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Support the Hudaydah Agreement

MINE ACTION

UPDATES FOR 2024

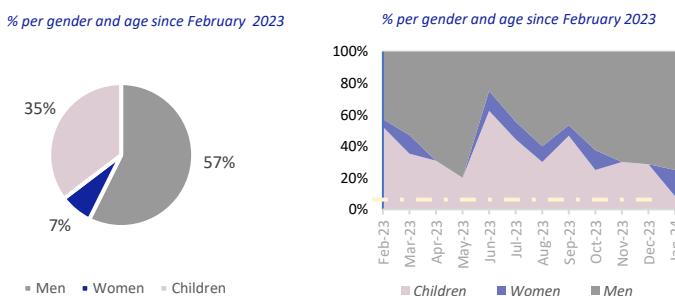
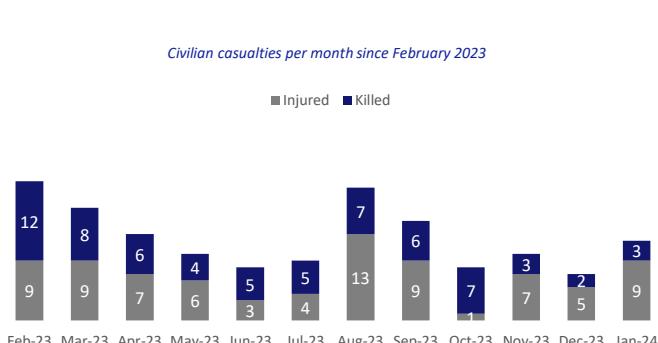


Mine Action Update

Impact of Landmines and ERW on Civilians in Hudaydah Governorate

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In January 2024, UNMHA recorded ten (10) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents, resulting in 12 civilian casualties (incl. 1 child killed) in the Hudaydah governorate. Casualties were reported in Ad-Durayhimi, Bayt Al Faqih, Al-Hali, Al-Jarrahi and At-Tuhayta districts.



Mine action advocacy and coordination activities

In January 2024, UNMHA conducted 32 mine action coordination activities with interlocutors including UN partners, local authorities, NGOs, and the private sector on advocacy, resource mobilization, and risk assessment. UNMHA continues with daily support through meetings, field visits, and workshops, with information sharing and technical support by the Mission's mine action specialists.



The UNMHA Mine Action Adviser conducted a training workshop with staff from YEMAC in Sana'a focusing on non-technical surveys and land release.



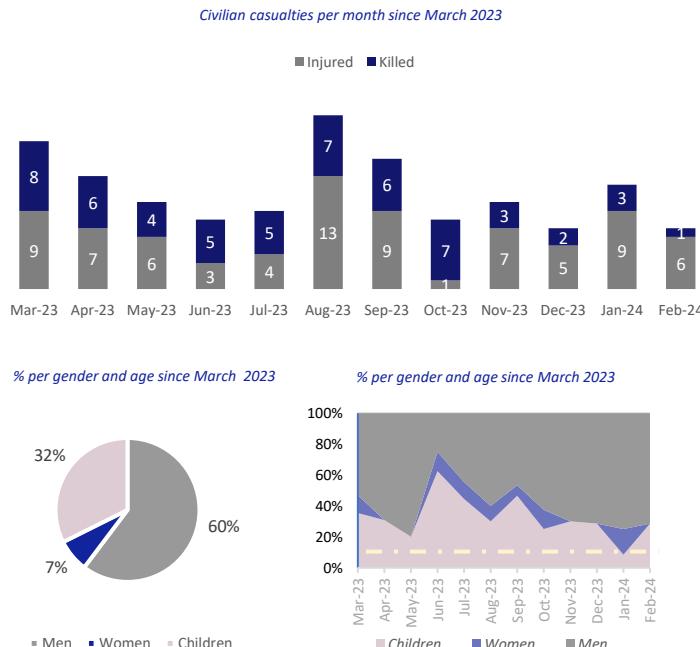
The UNMHA Mine Action Officer attended the OCHA 2024 HPC Workshop in Aden together with YMACC, HALO Trust, DRC and NPA representatives.

Mine Action Update

Impact of Landmines and ERW on Civilians in Hudaydah Governorate

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In February 2024, UNMHA recorded three (3) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents, resulting in 7 civilian casualties (incl. 2 children injured) in the Hudaydah governorate. The number of incidents is the lowest since December 2021 and the number of casualties is among the lowest in the past 12 months. Casualties were reported in Al-Hali, At-Tuhayta and Al-Khawkhah districts.



Mine Action Advocacy and Coordination Activities

In February 2024, the UNMHA Mine Action team continued to engage with UNCT, key INGOs and national entities in Hudaydah, Sanaa and Aden, and provided coordination as well as technical support, including advocacy and led 30 different mine action activities.



The UNMHA Mine Action Adviser visited a center to observe rehabilitation and support efforts provided to civilians in need of wheelchairs, prosthetics and medical support.



The UNMHA delegation, led by the Deputy Head of Mission, visited the YEMAC Training centre in Aden.



The UNMHA delegation, led by the Deputy Head of Mission, met with the YMACC Director in Aden.

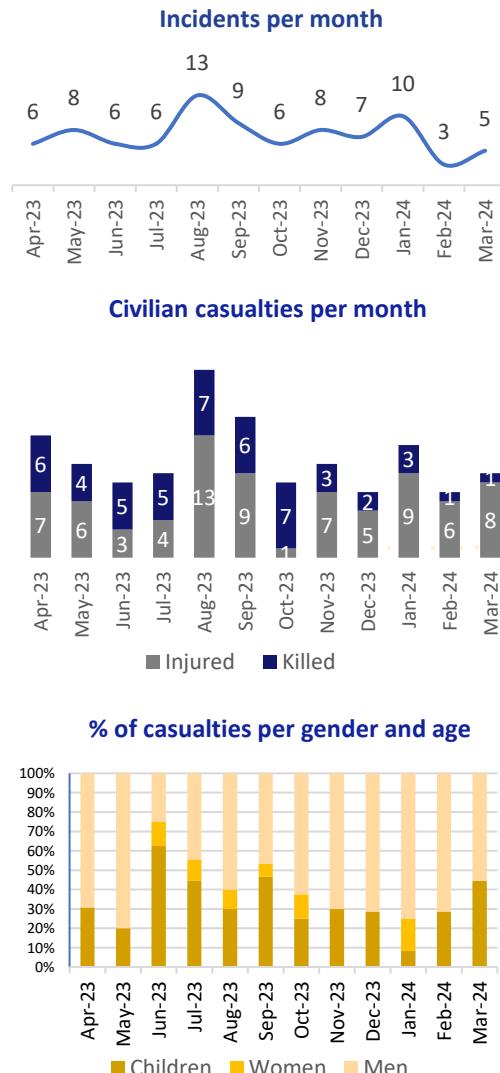


Mine Action Update

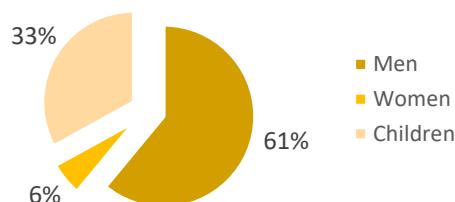
Impact of Landmines & ERWs on Civilians in Hudaydah Governorate

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Throughout March 2024, UNMHA recorded five (5) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERWs) related incidents, resulting in a total of nine (9) civilian casualties in the Hudaydah governorate. Four (4) of these casualties involved children, resulting in 3 injuries and 1 death. These civilian casualties were reported in the Al-Hali, At-Tuhayta, Ad-Durayhimi and Al-Hawak districts.



% of casualties per gender and age since April 2023



Mine Action Advocacy & Coordination Activities

In March 2024, the UNMHA Mine Action team continued to engage with the RCO, UNCT, INGOs, as well as international stakeholders and local authorities in Hudaydah, Sana'a and Aden. The team provided coordination and technical support, including advocacy, through 23 dedicated activities.

Mine Action engagements with various stakeholders



Mine Action Update for April 2024

UNMHA recorded 4 explosive ordnance (EO) related incidents, resulting in a total of 6 civilian casualties in the Al-Hali, Al-Marawīah and Bayt Al Faqih districts of the Hudaydah Governorate. Four of these casualties were children, comprising 3 injuries and 1 death.

