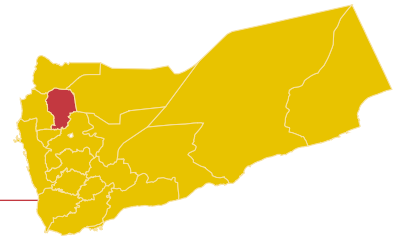


Amran Governorate



Amran

A. Summary

In Amran Governorate, there are 6 communities with a total population of 47,550 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. A total of 12 mined areas with a reported surface of about 1.2 million square meters have been identified. Out of this, about one million square meters is reported to be hillside, ridge, or gully. In parts of the Governorate the mined areas are overgrown with short grass, bushes, and/or trees. The survey recorded no recent¹ mine victims. However, 63 less-recent² mine victims were reported in the affected communities.

B. Location

Amran Governorate is located northwest of the capital city, Sana'a. Amran has an area of 18,178 square kilometers and a population of approximately 731,000³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

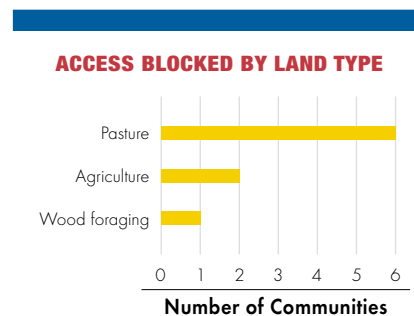
Of the 19 districts in Amran, three are affected by landmines/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Harf Sufyan, Raidah, and Thula. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining 16 districts.

Of the 177 communities in the three affected districts, six reported mine/UXO impacts. In these six communities, 12 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 1,240,524 square meters of land. The survey information concurs that the landmines in Amran were laid during the 1962–1968 conflict.

D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects six communities with a total population of 47,550. The affected communities consist of three urban, two compact, and one dispersed village. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, the six communities suffer a low level of impact.

In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination blocks access to pasture and agricultural land. Six communities reported

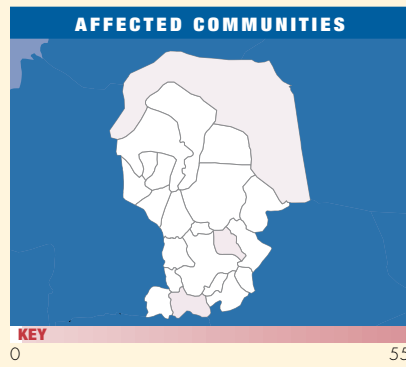


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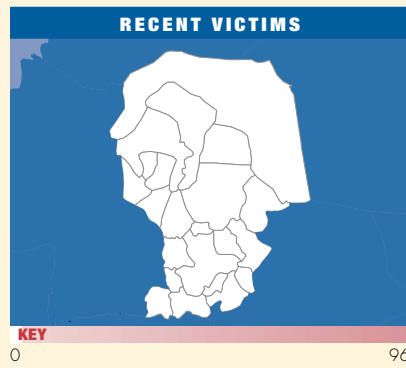
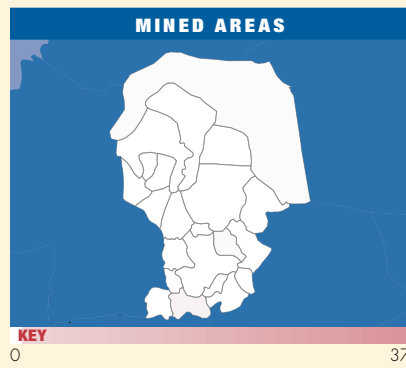
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³ Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN AMRAN GOVERNORATE



District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Harf Sufyan	1	2	0
Raidah	2	3	35
Thula	3	7	28



blocked access to some pastureland, while two have blocked access to some farmland and one to firewood resources.

In terms of mine victims, the survey reported 63 less-recent mine victims. There have been no reports of recent victims.

E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Amran are laid primarily along access routes to points of strategic importance and around former military positions during the 1962–1968 conflict. An estimated total surface of 1,240,524 square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of this, one million square meters is hillside, ridge, or gully overgrown at least in part, with short 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	0	0	0
Short grass only	80,000	1,140,500	1,220,500
Tall grass, at least some	0	0	0
Bushes or trees, at least some	20,024	0	20,024
Grand total	100,024	1,140,500	1,240,524

Of the 12 contaminated areas, 11 are reported to contain anti-personnel mines and one a combination of AP mines/UXO.

Among the communities surveyed, one community in Thula district reported to have received mine awareness training from the government during the past two years. No other mine survey/clearance or victim assistance program was evident during the same period.

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
AP mines and UXO	1	800,000
Anti-personnel mines	11	440,524
Total	12	1,240,524

COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN AMRAN

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Harf Sufyan	Al-Darab	450	2	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 1	450	2	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Raidah	Raydah	40,000	1	30,000	0	0	15	3	18
	Somain	800	2	960,000	0	0	8	9	17
	Total 2	40,800	3	990,000	0	0	23	12	35
Thula	Hadhoor Al-Sheikh	800	3	18,000	0	0	4	6	10
	Al-Mashehad zone	500	2	12,500	0	0	8	2	10
	Thula	5,000	2	120,024	0	0	3	5	8
	Total 3	6,300	7	150,524	0	0	15	13	28
Amran Total 6		47,550	12	1,240,524	0	0	38	25	63

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN AMRAN GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT

