Mine Action in Iraq
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The sector’s expansion has enabled a wide range of actors to play a productive role in clearing explosive hazards.
The sector has made significant progress since 2015, however much work remains to be done.
Challenges

• Identifying and addressing the scale of ISIS contamination
• Deconfliction with Iraqi Security Forces conducting clearance operations
• Limited QA/QC capacity within DMA
• Operators’ inability to use explosives
• Fluid priorities
• Legacy contamination
• Donor fatigue
Recommendations for Donors

• Continue to support critical demining operations and prioritize flexible strategic relationships with a wide range of operators
• Stipulate that operators build local capacity as part of assistance
• Push DMA to take ownership of QA/QC
• Encourage government of Iraq to articulate regional priorities so donors know where the greatest needs are and update these priorities annually
• Encourage Iraqi Security Forces to play a larger role in mine action
• Advocate the government of Iraq to reverse the 2014 rule banning operators from using explosives
• Encourage Baghdad to make a financial contribution to humanitarian demining operations