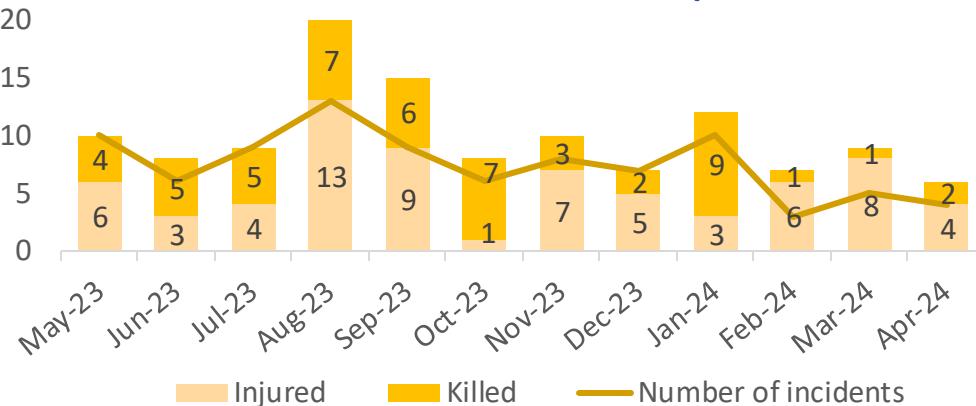
EO Incidents & Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah from 1 May 2023 - 30 April 2024



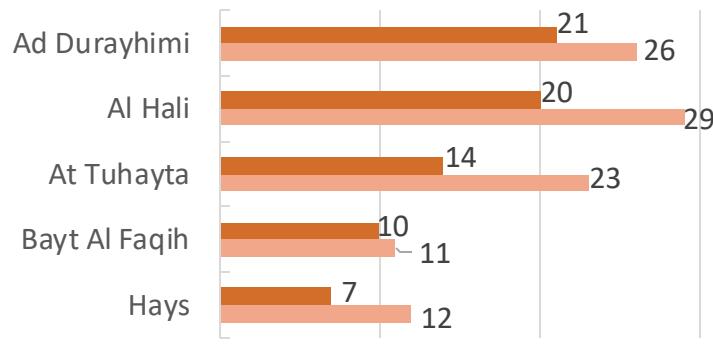
Four out of 10 casualties were women and children



Number of incidents and casualties per month



The most affected districts



■ Number of incidents ■ Number of Casualties

(Cumulative since 1 May 2023)



85 Incidents



Children
42



Women
8



121 Casualties
(69 injured/52 killed)



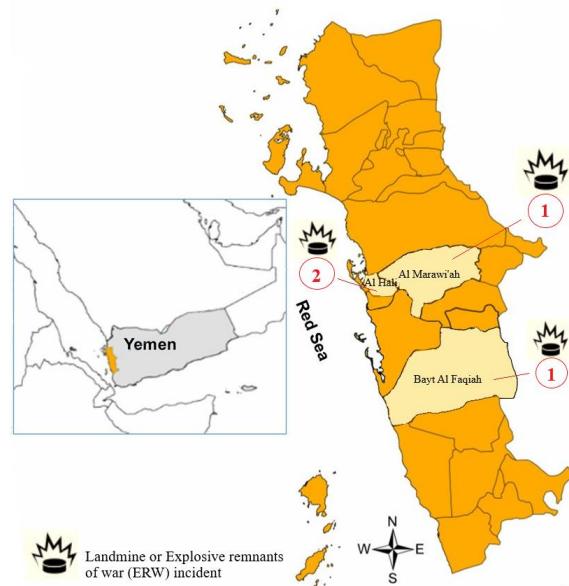
Men
71

Mine Action Activities

The UNMHA Mine Action team continued to engage with local authorities in Hudaydah, Sana'a and Aden as well as with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, United Nations country team, international NGOs and other international partners. The team provided coordination and technical support, including advocacy, through 17 dedicated activities. These activities included organizing events to commemorate International Mine Awareness Day on 4 April and participating in the 27th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers (NDM-UN27) in Geneva, where the team supported the Yemeni delegation and advocated for immediate assistance by the international community.



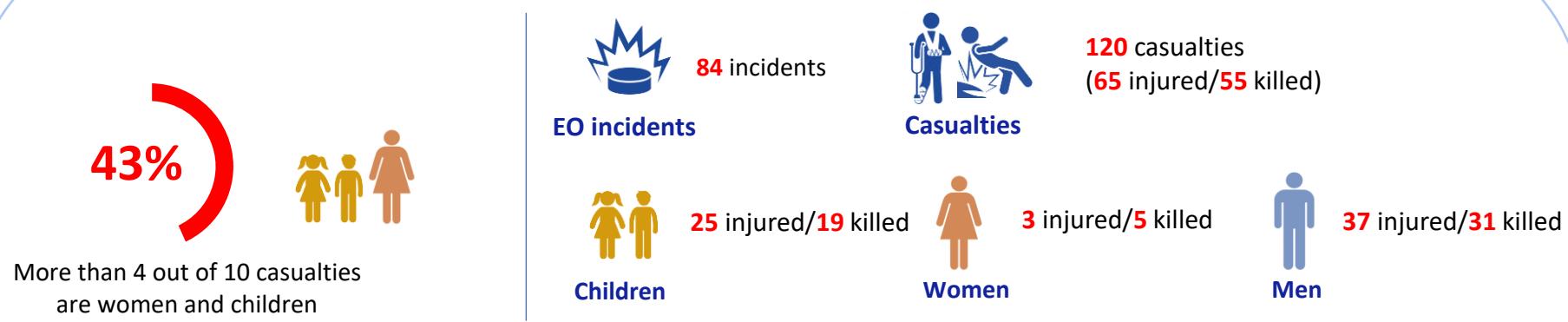
EO incidents in April 2024



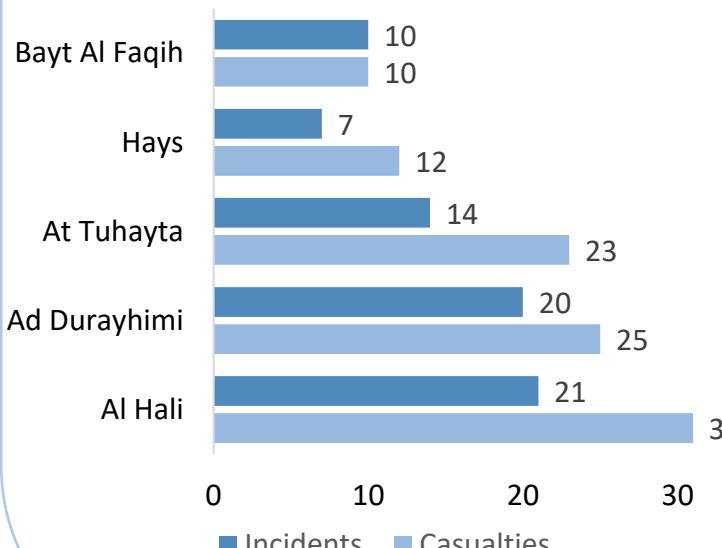
Pictures: Left to right. International Mine Awareness Day in Mokha, Hudaydah and Aden; and the 27th National Directors Meeting in Geneva.

The United Nations Mission to support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded 7 explosive ordnance (EO) related incidents in various districts of the Hudaydah Governorate. Tragically, these incidents have resulted in a total of 9 civilian casualties. Among these casualties, 4 were innocent children, underscoring the devastating impact of these events on the most vulnerable members of society. Three of these children were injured, while sadly, one lost their life. The affected districts include Al-Hali, Al-Hawak, Ad-Durayhimi, Bayt Al Faqih, At-Tuhayta, and Al-Jarrah.

