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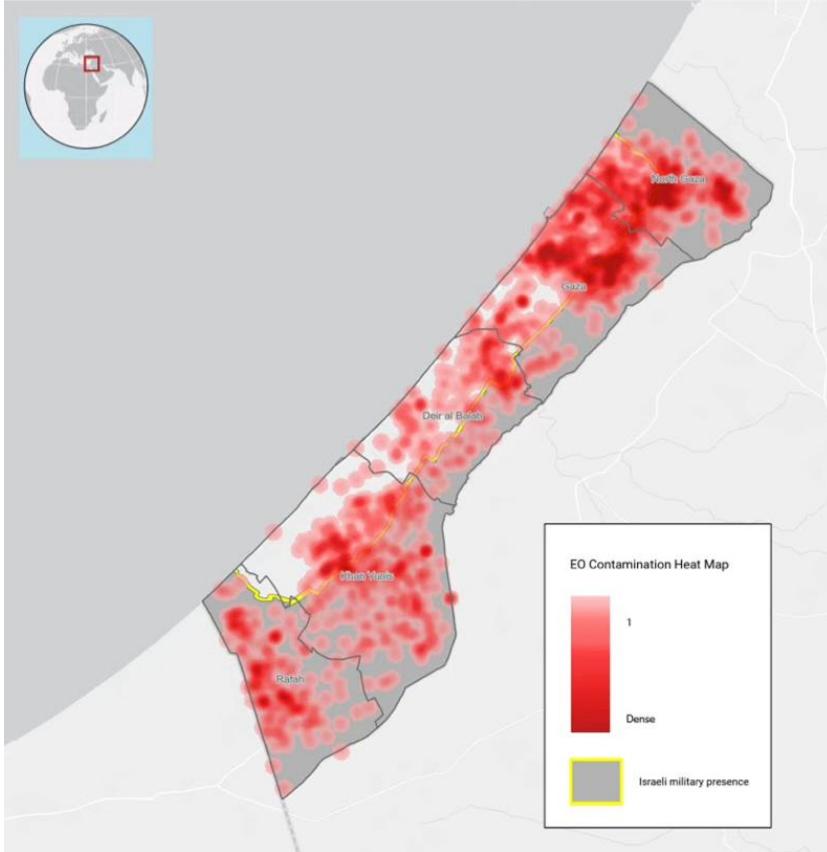


Mine Action in the occupied Palestinian territory

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Explosive Threat in Gaza

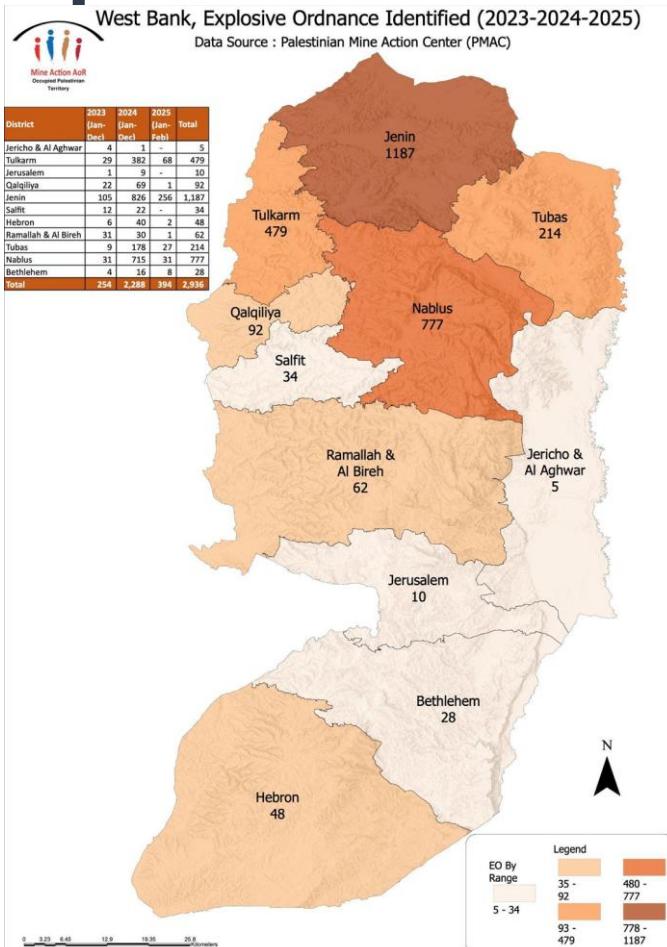


- **More than 650 EO items identified since October 2023**
- Contamination across Gaza, with particularly high density in **north Gaza** and **urbanized** areas such as Gaza city and Khan Younis
- UNMAS and partners have encountered both **conventional** and **improvised** explosive items
- **Over 400 EO victims reported**, a figure likely significantly underreported

