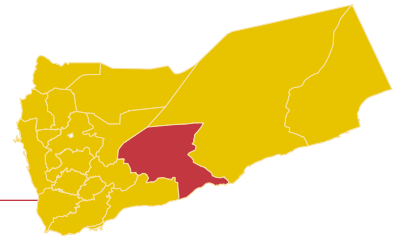


Shabwah Governorate



Shabwah

A. Summary

In Shabwah Governorate, there are nine communities with a total population of 8,030 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. A total of 13 mined areas with a reported surface of 93 million square meters have been identified. Of the 93 million square meters of affected land, 92.3 million square meters is reported to be flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grasses, bushes, and/or trees. The survey also recorded three recent¹ and 29 less-recent² mine victims in the affected communities.

B. Location

Shabwah Governorate is located in the southern part of the country, east of the capital Sana'a, with an area of 38,962 square kilometers and a population of approximately 364,900³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the 16 districts in Shabwah, six are affected by landmine/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Al-Ain, Armaa', Ataq, Duher, Nesab, and Ussailan. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining 10 districts.

Of the 1,018 communities in the six affected districts, nine reported landmine/UXO impacts. In these nine communities, 13 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 93 million square meters of land. The survey information concurs that most of the landmines/UXO in Shabwah originated during the years of 1972 to 1978 and some of them in the 1994 war of secession.

Four individual UXO reports were recorded in two affected districts of Ataq and Nesab. Of the four UXO reports, three are in non-affected communities of Lajeb in Ataq district, and one is in a non-affected community of Joul Raman in Nesab district.

D. Impact upon communities

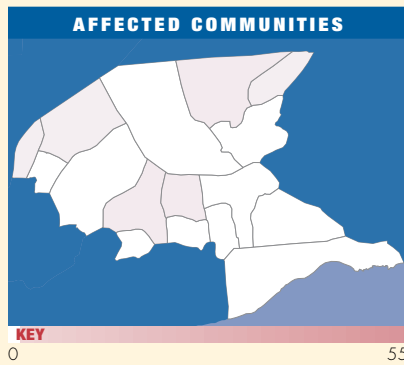
Landmine/UXO contamination affects nine communities with a total population of 8,030. The communities affected consist of two suburban and two compact villages, two nomadic, one urban, one dispersed, and one seasonal settlement. As

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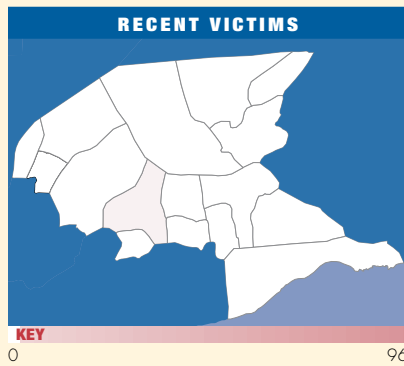
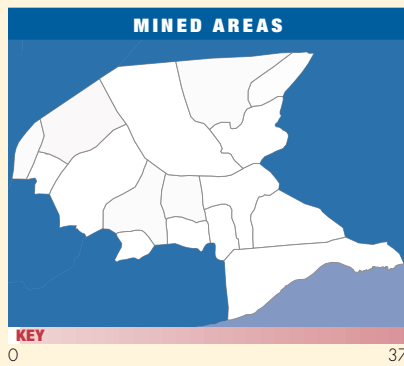
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³ Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN SHABWAH GOVERNORATE



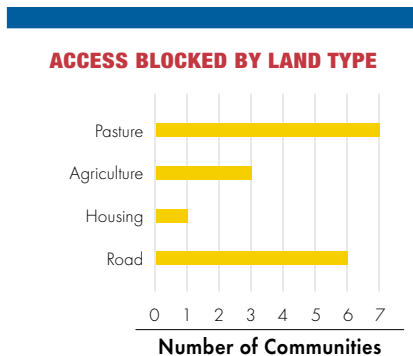
District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Ain	1	2	0
Armaa'	2	2	2
Ataq	2	2	5
Duher	1	1	0
Nesab	2	2	3
Ussailan	1	4	22



per the survey's scoring mechanism, one community suffers a medium level of impact, and eight a low level.

In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination is blocking access to pastureland and roads. As many as seven communities reported blocked access to some pastureland, while six do not have access to some roads. Among the other types of blockages, three communities reported agricultural and one reported housing.

In terms of mine victims, the survey found that 32 people in Shabwah were injured or killed by mines: three in the past two years and 29 previously. The three recent mine victims had come to harm in the Al-Karmoom community of Nesab district. Of the three recent victims, one was on military activity and two were herding.



E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Shabwah were laid primarily along access routes to points of strategic importance and around former military positions during the years of 1972 to 1978 and some during the war of secession in 1994. An estimated total surface of 93 million square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of this, 92.3 million square meters is flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grasses, 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	Other	
None	2,050,240	0	100,000	2,150,240
Short grass only	14,850,000	0	0	14,850,000
Tall grass, at least some	75,000,000	0	0	75,000,000
Bushes or trees, at least some	475,000	750,000	0	1,225,000
Grand total	92,375,240	750,000	100,000	93,225,240

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Mines and UXO	6	87,675,240
Anti-tank mines	6	4,800,000
UXO	1	750,000
Total	13	93,225,240

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

Among the communities surveyed, none of them are reported to have received any mine awareness training during the past two years. In addition, no victim assistance or mine survey/clearance program was evident during the same period. However, local people of one community in Ataq district and one community in Ussailan districts reported to have attempted some mine/UXO clearance.

COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN SHABWAH

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Al-Ain	Al-Saq	150	2	3,900,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 1	150	2	3,900,000	0	0	0	0	0
Armaa'	Al-Qardhi Wadi	30	1	75,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Hubaidh Al-Asfal	50	1	240	0	0	2	0	2
	Total 2	80	2	75,000,240	0	0	2	0	2
Ataq	Al-Dhahair	20	1	750,000	0	0	1	4	5
	Al-Sawda	30	1	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 2	50	2	850,000	0	0	1	4	5
Duher	Beer Al-Hawi	50	1	10,800,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 1	50	1	10,800,000	0	0	0	0	0
Nesab	Al-Karmoom	350	1	100,000	0	3	0	0	3
	Nesab	7,000	1	275,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 2	7,350	2	375,000	0	3	0	0	3
Ussailan	Al-Qawz	350	4	2,300,000	0	0	17	5	22
	Total 1	350	4	2,300,000	0	0	17	5	22
Shabwah Total 9		8,030	13	93,225,240	0	3	20	9	32

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN SHABWAH GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT