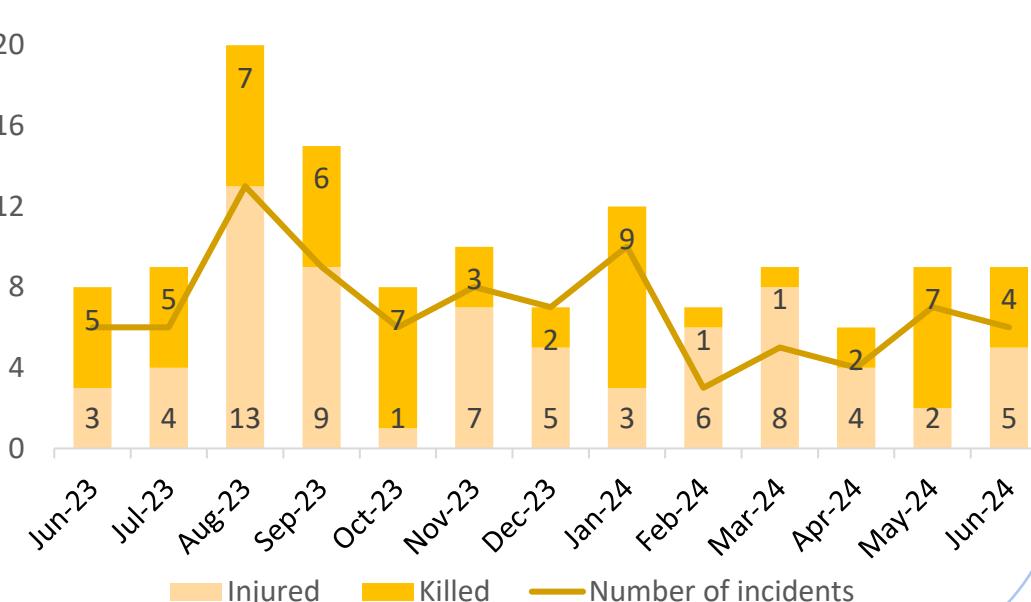
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024



The most affected districts



Number of incidents and casualties per month

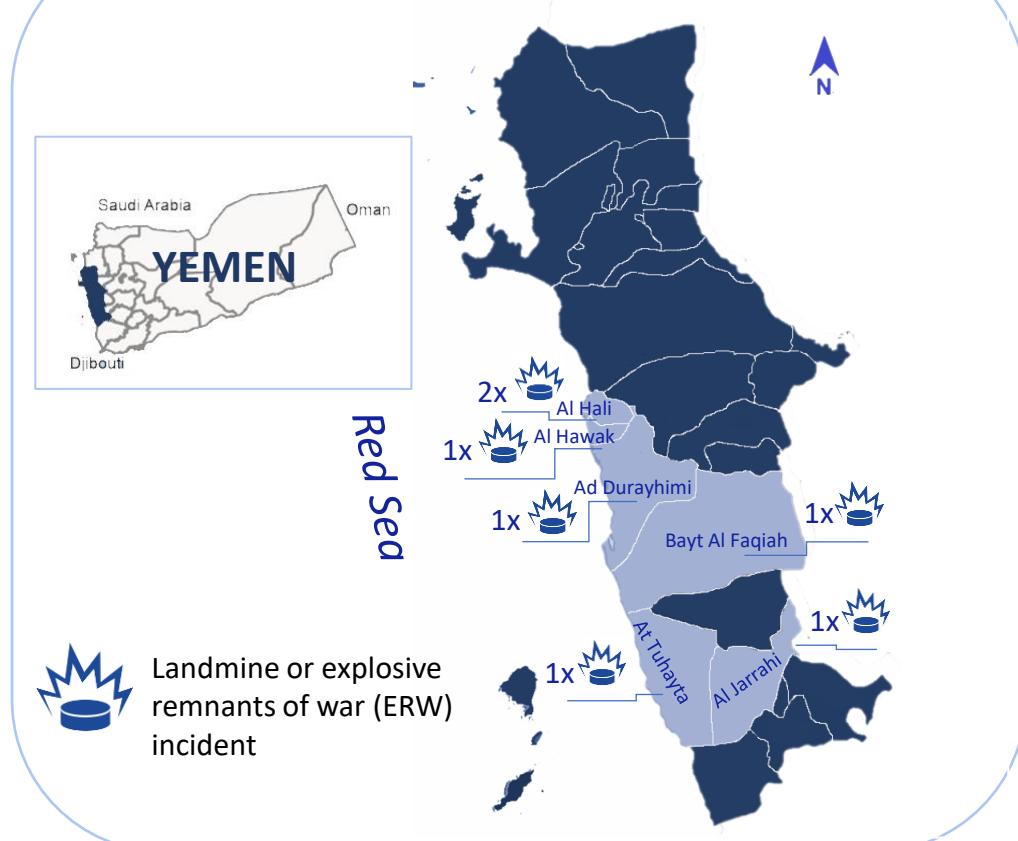


Mine Action Activities

The UNMHA Mine Action team has continued to collaborate with local authorities in Hudaydah, Sana'a, and Aden. These engagements extended to partnerships with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, the United Nations country team, international NGOs and stakeholders, and other regional and global stakeholders. The team conducted 25 mine action activities in the month of May, including coordination and technical support, and advocacy for mine action support in the Hudaydah governorate and the whole of Yemen.

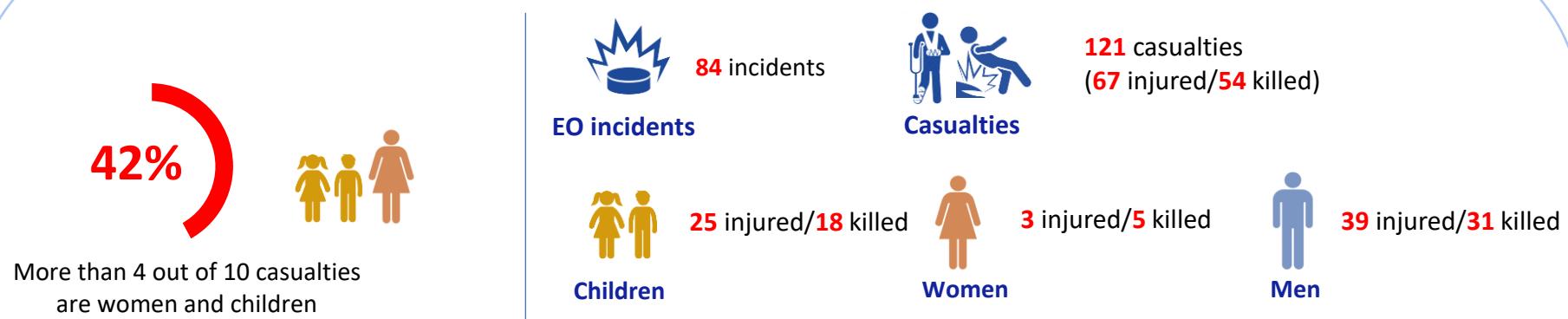
Yemen remains one of the most landmine and explosive remnants war (ERW) contaminated countries in the world and while the UN, under the lead of the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator's humanitarian mine action advisers is dedicated to see a restructured mine action approach in Yemen and build donor confidence, the country sees incidents happening on a weekly basis.

EO incidents in May 2024

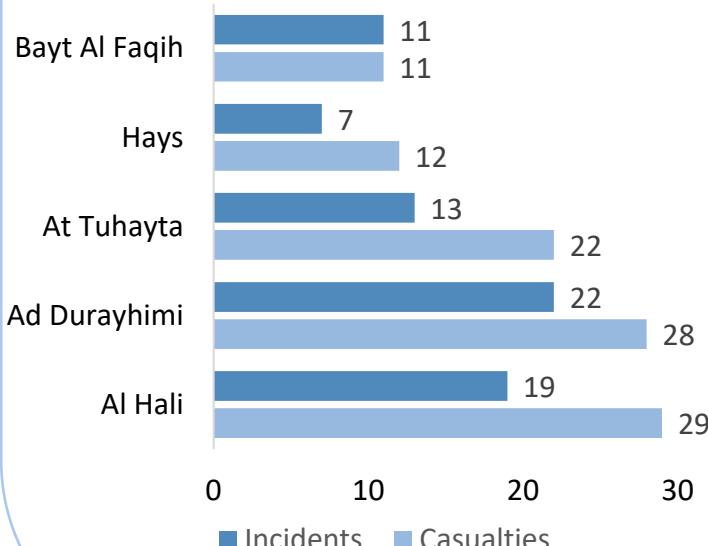


The United Nations Mission to support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded 6 explosive ordnance (EO) related incidents in various districts of the Hudaydah Governorate. Tragically, these incidents have resulted in a total of 9 civilian casualties. These casualties included 3 children injured, 1 child killed, and 1 women killed, underscoring the devastating impact of these events on the most vulnerable members of society. The affected districts include Ad-Durayhimi, Al-Hali, At-Tuhayta, Bayt Al Faqih, and Hays.

