

Mine Action in the Humanitarian Cluster System

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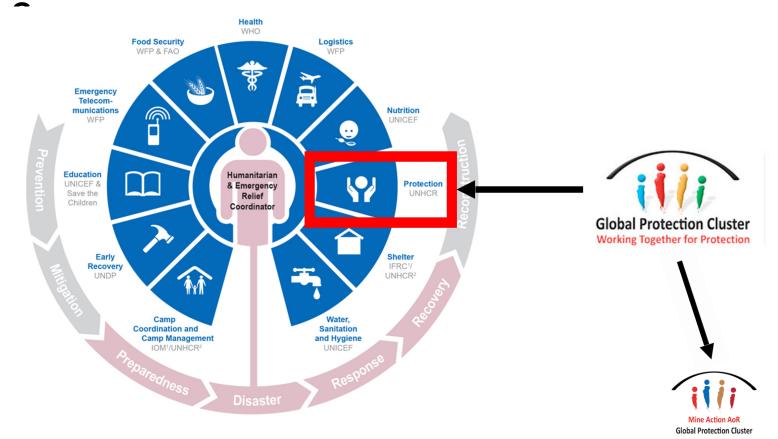
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Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

- Created by United Nations General Assembly <u>resolution 46/182</u> in 1991, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) is the longest-standing humanitarian coordination forum of the United Nations system. It brings together the executive heads of 18 organizations to formulate policy, set strategic priorities and mobilize resources in response to humanitarian crises.
- The IASC strengthens collective humanitarian action through the implementation of a coherent, unified response. It advocates for common **humanitarian principles** and makes strategic, policy and operational decisions with a direct bearing on humanitarian operations on the ground.
- The IASC is chaired by the <u>Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC)</u> who brings critical issues to the attention of the United Nations Secretary-General and Security Council.
- The IASC established the cluster system where agencies have clear responsibilities for coordination of specific sectors. UNHCR leads the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and UNMAS leads its Mine Action Area of Responsibility.

Mine Action in Humanitarian Cluster



IASC Reference Module for Cluster Coordination (2015)

- Cluster and Sector Coordination
- Cluster Activation
- Cluster Functions
- The Role of Clusters in Preparedness
- Cluster Management Arrangements
- Sharing Leadership
- Minimum Commitments for Participation in Clusters
- Inter-Cluster Coordination, Sub-National Coordination, Monitoring Cluster Coordination



Cluster/AoR: Six Core Functions



Support service delivery



Monitor and evaluate performance



Inform the Humanitarian Coordinator/Humanitarian Country team's strategic decision-making

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Build national capacity in preparedness and contingency planning



Plan and implement cluster strategies

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Support robust advocacy

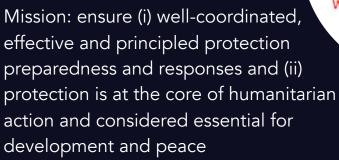


DELIVERABLES

Support service delivery	Coordination structures	Operational monitoring	Service mapping and referral mechanisms
Inform HCT strategic decision-making	Information needs	Collective analysis and PAU	HNO
Plan and implement Cluster strategies	Protection strategies/strategic planning	Centrality of Protection and nexus approaches	Funding mechanisms
Monitor and evaluate the response	Response monitoring and service quality monitoring	Training and capacity-building for partners and stakeholders	ССРМ
Build national capacity	Preparedness/contingency planning	Localization	Transition strategies
Support robust advocacy	Collective advocacy strategy and action plan	Protection briefing to ICCG/HCT/donors and other key stakeholders	Media and communication
AAP/Protection mainstreaming	Protection mainstreaming	CoC, PSEA and Child safeguarding	AAP, RCCE and CFMs
Leadership and resources	Cluster activation/de- activation	Leadership and staffing	Capacity-building of coordination teams



Network of NGOs, IOs, and UN agencies engaged in protection work in humanitarian crises, including armed conflict Work: coordinate the development of policy, standards and operational tools relating to protection in humanitarian action, including practical guidance on how to establish and manage protection coordination mechanisms



