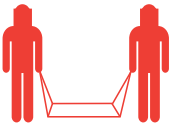


Highlights September 2019



**RAINY SEASON
CONTINUES**



**INTEGRATED ROAD
ASSESSMENT AND
CLEARANCE TEAMS
REMOBILISED**



**15 UNISFA STAFF
RECEIVED RISK
EDUCATION**



PST and mine-protected vehicle on a Ground Monitoring Mission



Teams conducting CASEVAC exercises as part of refresher training

The rainy season continued in the region, limiting movement and activities in the Abyei area and the Safe Demilitarised Border Zone (SDBZ).

UNMAS Integrated Road Assessment and Clearance Teams (IRACT) are on stand down for the duration of the rainy season and commenced remobilisation at the end of September.

With its four Patrol Support Teams (PSTs), UNMAS is dedicated to support all the Ground Monitoring Missions (GMMs) in the SDBZ. In total, 16 GMMs took place and were all supported by the PSTs in September 2019.

In JBVMM Sector 1 - Gok Machar, the PST relocated from Gok Machar to the Team Site (TS) 11 location in Safahah/Kiir Adem and continued to support patrols in the SDBZ. The PST supported nine GMMs conducted on 2, 6, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 27, and 30 September 2019. Inaccessible road conditions did not permit GMMs at TS-12.

One PST from the JBVMM Sector 1 was on standby in Abyei to respond to any emergency Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) requirements.

In JBVMM Sector 2 - Kadugli, one PST continued to be on standby in Kadugli and rotate with the team based in Tishwin at TS-21 on a regular basis. The PST at TS-21 Tishwin continued to support JBVMM GMMs. In September, seven GMMs were conducted from Tishwin TS to the North Outer Limit and to the South Outer Limit of the SDBZ at the Higlig-Bentiu border crossing corridor on 9, 12, 15, 17, 23, 25, and 29 September 2019.

No weapons or ammunition for destruction were received from UNISFA during this reporting period. Regular maintenance on the WAM site was conducted on 6, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30 September 2019.

UNMAS delivered two landmine and ERW risk education sessions to 15 (14 males and 1 female) UNPOL and UNISFA military observers as part of their induction training. Due to weather and road conditions, MRE activities were not delivered in local communities.

In September, UNMAS Programme Manager (PM), Mr Nico Bosman and Programme Officer (PO), Mr Edwin Faigmane, met with Sudan National Mine Action Centre Director, Brigadier Aamir Abdelsadig Abu Zaid Al Bashir and discussed country political updates, the possible impact on mine action and potential areas of cooperation. The parties further identified the need for regular coordination between UNMAS-UNISFA, NMAC and UNMAS Sudan. UNMAS PM and PO also met with UNMAS Sudan PM, Mr. Sediq Rashid. Each PM provided updates of their programmes.

UNMAS participated in the September Inter-Cluster Humanitarian Coordination Meeting on 30 September in Abyei and provided updates on mine action activities during the rainy season.

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While UNMAS deminers are preparing to commence Battle Area Clearance (BAC) in #Abyei town, UNMAS representatives coordinate with the local community to inform them of the activities that are taking place and reinforce safety measures.

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[#Abyei] UNMAS-UNISFA ensures that children are regularly informed of the dangers posed by explosive hazards. To date, risk education has reached over 208,200 men, women, boys and girls in schools and communities in the Abyei area.



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In preparation for the upcoming dry season UNMAS operational staff in support of UNISFA conducted a one-week operational planning workshop in Abyei, during which the team agreed on ways to further improve operational efficiency and how to best implement the UNMAS Strategic Plan.



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Despite the challenging and extremely demanding conditions, UNMAS strives to achieve its goal to provide safe ground and support @UNISFA in protecting civilians and protecting peace.

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