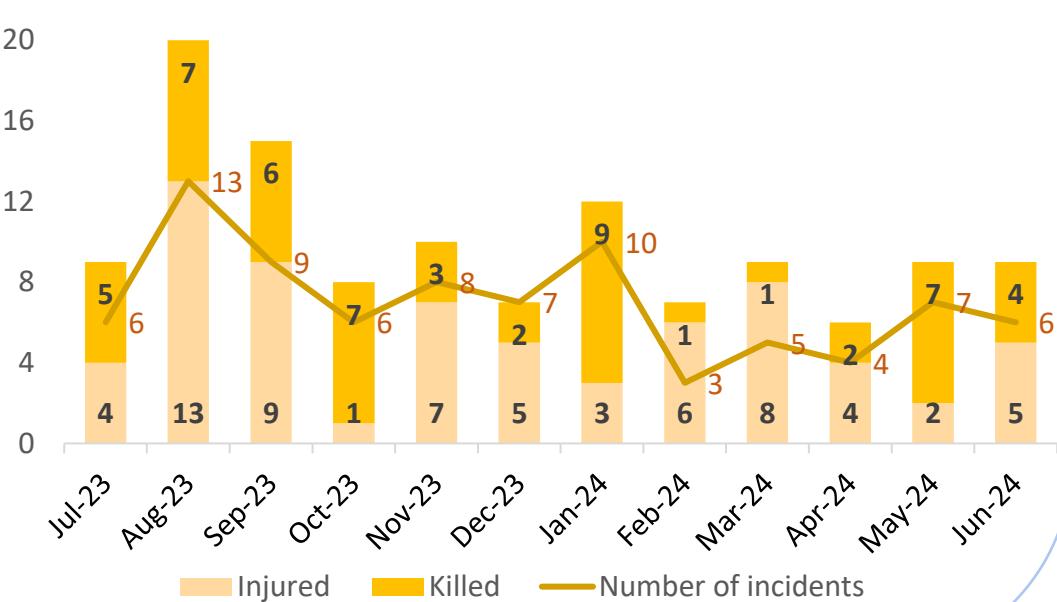
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024



The most affected districts



Number of incidents and casualties per month

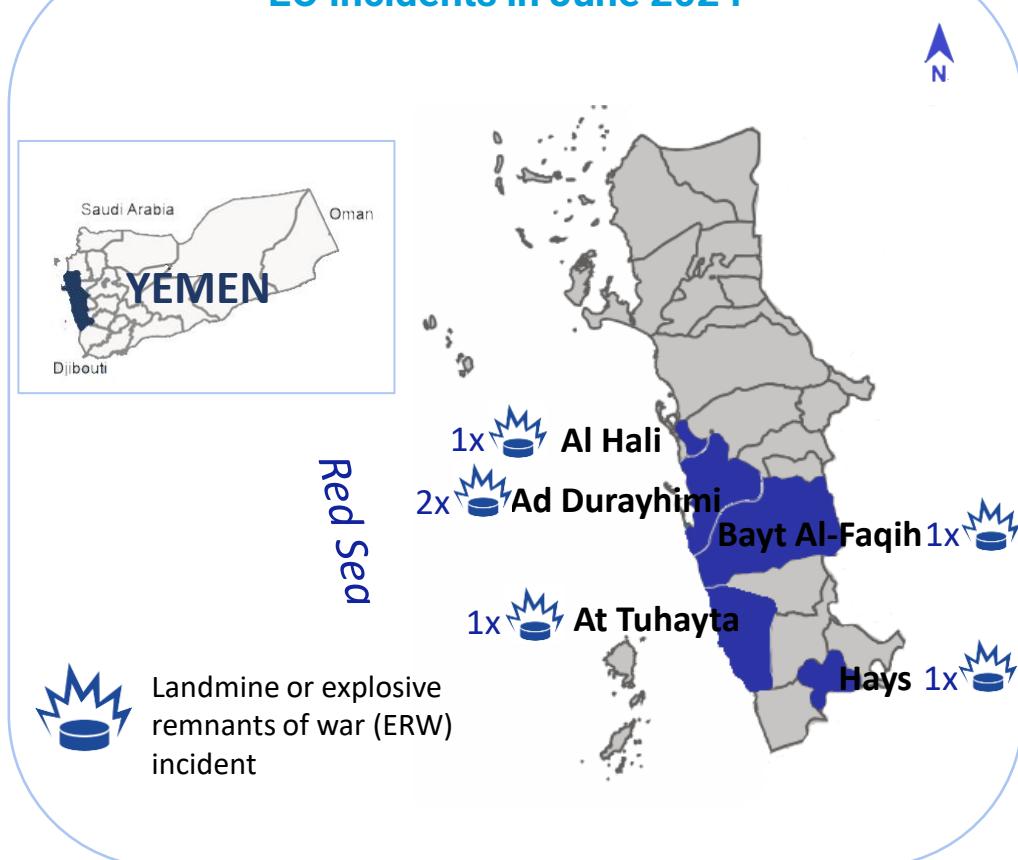


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Mine Action Activities

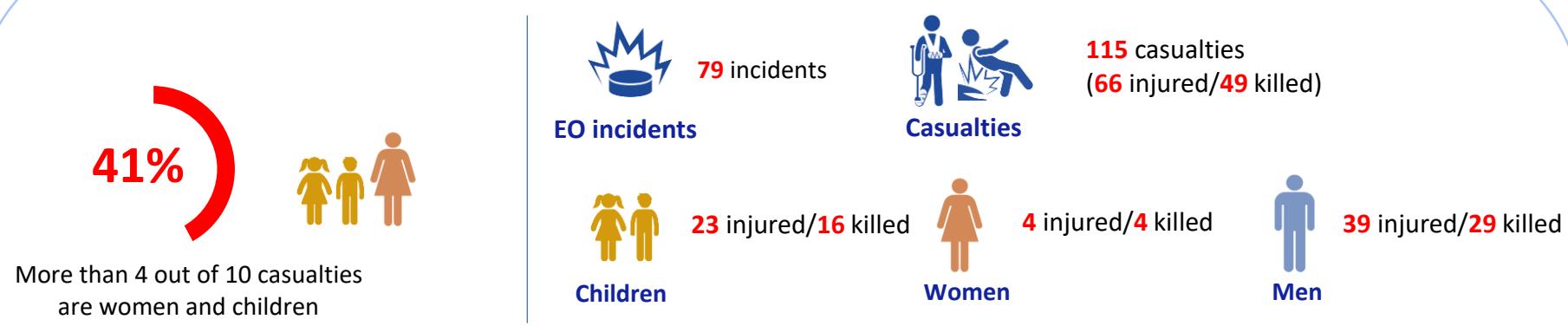
In June 2024, The UNMHA Mine Action team continued coordinating with local authorities in Hudaydah, Sana'a, and Aden, enhancing their partnerships with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, the United Nations country team, and international NGOs and stakeholders. The team conducted 14 mine action activities. These activities included coordination, technical support, and advocacy, specifically targeting mine action support within the Hudaydah governorate. The month of June observe the Eid Al-Adha celebrations, which saw a reduction in overall activities, including operations by mine action partners. Overall, the UNMHA Mine Action team's continued engagement with a diverse array of stakeholders and their adaptive approach to operational challenges underscores their commitment to creating a safer environment in Yemen. Their work not only focuses on immediate mine action tasks but also builds long-term partnerships and fosters sustainable solutions for the affected communities.

EO incidents in June 2024

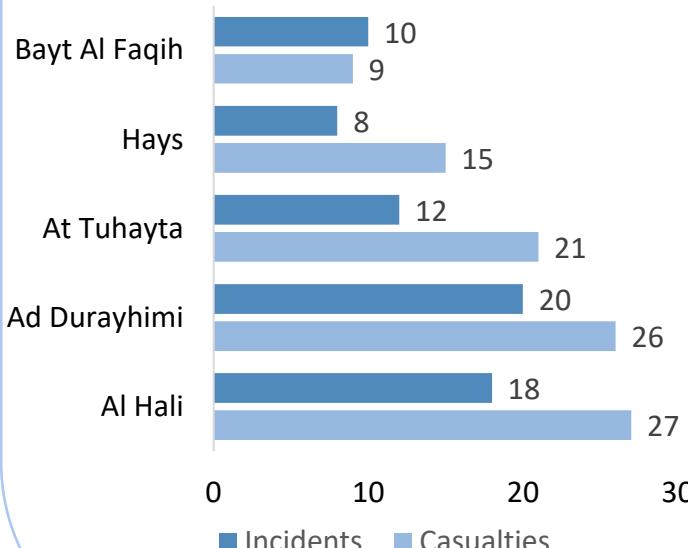


The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded one explosive ordnance (EO) related incident in Hudaydah Governorate, marking the lowest number of casualties since October 2021. This incident, which occurred in the Hays District, resulted in a total of three civilian casualties, including one woman who was injured. When compared to statistics from August of last year, this represents a notable decrease in the number of EO-related incidents, although some fluctuations with slightly higher numbers have been observed intermittently.

