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Programme Highlights

Support to Humanitarian Actors and Reconstruction Actors in Gaza

Support to Reconstruction in Gaza



During Q1 of 2019, UNMAS provided explosive hazard mitigation services to 4 reconstruction and construction projects in Gaza, enabling the delivery of the infrastructure to proceed safely without the threat of ERW.



UNMAS enabled the delivery of projects worth USD 22 million in the first quarter of 2019



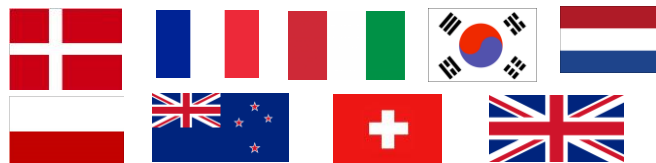
International Day for Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, 4 April 2019



Mine Action Day in Gaza was celebrated at the UNRWA Training College in Khan Younis. The celebrations commenced with a key note speech by the Director of UNRWA outlining the important and crosscutting work that UNMAS carries out in Gaza. This was followed by 2 very exciting football matches - first a match played by school girls from Gaza and a second match played by 2 teams from the Palestinian Amputee Football Association. Prizes to the teams and to the winners of a school drawing competition were awarded by UNMAS donors and representatives of the donor community.



UNMAS in Palestine is funded bilaterally through contributions to the UN Voluntary Trust Fund. UNMAS secured funding to cover its operations at reduced capacity through end of 2019. UNMAS is making consistent efforts to raise additional funds to respond to the needs for clearance, emergency preparedness, risk education support to reconstruction and the Humanitarian Response Plan.



Thank you to all our donors for their generous support.

Delivering Life-Saving Messages to Women in Gaza

UNMAS delivers Conflict Preparedness and Protection risk education to women in Gaza in collaboration with NPA. In Q1 2019, UNMAS reached 1,408 women empowering households in Gaza, teaching practical skills to stay safe during a conflict and developing community resilience strategies.



Q1 2019 - UNMAS Achievements



EOD Support

UNMAS provided EOD clearance support to UNSCO compound in Gaza in March, enabling compound to reopen.



Reconstruction Support

UNMAS conducted 4 ERW risk assessments for reconstruction projects in Gaza, allowing safe delivery of projects.



Risk Education

167 risk education sessions delivered to 5,098 beneficiaries of which 1,569 were females and 1,291 were children.



Survivor Assistance

3 ERW accidents occurred injuring 3 people in Gaza. UNMAS provided referral and verification to the survivors through its referral mechanism



Emergency Preparedness

UNMAS maintains emergency preparedness measures and has updated its Emergency Preparedness Plan. UNMAS is also an integral part of UN contingency plans.



Safe Ground Campaign

As part of UNMAS Global Campaign Safe Ground to turn minefields into playing fields, UNMAS hosted two football matches in Gaza part of Mine Action Day activities.

Established in 1997, the **United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** works to eliminate the threat posed by mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices by coordinating United Nations mine action, leading operational responses at the country level, and supporting the development of standards, policies and norms. As a specialized service of the United Nations located within the Department of Peace Operations, UNMAS operates under UN legislative mandates of both the General Assembly and the Security Council. UNMAS also responds to specific requests for support from the UN Secretary-General or designated official. UN Security Council Resolution 2365 (2017) the first stand-alone text on mine action, *“Expresses grave concern over the threat that landmines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices pose to civilians, refugees returning to their homes, ...and stresses the need to undertake appropriate measures to mitigate this danger effectively.”*