Global Protection Cluster Working Together for Protection

Governance: Strategic Advisory Group

GPC Strategic Framework 2020-24

- Establish basics of protection coordination in all our operations
- Ensure voices of crisis-affected persons are heard, esp. the forgotten ones
- Make protection contextually appropriate and complementary
- Champion durable solutions through a nexus of humanitarian, peace and development action
- Adapt to the shifting operational environment and keep looking forward



MA Area of Responsibility

- MA AoR: global coordinator for mine action
- Lead Agency: UNMAS (Geneva) and NGO colead (Danish Refugee Council)
- Key functions
 - Field Support to activated MA AoR
 - Bring together mine action actors
 - Representation in policy development
 - Engaging with humanitarian partners notably OCHA, the Global Protection Cluster (UNHCR) the Child Protection AoR (UNICEF), the Housing, Land and Property AoR (NRC), the Health Cluster, the IOM DTM



Provider of Last Resort

Mine Action AoR Global Protection Cluster



Global Protection Cluster

Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)

- Prepared for protracted or sudden emergencies and provide a shared understanding of the crisis, the most pressing humanitarian needs and the estimated number of people who need assistance (PiN)
- MA AoR contributes to the risk analysis



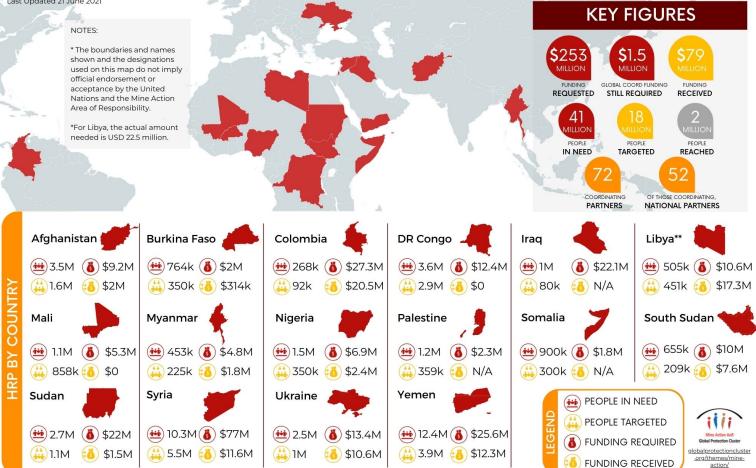


Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

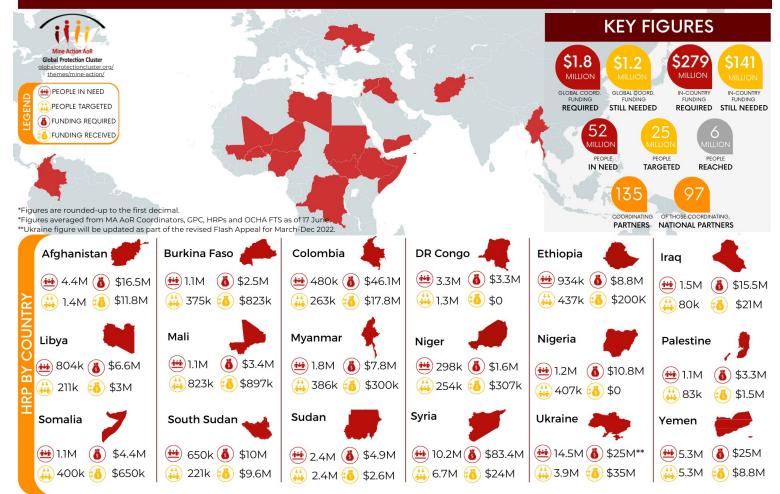
Articulate a shared vision by all clusters on how to address the needs of affected people and develops a strategic response plan MA AoR coordinates the mine action response