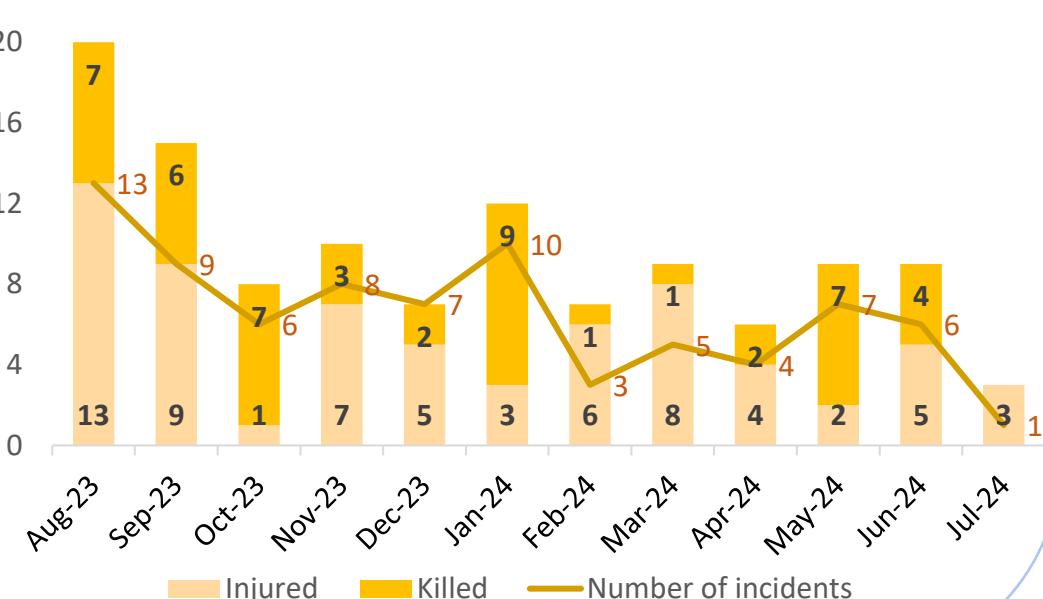
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024



The most affected districts



Number of incidents and casualties per month

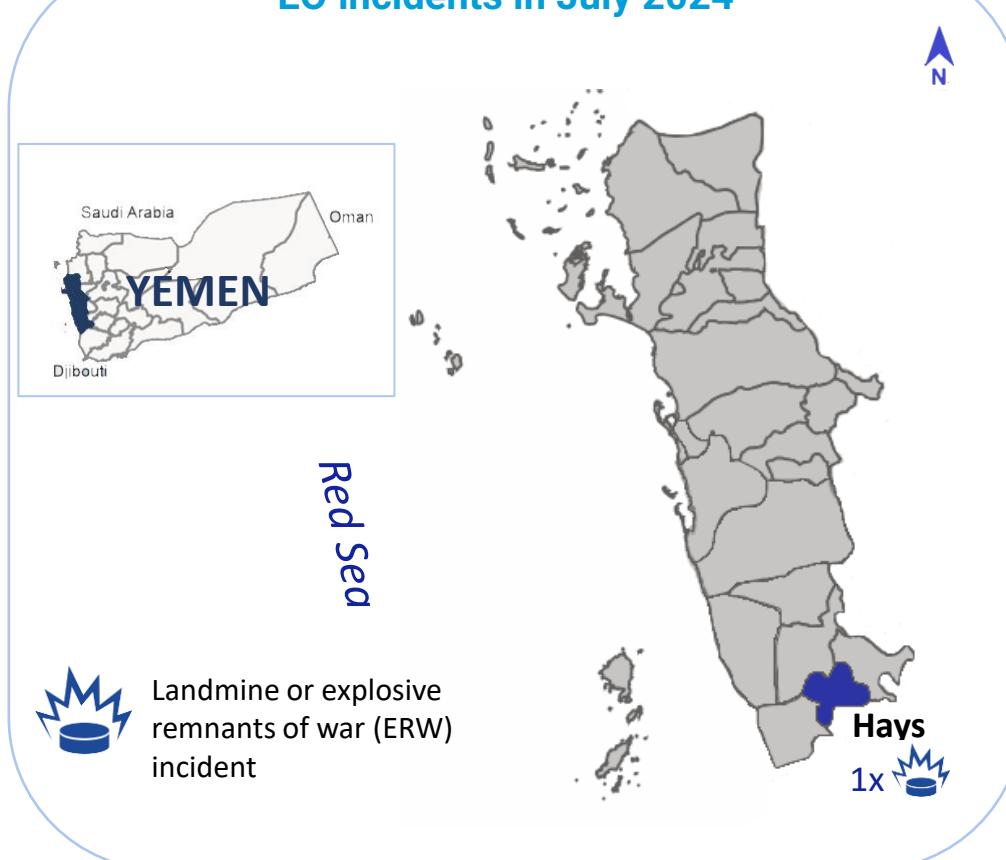


Mine Action Activities

In July 2024, the UNMHA Mine Action team carried out 19 activities, focusing on coordination meetings, technical support, and advocacy, particularly aimed at advancing mine action efforts in Hudaydah governorate.

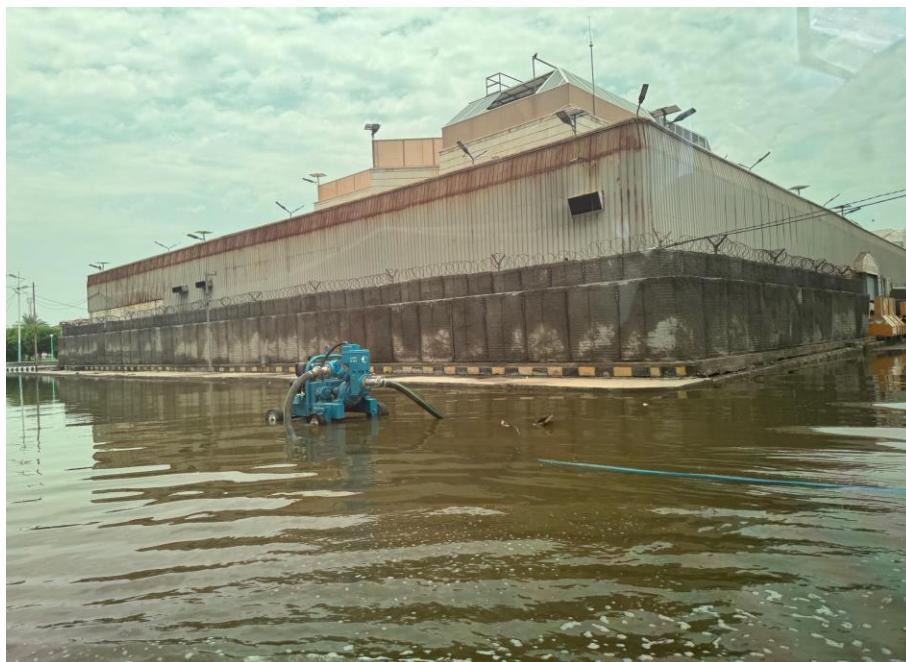
A key event of the month was a workshop organized by the Yemen Mine Action Coordination Centre (YMACC) in Aden in cooperation with the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and the Resident Coordinator's Senior Mine Action Advisor as chair and co-chair of the Mine Action Area of Responsibility. The workshop focused on the review of the National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) and established specialized technical working groups tasked with revising and updating the NMAS to align with current operational realities. UNMHA actively contributed to these efforts.

