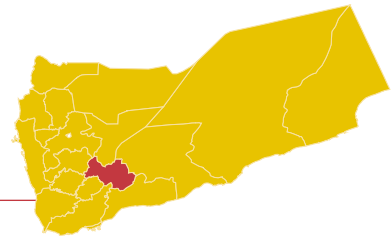


Al-Baidha Governorate



A. Summary

In Al-Baidha Governorate, there are 54 communities with a total population of 125,113 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. No fewer than 35 of those are located in Rada' district. A total of 105 mined areas with a reported surface of 15.4 million square meters have been identified. Out of this, 11.6 million square meters is reported to be hillside, ridge, or gully overgrown at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, or trees. The survey also recorded 34 recent¹ and 609 less-recent² mine victims in the affected communities.

B. Location

Al-Baidha Governorate is located in the central part of the country with an area of 9,206 square kilometers and a population of approximately 454,600³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the 11 districts in Al-Baidha, seven are affected by landmines/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. Landmine-affected districts include Al-Baidha, Al-Sawma'ah, Al-Taffa, Al-Zaher, Dhi Na'em, Mukairas, and Rada'. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining four districts.

Of the 919 communities in the seven affected districts, 54 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 54 communities, 105 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 15.4 million square meters of land. The landmine problem in Al-Baidha is primarily concentrated in Rada' district, affecting 35 communities. The survey information concurs that the landmines/UXO in Al-Baidha originated during the years 1964 to 1994.

Five communities reported UXO contamination only. Two of those communities are located in Mukairas, two in Rada', and one in Al-Taffa district.

D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects 54 communities with a total population of 125,113. The communities affected consist of 30 compact villages, 23 dispersed villages, and one urban village. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, two communities suffer a high level of impact, three a medium level, and 49 a low level.

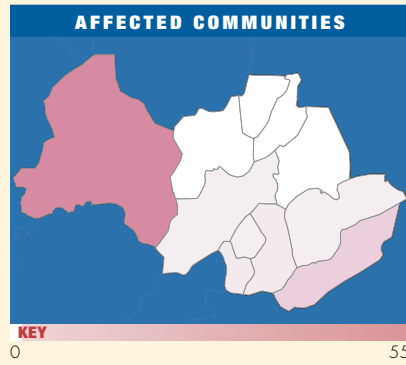
In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination blocks access to pasture and agricultural land. As many as 40 communities reported blocked access to some pastureland, while 13 have blocked access to some farm-

¹ During the past two years.

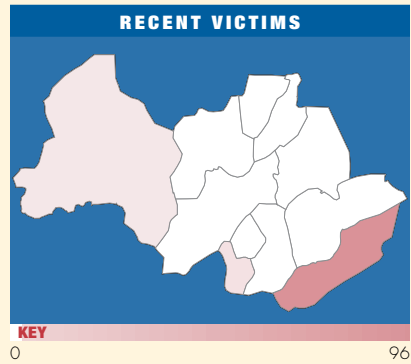
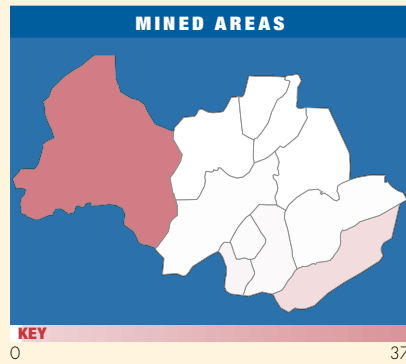
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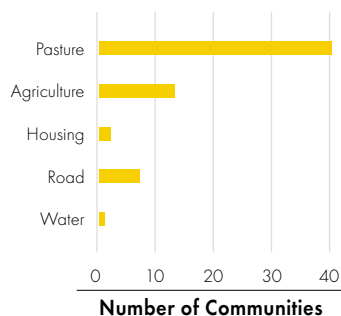
AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN AL-BAIDHA GOVERNORATE



District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Baidha	2	3	9
Al-Sawma'ah	1	1	6
Al-Taffa	1	1	2
Al-Zaher	2	6	95
Dhi Na'em	1	2	1
Mukairas	12	19	226
Rada'	35	73	304



ACCESS BLOCKED BY LAND TYPE



Zaher, and five in Rada' districts. The chart at right provides further details on the recent victim activity at the time of accident.

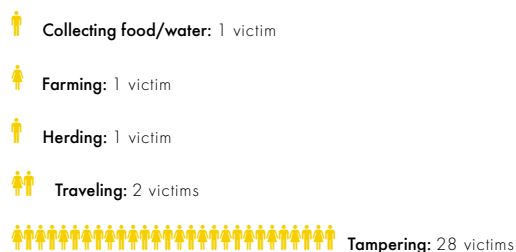
E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Al-Baidha were laid primarily around points of strategic importance and former military positions during the years of 1964 to 1994. An estimated total surface of 15.4 million square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of the total, 11.6 million square meters include hillside, ridges, or gully areas overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, and/or trees.

land. Among the other types of blockages, seven communities reported blocked roads, two blocked housing, and one blocked water.