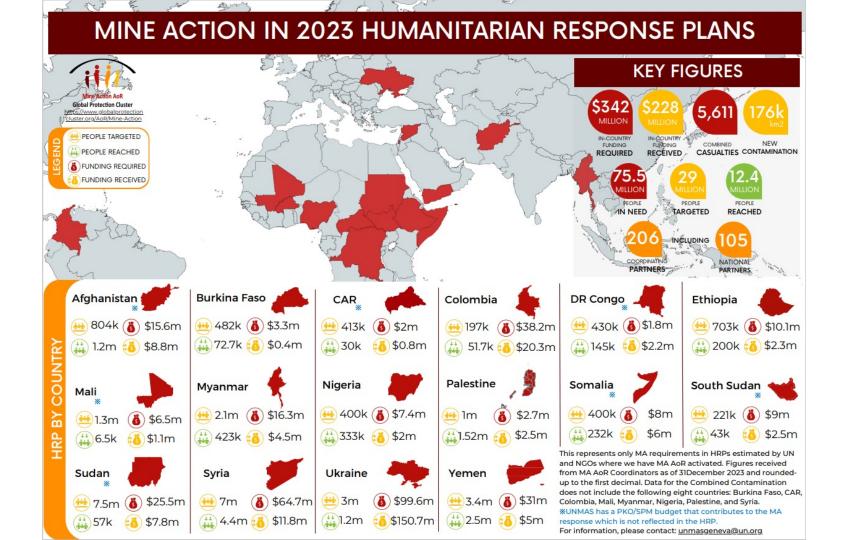
MINE ACTION IN 2021 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLANS

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MINE ACTION IN 2022 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLANS





THE PRIMACY OF PROTECTION

MINE ACTION AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY STRATEGY 2022-2024

Protecting People from Explosive Hazards in Humanitarian Emergencies: Promoting Inclusive, Local and Durable Solutions

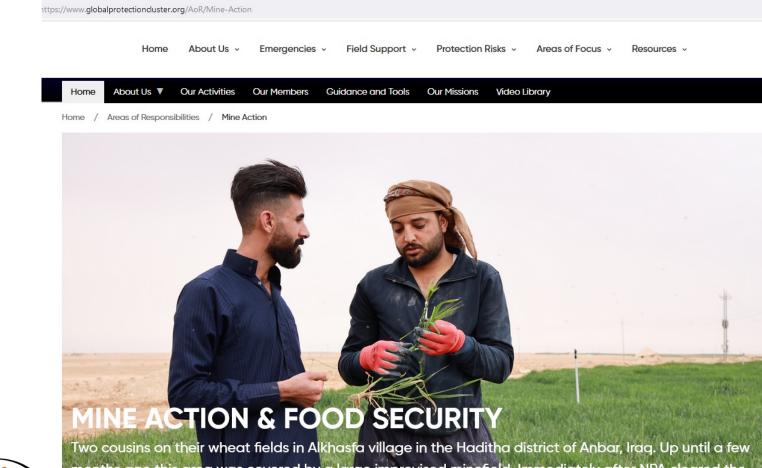


A deminer in Afghanistan. Photo: Danish Refugee Council



MA AoR Strategy

- Vision: A world in which boys, girls, men and women living in humanitarian emergencies are protected from explosive hazards and where the rights of victims are recognized and respected.
 Goals:
 - 1.Offer reliable coordination for humanitarian mine action in emergencies to accelerate and deliver more impactful interventions.
 - 2.Build and strengthen strategic partnerships.
 - 3.Enhance and transfer capacity: strengthen the meaningful participation, representation and leadership of local and national actors in humanitarian coordination structures.
 - 4.Promote equality, diversity and inclusion in operations and workforce.
 - 5. Contribute to sustainable solutions in collaboration with peace Action Age and development actors.



months ago this area was covered by a large improvised minefield. Immediately after NPA cleared the minefield the cousins took their land back in productive use. The photo was taken just a few weeks before their first harvest in June. Photo credit: NPA.