Explosive Threat in the West Bank



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- EO contamination increased tenfold between 2023 and 2024
- Initial data suggests 2025 is on track for higher EO identification rate than 2024
- Over 100 EO victims reported in 2024, a figure likely underreported
- Most items are improvised devices, requiring specialized equipment and skills

Coordination of the HMA Sector



UNMAS and HI co-chair the Mine Action Area of Responsibility in the OPT, engaging over 30 partners. In 2024, UNMAS was designated as Acting Mine Action Coordinator in Gaza.

This involves:



Standardization, tasking & prioritization



Facilitation of partners operationalization



Quality Assurance



Information management



Advocacy on behalf of the sector

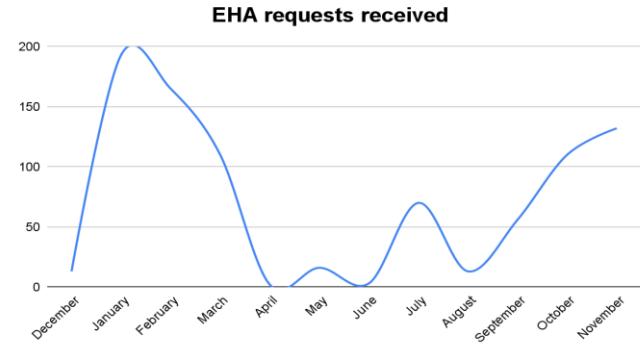
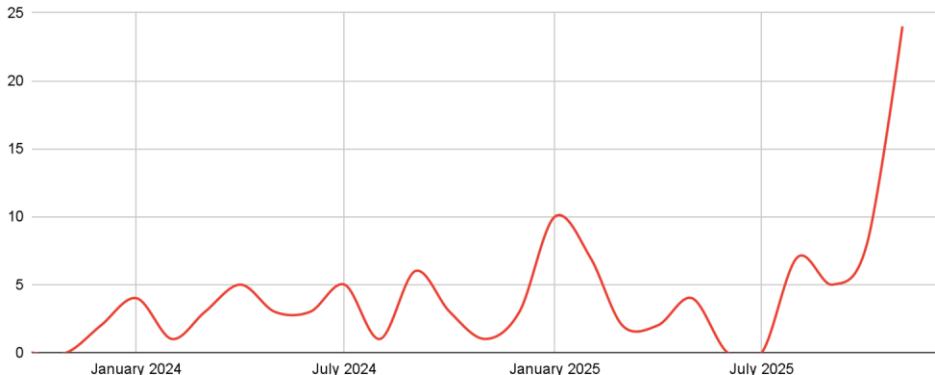


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Ceasefire Response

- Since 10 October, as people returned to damaged homes and recovery efforts began, **communities and humanitarian personnel have come face-to-face with explosive threats.**
- **UNMAS and HMA partners are scaling up the response** to mitigate these threats and support expanded humanitarian and early recovery efforts.

Sites where EO confirmed



EORE/CPP to Affected Populations (face-to-face)



478,042 people

reached through EORE sessions
delivered in health centers, shelters &
in the streets

60,400 children

reached by UNICEF and its
partners since the last cease-
fire





Victim Assistance



VA takes multiple forms with the provision of:

- emergency medical care
- assistive devices
- livelihood support
- cash assistance
- MHPSS
- referrals to health services
- winterization
- medical evacuation (abroad)

Applying the non-discrimination principle!

HMA and Early Recovery



Support to Debris Management



332 assessments of roads and critical infrastructure conducted for UNDP-led debris management efforts

65 missions guided to enable WFP-led debris clearance missions in support of enhanced humanitarian access