In terms of mine victims, Al-Baidha Governorate ranks third highest among the governorates surveyed. The survey found that 643 people in Al-Baidha were injured or killed by mines: 34 in the past two years and 609 previously. Of the 34 recent mine victims, 23 had come to harm in Mukairas, six in Al-

MINE ACCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY



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

Vegetation	Ground Profile			Total
	Flat land only	Hillside, ridge, and gully	Other	
None	642,500	207,900	0	850,400
Short grass only	290,000	8,757,550	10,000	9,057,550
Tall grass, at least some	1,000,000	660,000	0	1,660,000
Bushes or trees, at least some	1,826,000	2,021,000	0	3,847,000
Other	0	0	0	0
Grand total	3,758,500	11,646,450	10,000	15,414,950

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

Among the communities surveyed, none reported to have received any mine awareness training during the past two years. In addition, no mine survey/clearance or victim assistance program was evident during the same period. However, local people in the six affected districts reported attempting some mine/UXO clearance. Of the 34 recent mine victims, 29 reported receiving emergency medical care.

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Anti-personnel mines	62	10,248,200
Mines and UXO	28	3,667,000
UXO	14	1,498,750
Anti-tank mines	1	1,000
Total	105	15,414,950

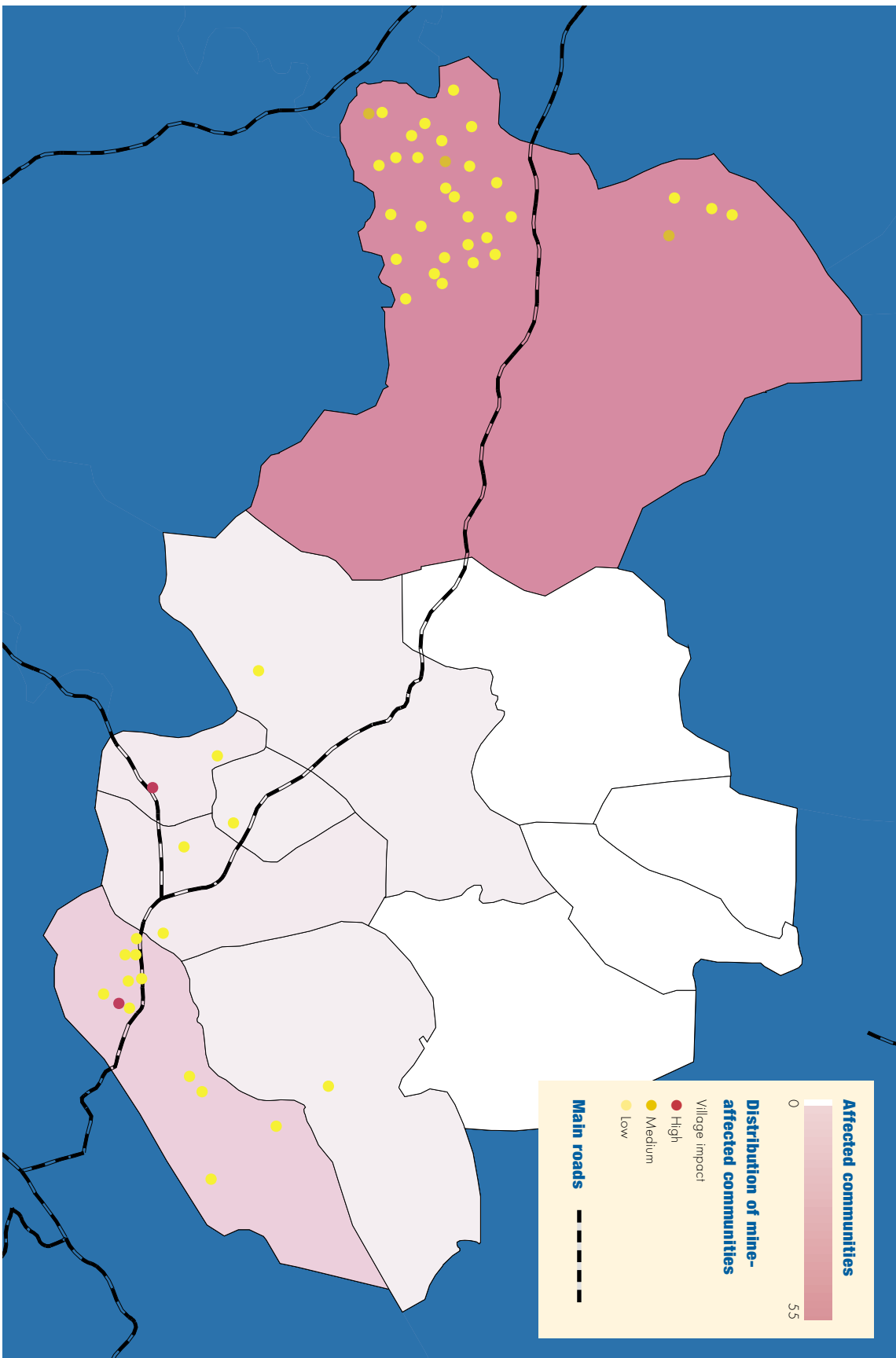
COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN AL-BAIDHA

Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims					
				Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims	
Al-Baidha	Mamdoud	70	1	7,500	0	0	2	1	3
	Dhiwain	5,000	2	410,000	0	0	6	0	6
	Total 2	5,070	3	417,500	0	0	8	1	9
Al-Sawma'ah	Qoraida	1,000	1	2,500	0	0	2	4	6
	Total 1	1,000	1	2,500	0	0	2	4	6
Al-Taffa	Dhihar	300	1	10,000	0	0	2	0	2
	Total 1	300	1	10,000	0	0	2	0	2
Al-Zaher	Al-Ghailamah (Al-Mahattah & Je'mah)	3,000	2	1,400	0	0	31	5	36
	Lajradi & Al-Mihsin	5,000	4	267,500	4	2	18	35	59
	Total 2	8,000	6	268,900	4	2	49	40	95
Dhi Na'em	Al-Khuf	3,000	2	35,000	0	0	1	0	1
	Total 1	3,000	2	35,000	0	0	1	0	1
Mukairas	A'aryab	9,000	2	200,000	0	0	25	5	30
	Al-Madmanah & Al-Qhazari	4,000	1	80,000	0	22	3	5	30
	Al-Qaa'a	500	1	80,000	0	0	4	6	10
	Assalloul	1,000	3	105,000	0	0	1	6	7
	Imbowaib	4,000	3	430,000	0	0	3	3	6
	Madahes	210	1	160,000	0	1	3	0	4
	Maritta'ah	10,000	1	500,000	0	0	20	4	24
	Moukairas	5,000	1	100,000	0	0	15	20	35
	Nabtta	350	1	106,000	0	0	15	10	25
	O'our	2,000	3	403,750	0	0	2	6	8
	Shourjan	11,520	1	150,000	0	0	15	5	20
	Wadi Baha	1,500	1	150,000	0	0	20	7	27
Total 12	49,080	19	2,464,750	0	23	126	77	226	

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Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims					
				Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims	
Al-Dhaleel	70	2	400,000	0	0	1	0	1	
Al-Haraqah Al-Oulya & Al-Soufla	350	3	235,000	0	0	1	1	2	
Al-Qaliatah	13	2	850,000	0	0	5	4	9	
Al-Siwar Hababah	1,500	3	205,000	0	1	1	1	3	
Al-Soudan	2,000	2	300,000	0	0	2	0	2	
Azzabadah	80	3	130,000	0	0	4	0	4	
Hamak	700	1	20,000	0	0	1	0	1	
Mawer	4,500	3	97,300	0	0	1	5	6	
Qarn Al-Asad	8,000	1	300,000	0	0	13	4	17	
Za'am	700	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Al-A'qabah & Al-Hamra'	1,350	2	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Ja'es & Al-Noubah	1,000	1	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Khoubzah	5,000	3	365,000	1	1	10	10	22	
Al-Aabil	800	3	45,000	0	0	8	12	20	
Al-Mikhtabia	120	2	2,045,000	0	0	2	4	6	
Saylet Al-Jarah (Al-Manasih)	3,500	3	1,260,000	0	0	17	22	39	
Sirrar Al-Hshash	600	5	1,075,000	0	0	3	10	13	
A'abey	1,500	3	450,000	0	1	1	4	6	
Al-Baidah	800	1	70,000	0	0	1	1	2	
Al-Mansourah & Al-Sallib	700	1	500,000	0	0	8	13	21	
Haiwah	1,300	5	392,500	0	0	4	3	7	
Hawat	5,000	2	113,000	0	0	11	7	18	
Jobair	730	1	500,000	0	0	2	0	2	
Khirbat Jaradah	2,000	1	300,000	0	0	2	3	5	
Maswarah	1,350	2	170,000	0	0	14	7	21	
Qarn Qasid	4,500	3	102,500	0	0	14	9	23	
Saeed	800	3	680,000	0	1	7	3	11	
Shihab	1,000	2	200,000	0	0	4	9	13	
Zakham	3,500	1	450,000	0	0	5	5	10	
Al-Sharafah	1,000	1	90,000	0	0	3	0	3	
Qouradhah	2,000	1	240,000	0	0	2	1	3	
Al-Khalaqah & Al-Hamam	700	1	160,000	0	0	3	1	4	
Al-Madhaf	400	1	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Mahabah	400	2	56,000	0	0	4	1	5	
Najd Aal Yahia	700	2	145,000	0	0	2	3	5	
Total	35	58,663	73	12,216,300	1	4	156	143	304
Al-Baidha Total	54	125,113	105	15,414,950	5	29	344	265	643

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN AL-BAIDHA GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT



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