EO incidents in July 2024



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded ten (10) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate with almost all of these incidents linked to the severe rains and flooding experienced in the governorate. In these incidents ten (10) civilians were injured (including 2 boys) and four (4) civilians were killed. As the rains and flooding continue, the governorate saw an increase in the risk of landmine and ERW migration into previous safe areas as in some cases motorcycles and vehicles must divert from known safe routes into unknown areas due to the flooding. The districts of Ad Durayhimi and Bayt Al faqih continue to be some of the most impacted districts in the governorate.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for August 2024

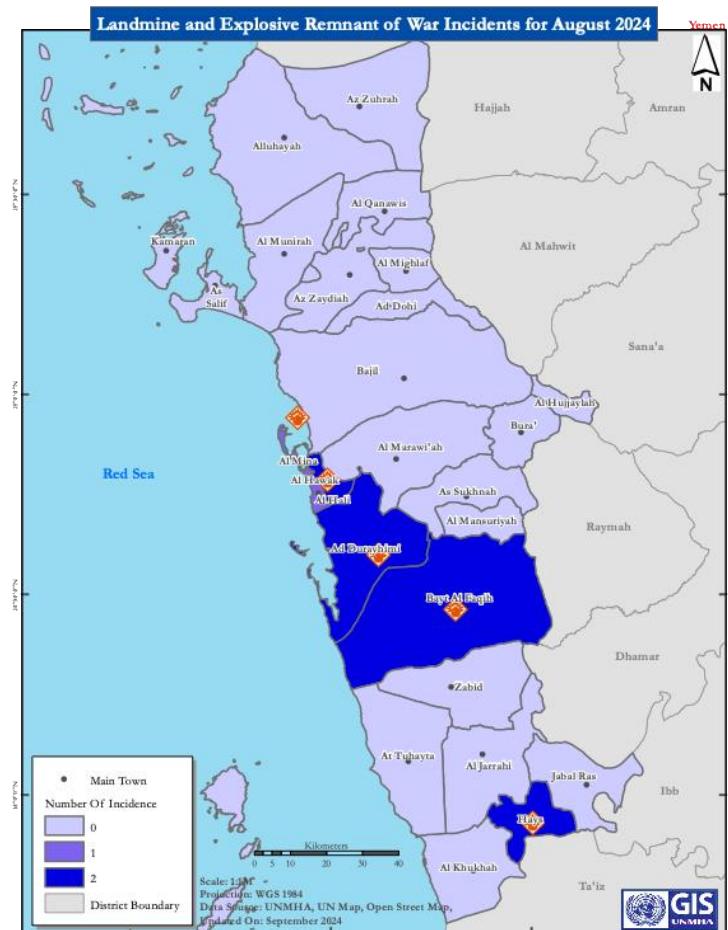


Mine Action Activities

In August 2024, the UNMHA Mine Action team carried out eight (8) activities, which comprised of coordination meetings with local authorities, UN counterparts, and other mine action stakeholders in Yemen.

The Mission continues to liaise with local and international stakeholders in Yemen to share information and to promote international awareness and support for mine action interventions in Yemen.

The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three (3) ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded two (02) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate. In these incidents one (01) civilian was injured, and two (02) civilians (including one woman) were killed. The two incidents occurred in the At Tuhayta and the Al Hawak districts. During the past year, Al Hali, At Tuhayta and Ad Durayhimi have been the most affected districts. While a reduction in incidents from the previous month was noticed, Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most impacted due to heavy fighting in the past and continued conflict along the frontlines in the south of the Governorate.

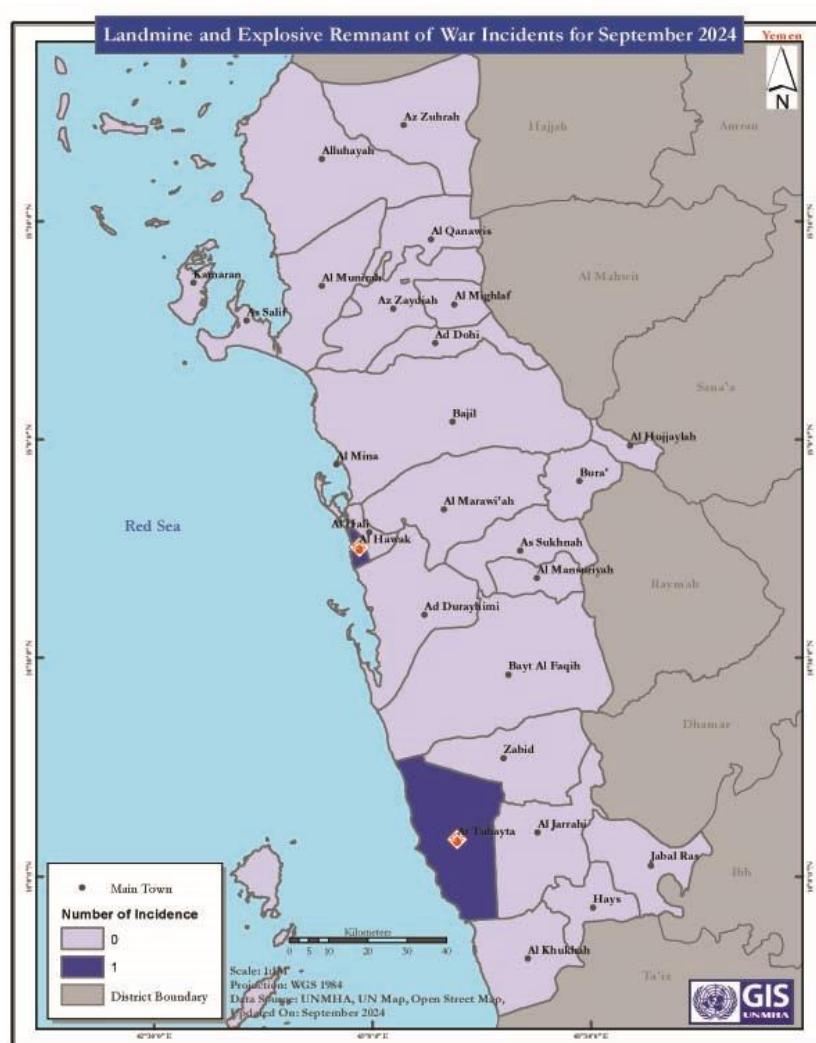
EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for September 2024


02 incidents

03 casualties
 (01 injured/02 killed)

0 injured /
0 killed

0 injured /
1 killed

1 injured /
1 killed


Mine Action Activities

In September 2024, the UNMHA Mine Action team carried out 21 activities, which comprised of coordination meetings with local authorities, UN counterparts, and other mine action stakeholders in Yemen. Some of the highlights were the Mission attending a strategic planning workshop in Sana'a with the YEMAC and UNOPS, supporting WFP with a series of risk education sessions for their staff and implementing partners, and attending the YMACC-led monthly mine action coordination meeting in Aden.

The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded two (02) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate in October: one (01) boy was injured and one (01) civilian was killed. The two incidents occurred in Bayt Al-Faqih and Hays districts. During the past year, Al Hali, At Tuhayta and Ad Durayhimi have been the most affected districts. The number of incidents was the same as in the previous month. Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most impacted due to heavy fighting in the past and ongoing conflict along the frontlines in the south of the Governorate.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for October 2024

