



UNMAS

Occupied Palestinian Territory

June-July 2026 Newsletter: Mitigating explosive risks



In Focus:

As part of a multi-month and cross-governorate Physical Damage Assessment (PDA) project, since January UNMAS has been supporting UNDP to assess damaged residential areas, identifying potential or confirmed explosive ordnance (EO) contamination levels to inform recovery planning and make communities safer in the immediate and long term. In July, UNMAS completed a second block for the PDA in As-Sabra in North Gaza, one of the most severely damaged areas in North Gaza. The block comprises more than 530 buildings, covering 215,000 square meters.

EOD Officers assessed hundreds of areas within the block almost daily for four months, engaging with the local community to raise awareness of the risks posed by EO. Together with Community Liaison Officers, teams identified and marked EO-contaminated areas and cordoned off access to these locations, contributing to safer environments for the community.

Beyond the immediate safety measures, the presence of EOD teams on the ground played an important role in strengthening community awareness and helping people better understand how to recognize and respond to EO-related risks. These interactions also provided an opportunity to explain to communities the work being carried out to reduce the threat posed by EO across the Gaza Strip.



EOD teams assess damaged residential areas as part of UNDP-led PDA project. July 2026.



With UNMAS and PMAC support, PalVision deliver EORE-CPP Facilitators Training to the Ministry of Education personnel. July 2026.

Strengthening EORE-CPP Capacity in the Occupied West Bank

With funding and technical support from UNMAS, the Palestinian Mine Action Center (PMAC) is strengthening national capacity to sustainably deliver Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and Conflict Preparedness and Protection (CPP) within the education sector.

In June, UNMAS supported the PMAC to enhance its capacity to train, assess and accredit Master Trainers. Building on this foundation, the PMAC trained and accredited **eight PalVision Master Trainers (5 men, 3 women)**, who subsequently delivered a five-day EORE-CPP Facilitators Training for **52 Ministry of Education Health Field Supervisors and School Counsellors (15 men, 37 women including two persons with disabilities)**.

The PMAC and UNMAS provided technical oversight and quality assurance throughout the training, equipping Ministry personnel to deliver EORE-CPP awareness sessions in schools, helping reach students, teachers and parents and contribute to safer school communities across the West Bank through a sustainable, locally led approach.

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Data snapshot 1 June - 31 July 2026

EOD activities:

- **831,012.6 m2** of land assessed
- **374** missions conducted
- **12** partners enabled to deliver responses
- **39** EO items marked at **13** sites

EORE activities:

- **74,940** people reached in sessions in Gaza
- **11,172** people reached in sessions in the West Bank
- **120** humanitarian personnel trained in EO risk awareness
- **65** people received Training of Trainers

UNMAS completed **307 EHAs**, while seven were cancelled and two were denied. The majority of assessments were for the UNDP-led PDA project and of large agricultural areas. The latter helps local communities regain safe access to and start cultivating land, enhancing food availability and supporting livelihoods.

Teams assessed critical infrastructure in support of ongoing humanitarian responses. An estimated **27,886 people** are expected to benefit from assessments of existing or future displacement sites, as well as more than **7,000 children** from assessments of educational facilities.

UNMAS also conducted **67 interagency missions**, supporting humanitarian delivery including providing on-call EOD resources as part of the Emergency Response Team. This allows humanitarian and recovery partners to request rapid EOD support at any moment, helping them reach communities even in high-risk areas.

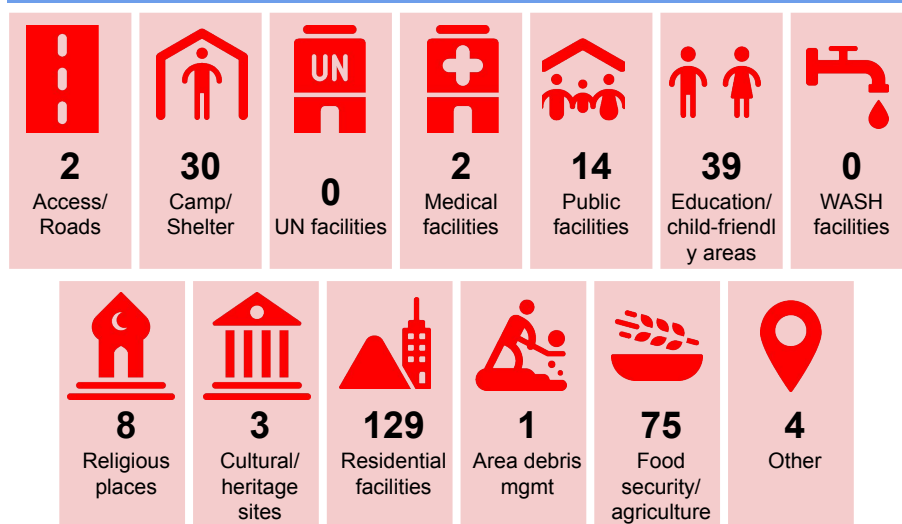
Explosive Ordnance Risk Education

UNMAS local partners delivered **2,990 in person EORE sessions** in Gaza and **598** in the West Bank, reaching at-risk communities with lifesaving information to enhance safety throughout the OPT.

UNMAS trained **120 Gaza-based humanitarian personnel** in risk awareness to ensure safe behaviours during aid delivery. UNMAS also trained **13 humanitarian personnel** and **52 MOE representatives through training of trainers**, the latter in collaboration with PalVision and the PMAC in the West Bank), expanding the EORE workforce and supporting localization and sustainability.

**These are only accidents that have been reported to UNMAS; these figures may be higher.*

Number of EHAs completed by place type



Direct beneficiaries of EHAs

81,408

EO victims reported in Gaza in June-July*

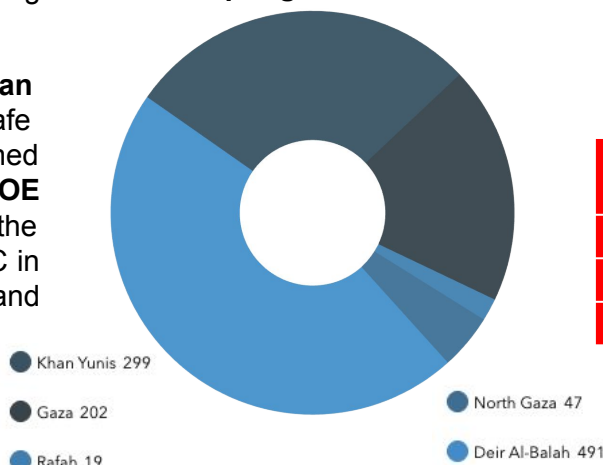
		Victims referred to partners for assistance: 67
Killed	2	
Injured	3	
Total	5	

Threat in Gaza since 7 Oct 2023

EO per governorate

EO identified

1,058



EO victims reported since Oct 2023*

Killed	274
Injured	1,144
Total	1,418