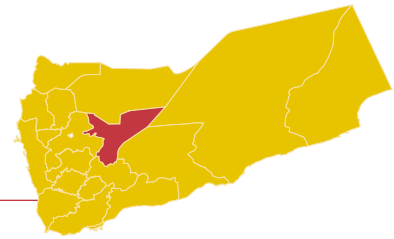


# Mareb Governorate



Mareb

## A. Summary

In Mareb Governorate, there are 23 communities with a total population of 20,437 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. A total of 36 mined areas with a reported surface of 13 million square meters have been identified. Of the 13 million square meters of affected land, 7.7 million square meters is reported to be hillside, ridge, or gully, overgrown, at least in part, with short grass, bushes, and/or trees. The survey also recorded one recent<sup>1</sup> and 475 less-recent<sup>2</sup> mine victims in the affected communities.

## B. Location

Mareb Governorate is located in the center of the country, bordering Sana'a Governorate in the east, with an area of 17,130 square kilometers and a population of approximately 181,700<sup>3</sup>.

## C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the 12 districts in Mareb, landmines affect four. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Al-Jawba, Hareeb, Mareb, and Serwah.

Out of the 269 communities in the four affected districts, 23 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 23 communities, 36 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 13 million square meters of land. The landmine problem in Mareb is primarily concentrated in Hereeb and Al-Jawba districts, affecting 16 communities. The survey information concurs that the landmines in Mareb were laid during the years 1962–1994.

## D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects 23 communities with a total population of 20,437. The communities affected consist of 18 dispersed villages, and three nomadic, one urban and one suburban settlement. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, all the 23 communities suffer a low level of impact.

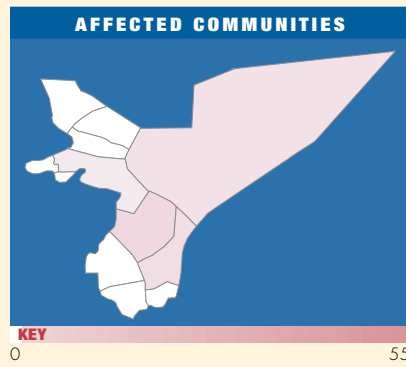
In the majority of affected communities, landmine contamination blocks access to pastureland. As many as 23 communities reported blocked access to

<sup>1</sup> During the past two years.

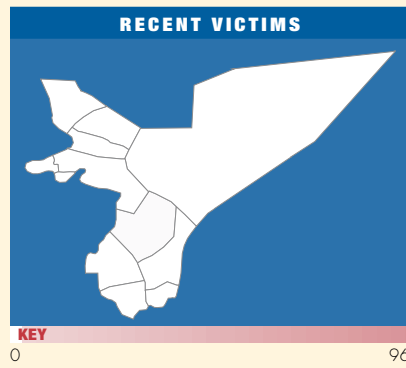
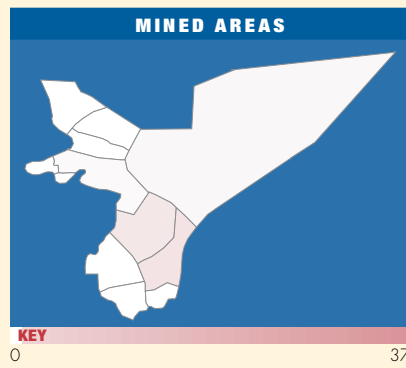
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<sup>3</sup> Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

## AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN MAREB GOVERNORATE

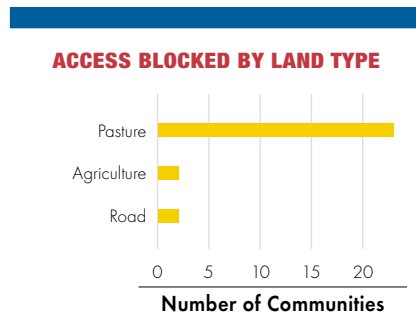


District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Jawba	9	13	82
Hareeb	7	15	230
Mareb	5	5	78
Serwah	2	3	86



some pastureland, two do not have access to some farmland, and two have blocked roads.

The survey found that 476 people in Mareb were injured or killed by mines: one in the past two years, and 475 previously. The one recent mine victim had come to harm in Al-Jawba district while tampering with a mine.



## E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Mareb were laid primarily along access routes to points of strategic importance and around former military positions during 1960 to 1994 conflicts. An estimated total surface of 13 million square meters is contaminated by mines. Of this, 7.7 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	2,100	2,100
Short grass only	2,260,000	5,603,000	7,863,000
Tall grass, at least some	400,000	0	400,000
Bushes or trees, at least some	2,757,750	2,101,800	4,859,550
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>5,417,750</b>	<b>7,706,900</b>	<b>13,124,650</b>

Of the 36 mined areas, 16 are reported to contain AP mines, nine AT, and 11 a combination of AP and AT mines.

Among the communities surveyed, none reported receiving 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, people in three communities of Al-Jawba, one in Serwah, and one in Hareeb reported attempting some mine/UXO clearance.

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Anti-tank mines	9	4,352,100
Anti-personnel mines	16	4,908,550
AT & AP	11	3,864,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>131,246,500</b>

## COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN MAREB

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Al-Jawba	Al-Hajelah	70	1	200,000	0	0	13	0	13
	Al-Hejelah Al-Ardd	600	1	160,000	0	0	3	3	6
	Al-Woshal A'al Ghonym Al-Ardd	84	1	500,000	0	0	5	3	8
	Haro Al-Ardd	60	1	800,000	0	0	3	3	6
	Al-Ajmah	300	1	1,200	0	0	8	6	14
	Al-Amood	600	2	1,350	0	0	8	4	12
	Al-Wash'ah Al-Amood	210	1	500,000	0	0	6	3	9
	Hazm Al-Matawia	250	2	1,275,000	0	1	3	3	7
	Y'ara	500	3	9,100	0	0	4	3	7
<b>Total 9</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3,446,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>82</b>	
Hareeb	Al-Akremah A'al Al-Ajeeda	160	2	1,000,000	0	0	0	12	12
	Al-Khanq	200	1	500,000	0	0	12	15	27
	Al-Marhamah	400	1	4,000	0	0	15	20	35
	Al-Rawdah	600	3	2,150,000	0	0	7	16	23
	Al-Rawdah (Aal Al-Saqaf)	2,700	5	1,360,000	0	0	30	25	55
	Qawz Rashed	133	2	2,000,000	0	0	11	50	61
	Al-Dafenah	12,000	1	1,500,000	0	0	11	6	17
<b>Total 7</b>	<b>16,193</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8,514,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>230</b>	
Mareb	Al-Ma'bad	300	1	100,000	0	0	15	20	35
	Aal Sa'dan	50	1	50,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Aal Shawdaq	230	1	400,000	0	0	3	0	3
	Al-Dhobaibi	200	1	200,000	0	0	10	15	25
	Al-Moshakhara	300	1	200,000	0	0	10	5	15
<b>Total 5</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>950,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>78</b>	
Serwah	Al-Hamajerh	350	2	202,000	0	0	30	40	70
	Naseeb Al-Mahjar	140	1	12,000	0	0	6	10	16
<b>Total 2</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Mareb Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20,437</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13,124,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>476</b>

**MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN MAREB GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT**

