As a result of the conflict, explosives hazards caused by Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) can be found throughout Yemen. These hazards impact the daily lives of civilians by posing direct harm, restricting access to vital land, services and infrastructures, as well as restricting the ability of aid agencies to provide vital help. IEDs also erode the rule of law as they are used by criminal organisations.

Objective

The overarching objective of UNDP’s Mine Action (MA) interventions is to develop national capacity to respond to the threats posed by explosive hazards. In the interim, UNDP also aims to support the safe delivery of humanitarian aid and develop the precursor requirements for post-conflict reconstruction. These are prerequisites to stabilisation and the normalisation of economic activity in many of the most impacted regions of the country.

Value

The two-tier approach of the UNDP MA programme will allow for complete ownership of the sector by the Government. The MA sector will be established to follow international guidelines ensuring a sustainable long-term system to address the risks posed by explosive hazards. At the strategic level, systems will be in place to allow the Government to meet its long-term goals with MA sector support. At the implementation level, organisations will be accredited and coordinated to ensure that affective and safe MA operations take place. This includes meeting the unique issues posed by IED’s.

Activities

UNDP will achieve its objective by developing the national Mine Action infrastructure, re-structuring where required, developing national capacity and – as the national capacity is developed – provide direct support to a co-ordinated Mine Action Sector.

By the end of the Project, interventions should be conducted in accordance with National Mine Action Standards (NMAS), which are in turn based on International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and coordinated by the appropriate Mine Action authorities in the IRG and De Facto Authority (DFA) areas.

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