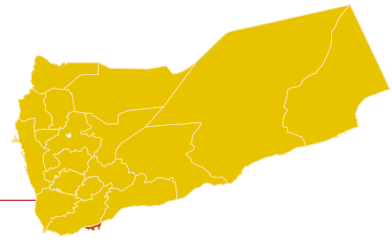


Aden Governorate



Aden

A. Summary

In Aden Governorate, there are 20 communities with a total population of 49,690 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. No fewer than 15 of those are located in Al-Buraiqa district. A total of 34 mined areas with a reported surface of about 61.9 million square meters have been identified. Of the 61.9 million square meters of affected land, 58 million square meters is reported to be flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, and/or trees. The survey also recorded four recent¹ and 91 less-recent² mine victims in the affected communities.

B. Location

Aden Governorate is located in the southwest of the country, bordering the Gulf of Aden in the south, with an area of 518.5 square kilometers and a population of approximately 404,000³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the eight districts in Aden, five are affected by landmines/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Al-Buraiqa, Al-Mansoorah, Dar Sa'ad, Khour Maksar, and Sheikh Othman. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining three districts. Of the 124 communities in the five affected districts, 20 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 20 communities, 34 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 61.9 million square meters of land. The landmine problem in Aden is primarily concentrated in Al-Buraiqa district, affecting 15 communities. The survey information concurs that all the landmines/UXO in Aden originated in the 1994 war of secession. In addition, eight communities in Al-Buraiqa district reported UXO contamination only.

D. Impact upon communities

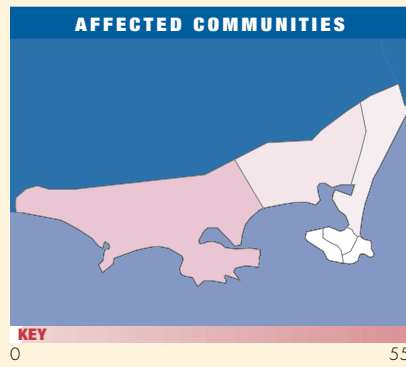
Landmine/UXO contamination affects 20 communities, with a total population of 49,690. The communities affected consist of 12 compact, one dispersed, two urban, two nomadic, and three other settlements. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, one community suffers a high level of impact, three a medium level, and 16 a low level.

¹ During the past two years.

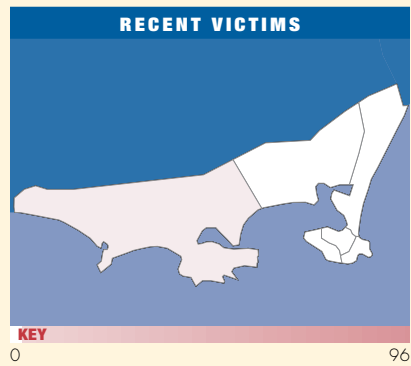
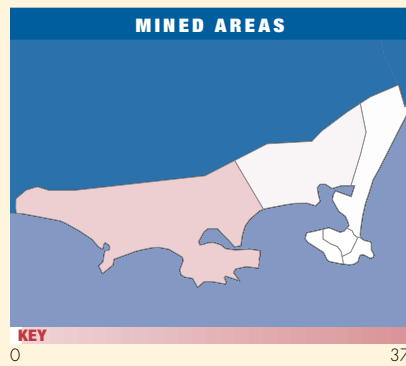
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³ Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN ADEN GOVERNORATE

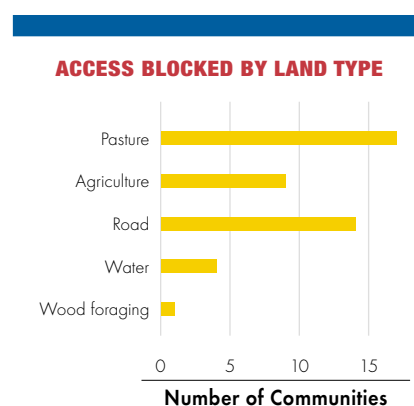


District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Buraiqa	15	27	81
Al-Mansoorah	1	1	6
Dar Sa'ad	2	3	8
Khour Maksar	1	1	0
Sheikh Othman	1	2	0



In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination blocks roads and access to pastureland. As many as 14 communities reported blocked roads, and 17 do not have access to some pastureland. Among the other types of blockages, nine communities do not have access to some farmland, four communities reported blockage to water, and one community reported blockage to firewood.