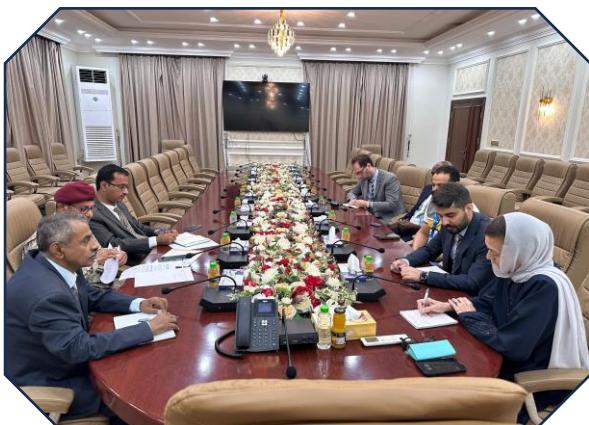


Mine Action Activities

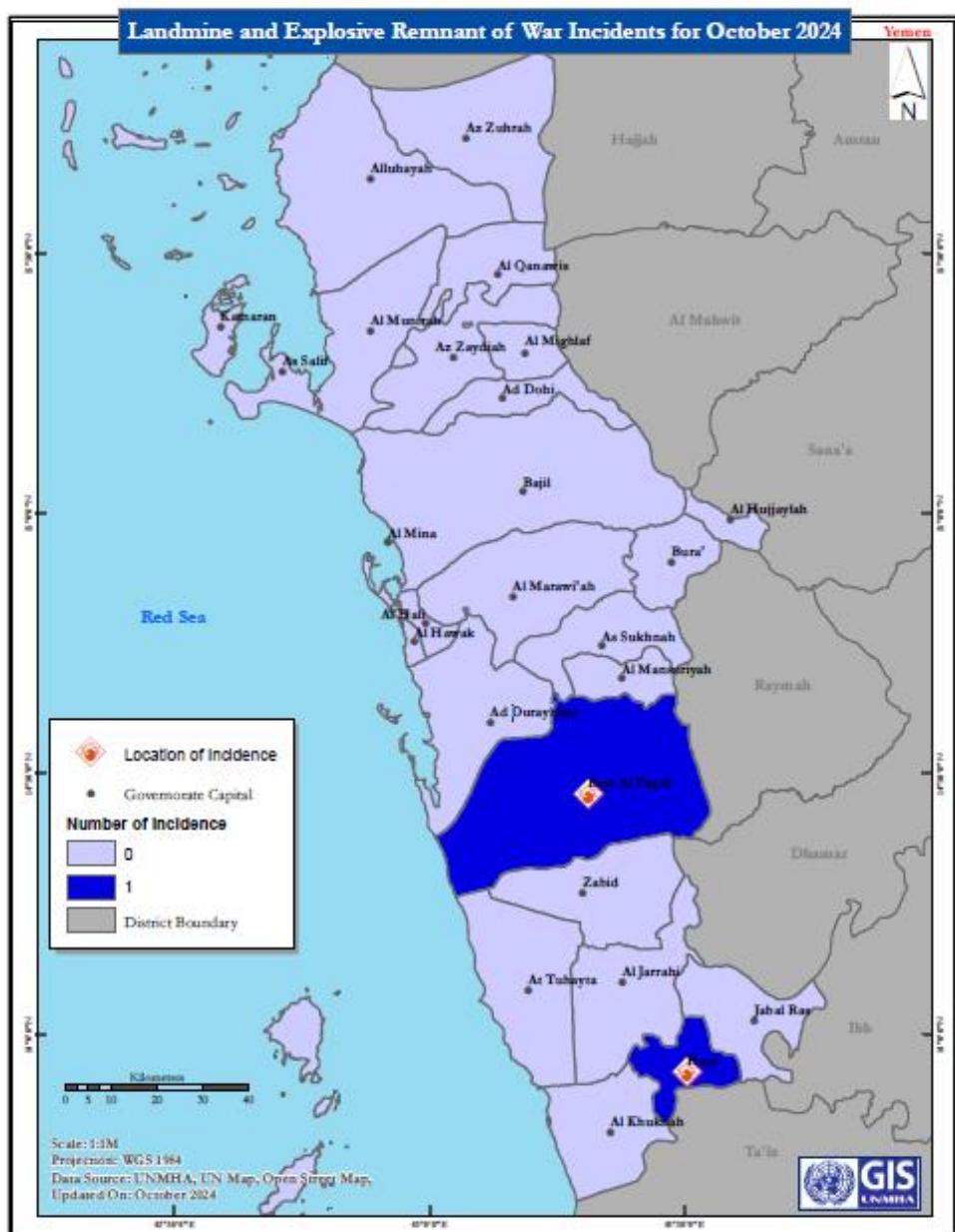
In October 2024, UNMHA Deputy Head of Mission (DHOM) and the Mine Action Team held coordination meetings with Mine Action stakeholders, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and other UN counterparts in Yemen. Some of the highlights were the strategic planning technical working group meetings in Sana'a with YEMAC, UNICEF, UN OCHA, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Humanitarian Inclusion (HI) and UNOPS.

The Mine Action Section held also meetings with key counterparts in Aden along with UNMHA DHOM, totaling 12 activities during the month overall.

The Mission continues to monitor the demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.



UNMHA continues to work in close consultation with YEMAC in Sana'a and Aden and advocates for support to mine action efforts in line with international standards.





UNMHA Mine Action Update for November 2024

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The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded four (04) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate in November. In these incidents one (01) boy was injured, and four (04) civilians were killed. The four incidents occurred in Al-Hali, Al-Durayhmi and Al Hawak districts. The number of incidents is higher than the previous month. During the past year, Al Hali, At Tuhayta and Ad Durayhimi have been the most affected districts. Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most impacted due to heavy fighting in the past and continued conflict along the frontlines in the south of the Governorate.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for November 2024



4 incidents



05 casualties
(01 injured/04 killed)



1 injured /
0 killed



0 injured /
0 killed



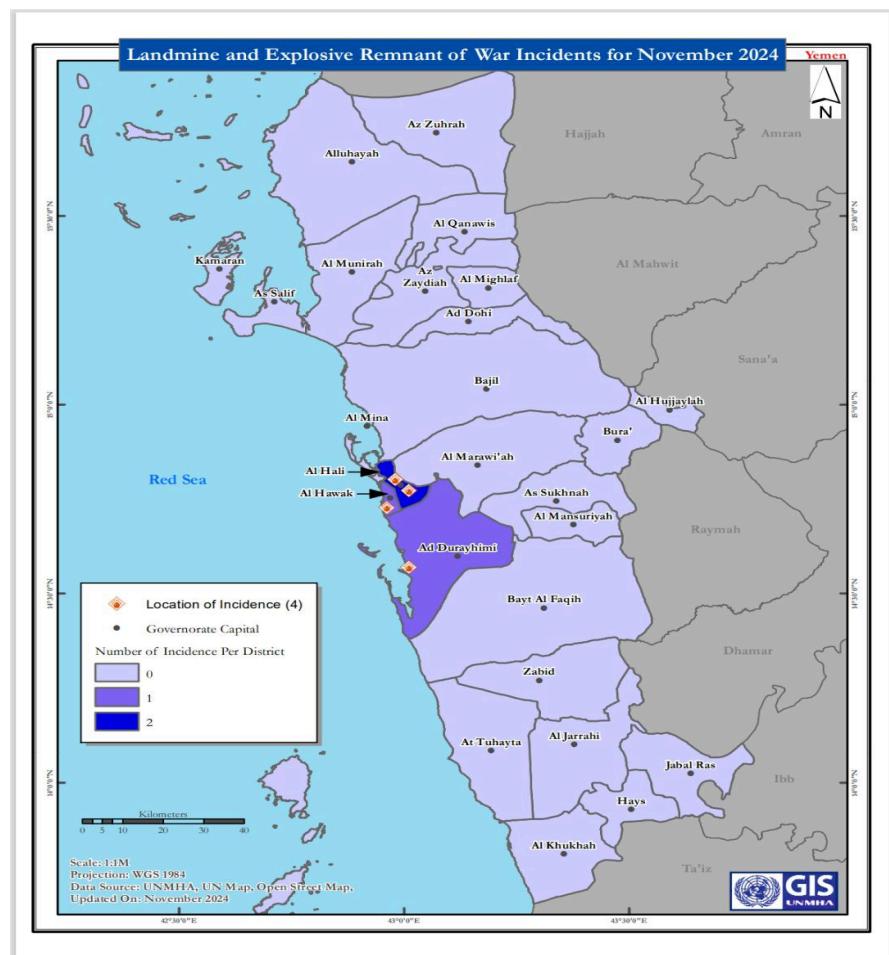
0 injured /
4 killed

Mine Action Activities

In November 2024, the United Nations Mission to support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) Mine Action Team undertook 12 activities to enhance coordination and effectiveness in addressing the impact of landmines and explosive remnants of war in Yemen. These activities included engaging in strategic coordination meetings with Mine Action stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and UN counterparts, aimed at promoting stronger partnerships and streamlining efforts. The team also conducted introductory sessions in Sana'a to present the newly appointed UNMHA Mine Action Programme Officer, building trust and collaboration with active partners in the country.