212 debris management personnel trained through tailored risk education sessions

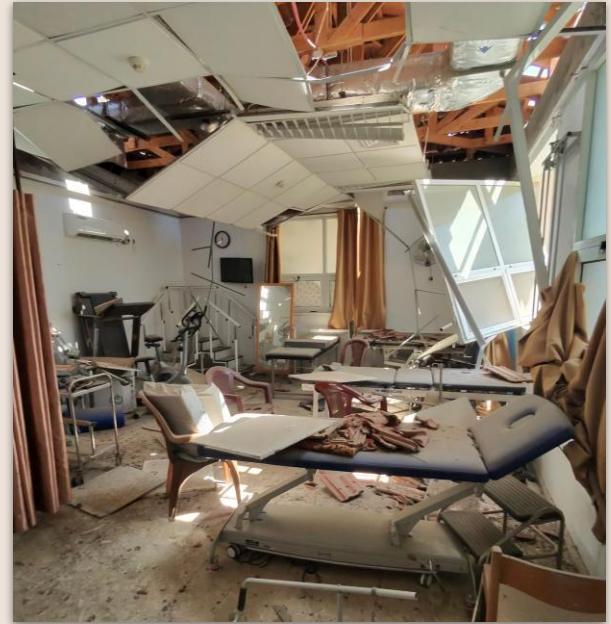


Enabling Lifesaving Medical Response



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medical missions supported, including evacuating critically ill patients from zones issued with displacement orders & retrieving life-saving medical equipment from damaged sites



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assessments of medical sites conducted, enabling partners to rehabilitate hospitals & construct medical centres for conflict-affected populations

Capacity enhancement in the West Bank



Since its establishment in 2012, UNMAS and GICHD have been key partners in strengthening the **Palestinian Mine Action Center (PMAC)** within the Palestinian Authority. Current support to the PMAC includes:

- **Training and Capacity Building:** Supporting the delivery of Training of Trainers sessions for EORE partners to enhance local expertise.
- **Technical and Information Management Support:** Providing expertise in information management, data analysis, and reporting to improve operational efficiency.
- **Professional Development:** Delivering training to PMAC personnel to strengthen institutional professionalism.

UNMAS also works with other partners in support of a **locally-led and sustainable response**. This includes:

- **PA EOD Police**, Enhancing capacity through assessments and technical training, planned for 2026
- **Other government entities** Supporting the integration of EORE messaging into school curricula, e.g., MoE
- **Local partners** Delivering EORE to particularly vulnerable or harder-to-reach communities, including Bedouin populations and those residing in refugee camps

These initiatives strengthen national and local capacities, improve safety for communities, and ensure that mine action in the West Bank is **locally led, sustainable, and responsive** to evolving threats.

Mine Action Response Since October 2023

 **18,185**

EORE sessions delivered to communities throughout Gaza

 **777**

EHAs conducted and coordinated for humanitarian partners

 **807**

interagency missions accompanied

 **2,397**

humanitarian personnel trained in EORE awareness and delivery

Looking ahead



Challenges:

Restrictions on bringing in **key equipment** to support operations in Gaza and the West Bank

Lack of funding for MF clearance in the WB to pursue Convention targets

Capacity limitations due to challenges that INGOs face in operating in Gaza and the West Bank (security concerns; new registration processes)

Key needs:

Advocacy for humanitarian mine action to be allowed to deliver responsibly and unhindered throughout the OPT

Predictable and flexible **funding** for humanitarian mine action to both WB and Gaza in 2026 and beyond

The need is significant. A coordinated, rapid and comprehensive response is critical.



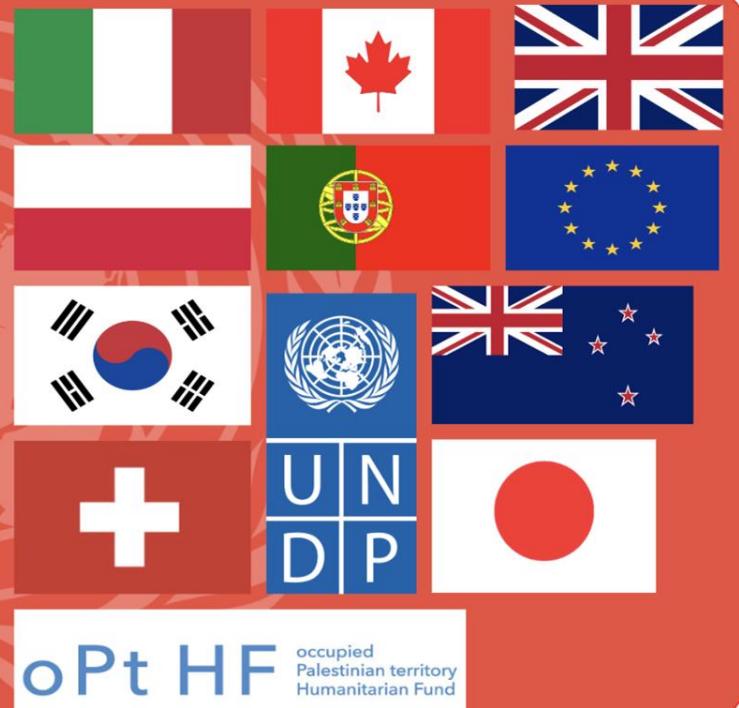
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