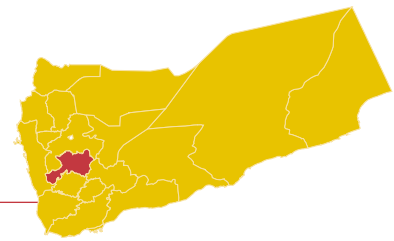


Dhamar Governorate



Dhamar

A. Summary

In Dhamar Governorate, there are 16 communities with a total population of 3,890 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. A total of 23 mined areas with a reported surface of 1.4 million square meters have been identified. The survey findings indicate that all the affected land is reported to be in hillside, ridge, or gully, overgrown at least in part, with short grass, bushes, and/or trees. The survey also recorded nine recent¹ and 165 less-recent² mine victims in the affected communities.

B. Location

Dhamar Governorate is located in the center of the country, bordering the Governorate of Sana'a in the north, with an area of 7,679 square kilometers and a population of approximately 981,674³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the nine districts in Dhamar, two are affected by landmines/UXO. The landmine- and UXO-affected districts are Otmah and Wesab Al-A'ali. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining seven districts.

Of the 1,351 communities in the two affected districts, 16 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 16 communities, 23 mined areas reportedly block access to an estimated 1.4 million square meters of land. The survey information indicates that all the landmine/UXO contamination in Dhamar originated during the 1980–1984 conflict.

D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects 16 communities with a total population of 3,890. The communities affected include seven compact and nine dispersed villages. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, 6 communities suffer a medium level of impact, and 10 a low level.

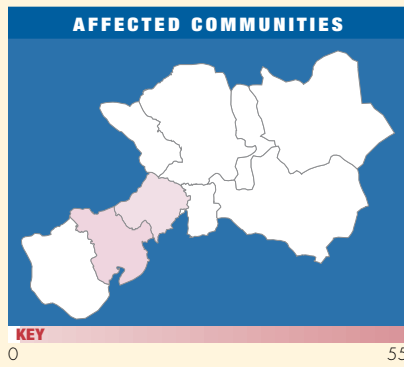
In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination blocks access to pasture and agricultural land. As many as 15 communities reported blocked access to some pastureland, while 13 do not have access to some farmland. Among the other types of blockages, four communities reported housing blockages, two road, and two water.

¹ During the past two years.

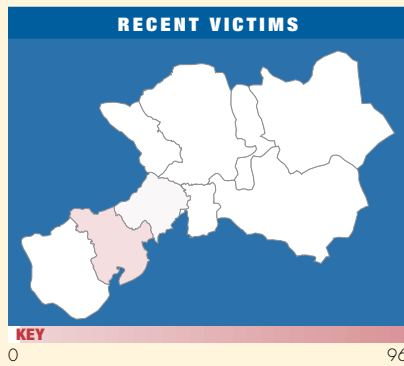
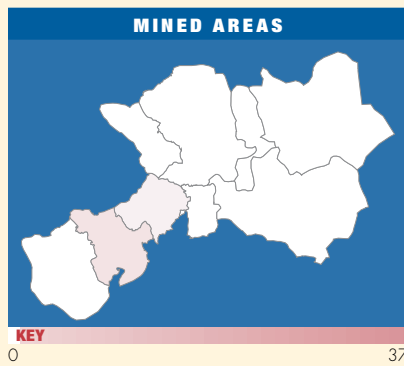
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³ Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

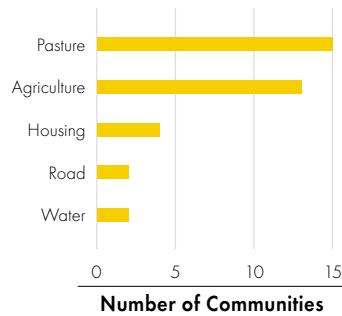
AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN DHAMAR GOVERNORATE



District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Otmah	6	8	112
Wesab Al-A'ali	10	15	62



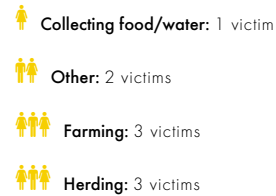
ACCESS BLOCKED BY LAND TYPE



The survey found that 174 people in Dhamar were injured or killed by mines: nine in the past two years and 165 previously. Of the nine recent mine victims, seven had come to harm in Wesab Al-A'ali and two in Otmah district. The chart at right provides further details on the recent vic-

tims concerning their activity at the time of accident.

MINE ACCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY



E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Dhamar were laid primarily around the points of strategic importance and former military positions during the 1980–1984 conflict. An estimated total surface of 1.4 million square meters are contaminated by anti-personnel mines/UXO. All of the contaminated areas are in 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	0	457,550	457,550
Tall grass, at least some	0	0	0
Bushes or trees, at least some	0	944,000	944,000
Grand total	0	1,401,550	1,401,550

Of the 23 contaminated areas, 20 are reported to contain only AP mines, and three of them are reported to contain a combination of APs and UXO.

Among the communities surveyed, none reported having received any mine awareness training. In addition, no victim assistance or mine survey/clearance program has been evident in the affected communities during the same period. However, local people in four communities are reported to have attempted some mine/UXO clearance, two each in Otmah and Wesab Al-A'ali districts.

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Anti-personnel mines	20	1,302,550
AP Mines and UXO	3	99,000
Total	23	14,015,500

COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN DHAMAR

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Otmah	Al-Manjadah (Helfan)	300	1	75,000	0	0	2	2	4
	Hisn Al-Jabal (Al 'Amaq)	350	2	4,800	2	0	4	18	24
	Al-Matrah Al-A'ali	500	1	80,000	0	0	20	7	27
	Hisn Bani Sowaid	50	1	45,000	0	0	15	8	23
	Jabal Sakran	400	2	21,250	0	0	12	8	20
	Zera' Kabirah	300	1	45,000	0	0	4	10	14
	Total 6	1,900	8	271,050	2	0	57	53	112
Wesab Al-A'ali	Al-Sharaf	80	2	54,000	1	0	11	2	14
	Mazlb	150	2	800,000	2	0	17	0	19
	Al-Sooq Al-A'aly	100	1	45,000	2	0	1	0	3
	Dar Isaba	80	2	33,500	0	0	5	1	6
	Al-Zahir	350	2	55,000	0	0	3	1	4
	Hajar Aswad	180	1	37,500	0	1	0	0	1
	Makhdoora	300	2	40,500	1	0	5	3	9
	Al-Markiz	100	1	57,500	0	0	0	0	0
	Bani Maseegh	450	1	3,500	0	0	0	1	1
	Qawz Hajar	200	1	4,000	0	0	3	2	5
	Total 10	1,990	15	1,130,500	6	1	45	10	62
	Dhamar Total 16	3,890	23	1,401,550	8	1	102	63	174

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN DHAMAR GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT