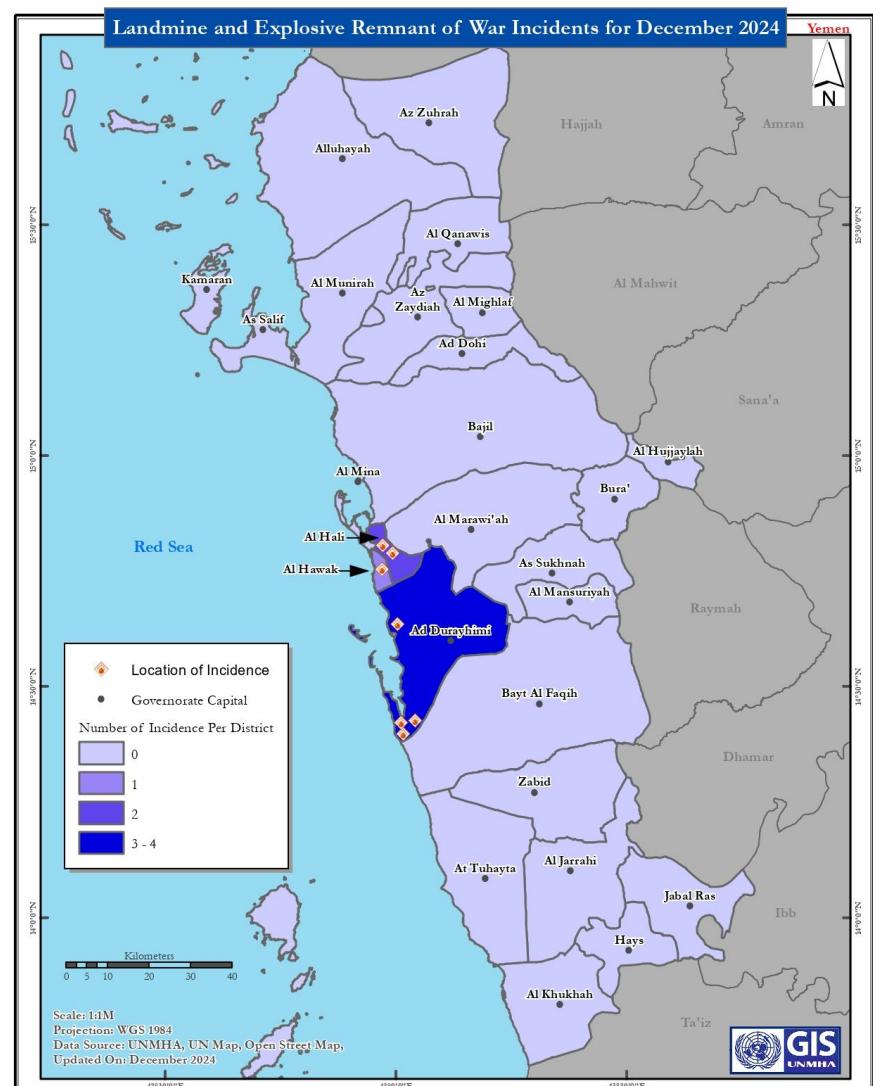
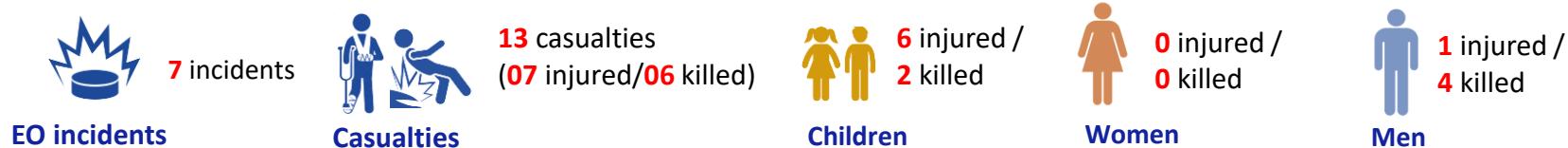
Additionally, UNMHA Mine Action team attended a capacity development workshop “Developing and Updating National Standards for Mine Action Procedures on Victim Assistance,” in Sana'a, organized by Humanity and Inclusion (HI) and the Yemen Executive Mine Action Center (YEMAC). The workshop focused on improving operational guidelines and enhancing victim assistance protocols.

The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.



The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded seven (07) landmine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate in December. In these incidents one (01) man and six (06) boys were injured, and four (04) men and two (02) boy were killed. The seven incidents occurred in Ad Durayhimi, Al-Hali, and Al Hawak districts. The number of incidents this month was higher than in the previous month but in the same areas, indicating a persistent threat to civilians. During the past year, Al-Hali, Ad Durayhimi and At Tuhyata, have been the most affected districts. Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most impacted due to heavy fighting in the past and continued conflict along the frontlines in the south of the Governorate.

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for December 2024

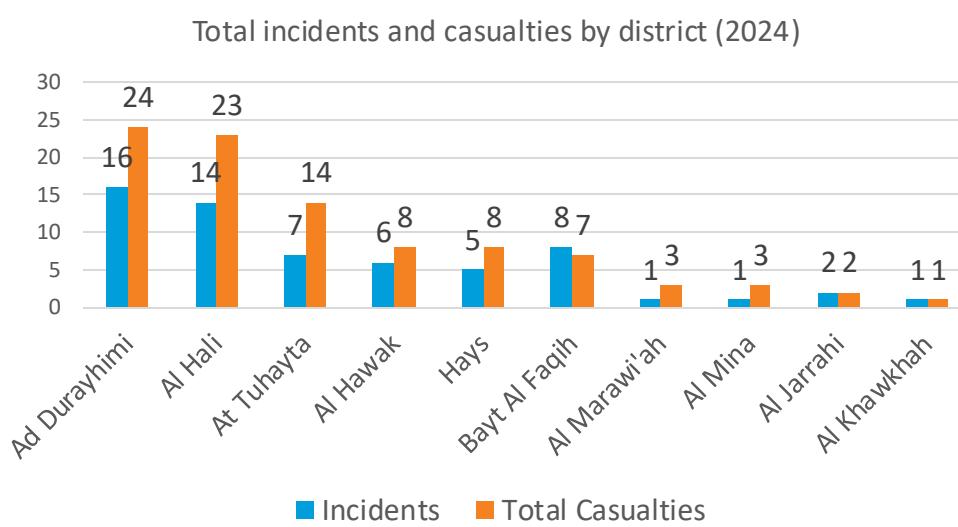
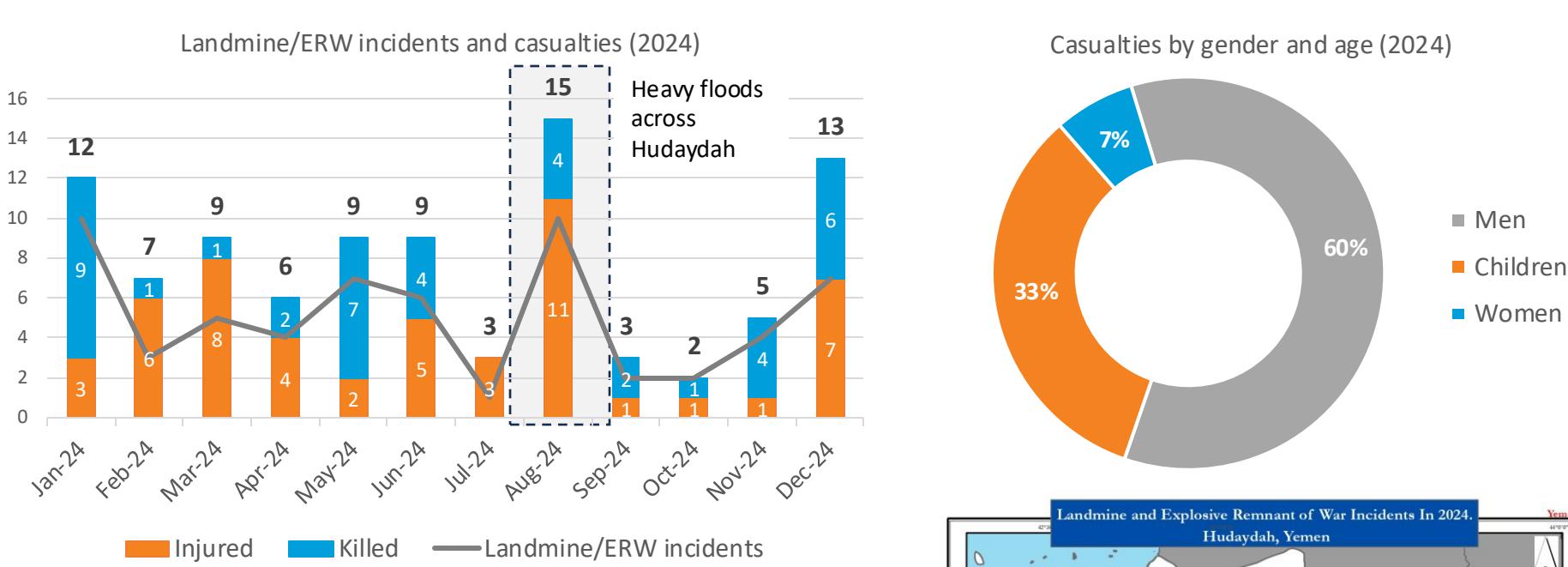


Mine Action Activities

In December 2024, UNMHA Mine Action Team undertook 13 activities in support of mine action efforts. These activities included engagements with mine action stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and UN counterparts, and aimed at promoting stronger partnerships and strategic coordination to address the threat posed by landmines and ERW. The Mission continues to monitor demarcation of the confirmed hazardous areas in the three ports of Hudaydah, Ras Issa, and As Salif as per the Mission's mandate.

Annual Mine Action Update 2024

EO Incidents and Civilian Casualties in Hudaydah for 2024



During 2024, the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) has recorded 61 landmine and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) related incidents in Hudaydah Governorate. A total of 41 civilians were killed and another 52 were injured. 40 per cent of the victims were women and children. Ad Durayhimi, Al Hali and At Tuhayta were the districts with the highest number of casualties. While the number of incidents and casualties has almost halved compared to 2023, Yemen remains heavily impacted by explosive devices with Hudaydah Governorate as one of the most affected areas.