The survey found that 95 people in Aden were injured or killed by mines: four in the past two years, and 91 previously. The four recent mine victims, one child and three adults, had come to harm when farming in Al-Heswa village, Al-Buraiqa district.



E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Aden were laid primarily during the 1994 war of secession, along access routes to points of strategic importance and around former military positions. An estimated total surface of 61.9 million square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of this, 58 million square meters are in flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, and/or trees.

ESTIMATED CONTAMINATED SURFACE LAND IN SQUARE METERS BY VEGETATION AND GROUND PROFILE

Vegetation	Ground Profile		Total
	Flat land only	Hillside, ridge, and gully	
None	14,250,000	2,150,000	16,400,000
Short grass only	2,260,000	1,200,000	3,460,000
Tall grass, at least some	1,050,000	0	1,050,000
Bushes or trees, at least some	39,720,000	300,000	40,020,000
Other	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Grand total	58,280,000	3,650,000	61,930,000

A majority of the mined areas are reported to contain a combination of AP, AT, and/or UXO, though some contain only one of these types.

Among the communities surveyed, nine in Al-Buraiqa District and one in Sheikh Othman reported that they had received mine awareness training during the past two years. Seven communities received the training from NTEU, two from Radda Barnen, and one from the Ministry of Education. The survey also recorded mine survey or marking plus clear-

ESTIMATED AFFECTED SURFACE LAND BY TYPE OF DEVICES AND NUMBER OF MINED AREAS

Type of Device	Mined Areas	Surface Land (Sqm)
Mines and UXO	15	45,360,000
Anti-tank mines	11	11,770,000
UXO	8	4,800,000
Total	34	61,930,000,000

ance in two communities of Al-Buraiqa and one in Sheikh Othman districts. Mine/UXO clearance by local people in one additional community of Al-Buraiqa district was also reported.

COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN ADEN

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Al-Buraiqa	Abo Harbah	1,540	1	1,000,000	0	0	1	4	5
	Al-Dawabiah	1,500	1	2,000,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Al-Farsi	1,500	1	2,000,000	0	0	3	1	4
	Al-Heswa	3,500	2	160,000	3	1	1	2	7
	Al-Makhnaq	150	1	40,000	0	0	2	2	4
	Al-Wahda Assakaniah	3,000	1	4,000,000	0	0	2	12	14
	Amran	4,000	1	100,000	0	0	5	5	10
	Beer Ahmed	9,000	4	21,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Beer Aishah	2,500	4	18,000,000	0	0	8	10	18
	Beer Al-Na'amamah	200	2	840,000	0	0	1	0	1
	Beer Diraimiah	0	1	1,500,000	0	0	1	2	3
	Foqom	4,200	2	2,100,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Jiser Al-Khaledeen	100	1	1,050,000	0	0	8	1	9
	Kod Qaraw	500	2	300,000	0	0	0	3	3
	Salah Addeen	12,000	3	400,000	0	0	0	1	1
Total	15	43,690	27	54,490,000	3	1	32	45	81
Al-Mansoorah	Beer Fadhl	2,000	1	420,000	0	0	6	0	6
	Total	1	2,000	420,000	0	0	6	0	6
Dar Sa'ad	Al-Fallaheen	2,800	1	400,000	0	0	8	0	8
	Ja'olah	100	2	1,210,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2,900	3	1,610,000	0	0	8	0	8
Khour Maksar	Al-Alam	150	1	3,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1	150	3,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Sheikh Othman	Al-Mas'abain	950	2	2,410,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1	950	2,410,000	0	0	0	0	0
Aden Total	20	49,690	34	61,930,000	3	1	46	45	95

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN ADEN GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT

