

"Where our fields had been destroyed and filled with land mines - that suddenly left innocent children playing their childish games without legs and arms - you helped us clear them of danger and replaced our vines and orchards."

H. E. President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani thanking the international community for their contributions during his Opening Statement at the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan in October 2016.

MAPA FAST FACTS



Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan's Quarterly Updates

January to March 2017

Scope of the Problem: The table below shows the remaining challenge of minefield¹ and battlefield contamination in Afghanistan.

Number of Known Minefields and Battlefields Remaining				Total Area Remaining (sq km)	Number of Remaining		
Anti-personnel	Anti-tank	Battlefield	Total		Communities	Districts	Provinces
2,387	1,145	310	3,842	591.7	1,506	256	33

ISAF/NATO Firing Ranges: In addition to the above, survey and clearance are still required on 58 firing ranges belonging to the ISAF/NATO troop contributing nations with an area of 125.4 sq km. From December 2012 to the end of March 2017, 49 such hazards and a total area of 1,217.9 sq km were successfully released.

Survey: The table below shows status of the Mine and ERW Impact Free Community Survey (MEIFCS), launched in May 2012.

Community Type	Target Communities	Surveyed Communities So For
Communities known to be impacted	1,726	1,297
Communities not known to be impacted	30,722	48,104 ²

Clearance: The table below shows clearance of the minefields and battlefields over varying time periods.

Time Period	Number of Minefield and Battlefield Released				Total Area Released (sq km)	Number of Communities Released	Number of Districts Released
	Anti-personnel	Anti-tank	Battlefield	Total			
1395 quarter four	44	12	3	59	12.8	15	
1395 quarter three	118	50	7	175	15.1	46	
During 1394	406	218	52	676	51.8	142	
Since beginning of the program 1368 (1989)	13,349	7,770	3,786	24,905	2,120.4	2,884	115

Mine/ERW Risk Education: During this quarter 512,629 people received mine/ERW risk education in 583 communities. Of this total, 43% were female, and 68% were children. The table below shows MAPA achievements over varying time periods..

Time Period	Number of People Received Mine/ERW Risk Education	
	Trained	Retrained
1395 quarter four	392,962	119,667
1395 quarter three	681,767	112,137
During 1394	622,193	288,834
Since beginning of the program 1368 (1989)	23,664,948	2,067,865

¹ Under the terms of the APMBT, victim activated pressure-plate IEDs are considered AP mines; areas contaminated by PPIEDs are recorded as AP minefield. Note: MAPA only clears and records PPIEDs which are considered no longer part of the conflict.

² Target communities are taken from the MAPA gazetteer, but during the survey the MEIFCS teams have come across an increase in number of communities. In the second row, out of 48,104 communities, 26,650 are not in our gazetteer but are surveyed by the MEIFCS teams.

Victim Assistance: The MAPA implementing partners collaborate with the three Afghan Government ministries that deliver disability services and assistances. They are Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), and Ministry of Education (MoE). This quarter 3,061 civilian victims of the recent conflicts, mine/ERW survivors and other person with disability were provided with victim assistance and disability support services; and with this the total number of people who have received these services since 1386 (2007) is 428,356.

Device Destruction: The table below shows various explosive items destroyed by the MAPA implementing partners and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Time Period	Number of Devices Destroyed			
	AP	AT	IED	ERW ³
By MAPA, since beginning of the program 1368 (1989) to date	716,846	29,582	752	18,204,594 items
By Afghan Ministry of Defense (stockpile destruction) to date	525,224	31,159	484	31,634 tones
Total	1,242,070	60,741	1,236	

Funding: Through the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) managed Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) for assistance in mine action, donor contributions are channeled via UNOPS to the MAPA implementing partners. Bilateral contributions are channeled directly to the implementing partners. These tables display the current funding situation for the year 1395.

Bilateral Contributions, Amount in US Dollar	
AAR (Japan)	275,654
AFD (France)	364,557
Denmark	1,323,900
DFID (UK)	2,584,101
Germany	1,663,500
Ireland	1,248,725
Japan	1,379,005
Netherlands	1,486,060
Norway	1,207,290
OCHA - CHF	1,143,173
OCHA - CERF	232,232
PATRIP (Germany)	324,020
STJ Foundation	58,080
Sweden	2,059,500
UK - CSSF	664,203
UNICEF	27,729
USDoD	115,421
USDoS	14,773,427
Total	30,930,577

VTF Contributions, Amount in US Dollar	
Australia	75,000
Canada	3,081,664
Denmark	1,600,000
Japan	2,000,000
Netherlands	560,280
South Korea	2,089,720
UK	78,155
USAID	10,468,531
Total	19,953,350

**The grand total of funding for the year 1395 is
USD 50,883,927**

Workforce: The MAPA workforce totals just over 5,336 humanitarian and another 1820 commercial personnel working to make Afghanistan free of mines and ERW by March 2023. In total 42 national and international humanitarian as well as commercial entities are conducting activities and delivering mine action services such as survey and mine clearance, mine/ERW risk education, victim assistance, capacity building, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation. Out of the total, 18 humanitarian NGOs (AABRAR, AAR Japan, ALSO, ATC, CCD, DAFA, DAO, DDG, FSD, HALO Trust, HI, KOO, MCPA, MDC, OMAR, SGI, SI, and TDH) and 2 commercial companies (JGO and ACL) were operational during this quarters.

Treaties: The table below shows the Government of Afghanistan's status in relation to the international treaties relevant to the mine action sector.

Treaties	Signature	Ratification/Entry into Force
Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC)	September 11, 2002	March 01, 2003
Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)	December 03, 2008	September 08, 2011
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)		September 18, 2012
Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)	April 10, 1981	February 02, 2016

Acronyms:

AP	Anti-personnel	DAFA	Demining Agency for Afghanistan
AT	Anti-tank	DDG	Danish Demining Group
BF	Battlefield	HALO	Hazardous Areas Life-Support Organization Trust
MF	Minefield	MCPA	Mine Clearance Planning Agency
ERW	Explosive remnants of war	MDC	Mine Detection Center
IED	Improvised explosive device	OMAR	Organization for Mine Clearance & Afghan Rehabilitation
APMBT	Anti-Personal Mine Ban Treaty	SDA	Sterling Demining Afghanistan
ATC	Afghan Technical Consultants	UNMAS	United Nations Mine Action Service
		UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services

³ MAPA records the number of items of ERW destroyed whereas the Ministry of Defense records the number of tonnes destroyed.