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Project Factsheet

Integrated mine action to enhance the resilience of conflict-affected communities in Northern Iraq

OBJECTIVE

- Enhance physical safety of people by raising awareness of landmine threats and improving access to safe land and infrastructure, both in rural and urban areas, through the locating of high-risk areas, explosive ordnance disposal and minefield clearance activities.

BUDGET

EUR 10 million

START DATE

01/10/2017

DURATION

33 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased awareness of the contamination threats among conflict-affected populations and humanitarian actors.
- Improved access to safe land and infrastructure, both in rural and urban areas, for conflict-affected communities and humanitarian actors in targeted areas.

BENEFICIARIES

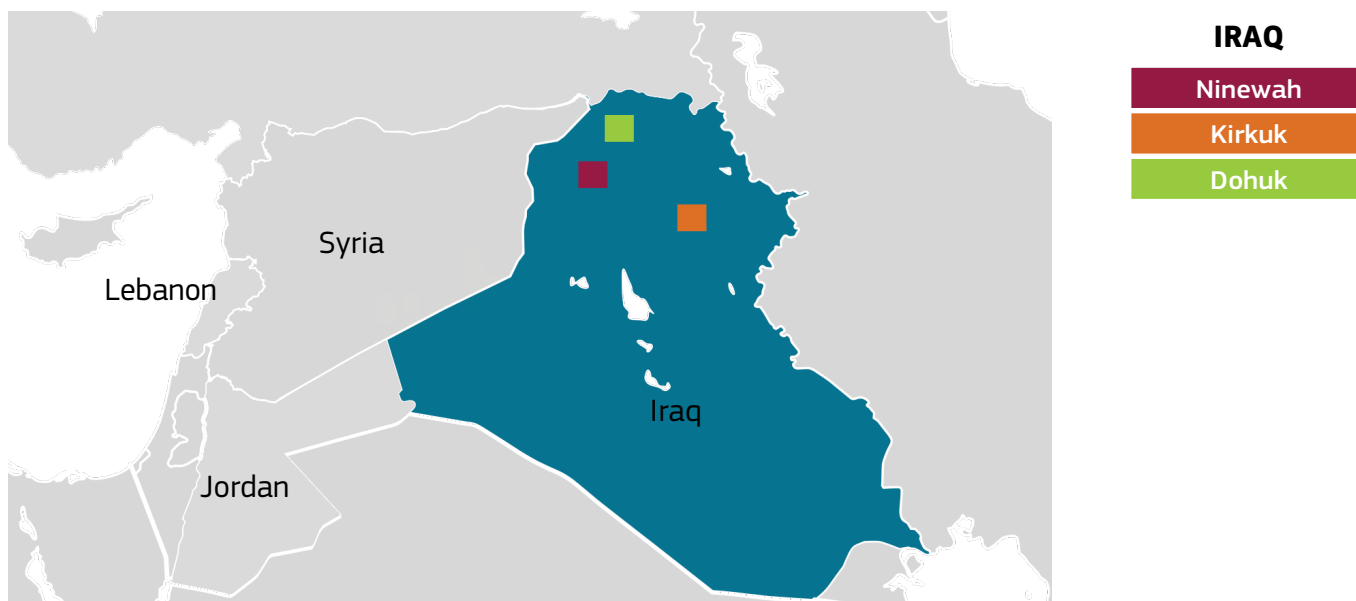
131,935

Iraqis and
Syrians

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



IMPACT



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Teamwork

“Iraq has been one of the most contaminated countries in the world in terms of mines and improvised explosive devices for a long time,” Fares Zubir Ali, National Technical Field Manager at MAG explains. *“After Daesh came in 2014, the situation became even worse. Huge areas are now contaminated with improvised explosive devices.”*

“MAG’s clearance is more critical than ever now that Daesh has left from the Ninawa governorate,” Ali adds. *“People are returning to contaminated villages where their lives are at risk every day.”*

Many demining activities in the Iraqi Kurdistan region are funded by the EUTF and carried out together with MAG.

Activities also include raising awareness among the local community, as well as refugees and internally displaced Iraqis.

“We visit schools, healthcare centres, villages and any areas at risk,” says Rand Ksardar, who is part of the MAG teams that work closely with the community to raise awareness about the risks of mines and other explosive devices that threaten their lives and their livelihoods.

Different teams have different tasks, but all are people risking their lives to help others. *“Personally, I have lost two brothers to demining,”* Ali says. *“The first one was killed in 2012, when he was working for MAG and there was a mine accident. The second was killed in 2014 when ISIS took over Ninawa, during mine clearance operations in the Ninawa area.”*



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