommendations concerning the decommissioning and/or reduction and/or subsequent decontamination of areas;
- Support priority-setting processes.



### TECHNICAL SURVEY

The collection and analysis, using appropriate technical procedures, of data relating to the presence, type, distribution and environment of contamination. It enables:

- To confirm the presence of explosive devices and define more precisely the nature and extent of their distribution;
- Use their analysis to help decision-makers make sound and effective decisions as part of the land release process;
- Establish and maintain the confidence of stakeholders, particularly local communities, in the reliability of the decisions taken.



### CLEARANCE

**It involves locating, marking and removing landmines and explosive remnants of war. This operation is carried out by specialised demining teams using cutting-edge techniques and equipment to ensure their safety and the safety of the local population. HAMAP-Humanitaire teams operate mainly through manual clearance, which consists of removing or neutralising explosives using hand tools and metal detectors. This method is considered to be the safest, but also the slowest and most expensive. Mine clearance can also be carried out using mechanical assets. HAMAP-Humanitaire teams are trained, when it is relevant, to use armoured machines to detect and remove explosive devices from land or ruined buildings.**

## 3 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION

HAMAP-Humanitaire sees explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) as a means of fostering community links and reducing the vulnerability of civilian populations. This is why it systematically includes EORE in its land release activities. Over the years, HAMAP-Humanitaire has gained expertise through its various projects, and has been able to work in different ways in terms of risk education. During these sessions, which last between 15 and 45 minutes, trained teams teach the five key messages.

### The five key messages

- identification of explosive devices;
- effects of explosive devices;
- marking dangerous areas;
- safe and dangerous behaviour in general and when faced with an explosive device;
- reporting mechanisms.



HAMAP-Humanitaire makes a point of adapting its communication techniques to its audience. Our sessions are delivered using different methods depending on the age, gender or livelihood or leisure activities of the beneficiaries, with a variety of visual approaches: drawings, puppets, 3D immersion, etc.

Finally, HAMAP-Humanitaire's outreach teams never approach the sessions as a one-way presentation, but as a two-way communication space in which beneficiaries are involved and encouraged to share their ideas and contributions.



# MINE ACTION PROJECTS



Contribute to a Safer Sinjar by conducting explosive ordnance clearance and risk education through the capacity strengthening of the local NGO SHO



**IRAQ**

## Dates

## Beneficiaries

## Local partner

## Financial partners

## Budget

February 2023  
-  
February 2024

82,287  
people

Shareteah  
Humanitarian  
Organization  
(SHO)

Centre de Crise et de  
Soutien (CDCS) du  
Ministère de l'Europe  
et des Affaires  
étrangères, Région  
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

€ 1,758,09

- Explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions and assessment of knowledge acquired;
- Identification of contaminated areas in liaison with the local community and measurement of the impact of the clearance;
- Technical surveys of suspected areas;
- Clearing contaminated areas and monitoring the destruction of explosive devices;
- Gap analysis and development of a technical and organizational capacity-building plan for the local partner;
- Increasing integration of gender equity in teams, particularly demining teams.



**Ensuring the safety of the civilian population through mine clearance and explosive ordnance risk education in the Nouadhibou region**



## MAURITANIA

### Dates

October 2022  
-  
January 2024

### Beneficiaries

118,167  
people

### Local partner

National  
Humanitarian  
Demining  
Programme and  
Development  
(PNDHD)

### Financial partners

Centre de Crise et de  
Soutien (CDCS) du  
Ministère de l'Europe  
et des Affaires  
étrangères

### Budget

€ 1,666,998

- Manual clearance of confirmed hazardous areas in accordance with the national authority's task orders;
- Destruction or removal of mines and explosive remnants of war;
- Sessions of explosive ordnance risk education in Nouadhibou schools;
- Broadcasting of awareness-raising messages on local radio;
- Initial training and refresher courses for EOD manual demining personnel;
- Ongoing training for technical, EOD, operational management and quality control personnel.



# SÉNÉGAL

**Raising awareness of the risks of explosive devices and identifying contaminated areas in the Bignona department.**

## Dates

december  
2023 -  
december  
2024

## Beneficiaries

135,000  
people

## Local partner

APIT-  
Humanitaire

## Financial partners

Centre de Crise et de  
Soutien (CDCS) du  
Ministère de l'Europe et  
des Affaires étrangères

## Budget

€ 823,030



# SYRIE

**Mine action project for the benefit of the population and displaced persons in northeastern Syria.**



## Beneficiaries

79,640 people

## Budget

€ 1,930,287

## Financial partners

Centre de Crise et de Soutien  
(CDCS) du Ministère de l'Europe  
et des Affaires étrangères

# GOVERNANCE

HAMAP-Humanitaire is a non-profit association under the law of 1901, with a solid organisation that enables it to meet its commitments and honour its values.

It is made up of :

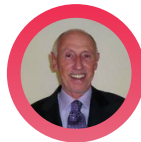
- The Board of Directors
- The Ethics and Impartiality Committee
- The permanent team in France (15 people)
- A procurement committee
- An internal audit committee
- 300 professionals at our local partners



**Martine GERNEZ**  
President



**Joël KAIGRE**  
Founder and  
honorary president



**Jean-Marie PAINTENDRE**  
Vice-president



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General Secretary



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# COMMITMENTS AND ETHICS

HAMAP-Humanitaire only commits to **projects proposed by local partners**, which respond to the clearly identified needs and demands of the beneficiary populations. HAMAP-Humanitaire is concerned about the coherence and sustainability of its work and always seeks to establish close, **long-term relationships with its local partners**. HAMAP-Humanitaire's approach is to provide support through the transfer of skills leading to **capacity building for the beneficiaries**.

HAMAP-Humanitaire is aware that its actions could place it in a position of power in relation to local partners and beneficiary populations, and is concerned to **always apply a participative and fair decision-making process**, both internally and in its relations with partners. The NGO is committed, whether in its day-to-day activities, development projects or missions around the world, to ensuring that its actions have no negative, collateral or long-term effects.

HAMAP-Humanitaire undertakes to **provide a transparent account of all its activities** as well as the origin and use of its funding, by making **reliable, complete, verifiable and regular information** available to the public and the various stakeholders (members, partners and beneficiaries).

## OUR PRIVATE PARTNERS



## OUR PUBLIC PARTNERS

