

**Ministry of Environment  
Directorate for Mine Action - Baghdad**



# Iraq Mine Action Programme

## **Mine Actions Pillars:**

- Mine Risk Education (MRE)
- Mine/UXO clearance
- Victim Assistant
- Advocacy
- Legislation

## **The Goal:**

Declare Iraq Free of Mines and UXOs. Releasing the impact of Mines and other remnants of war, in addition to rehabilitation of mine/UXO survivors and their reintegration into the Iraqi society, through the integration of mine action activities and disperse them in parallel and in all fields by doing the following:

First:- Build institutional capacities to achieve the national objectives.

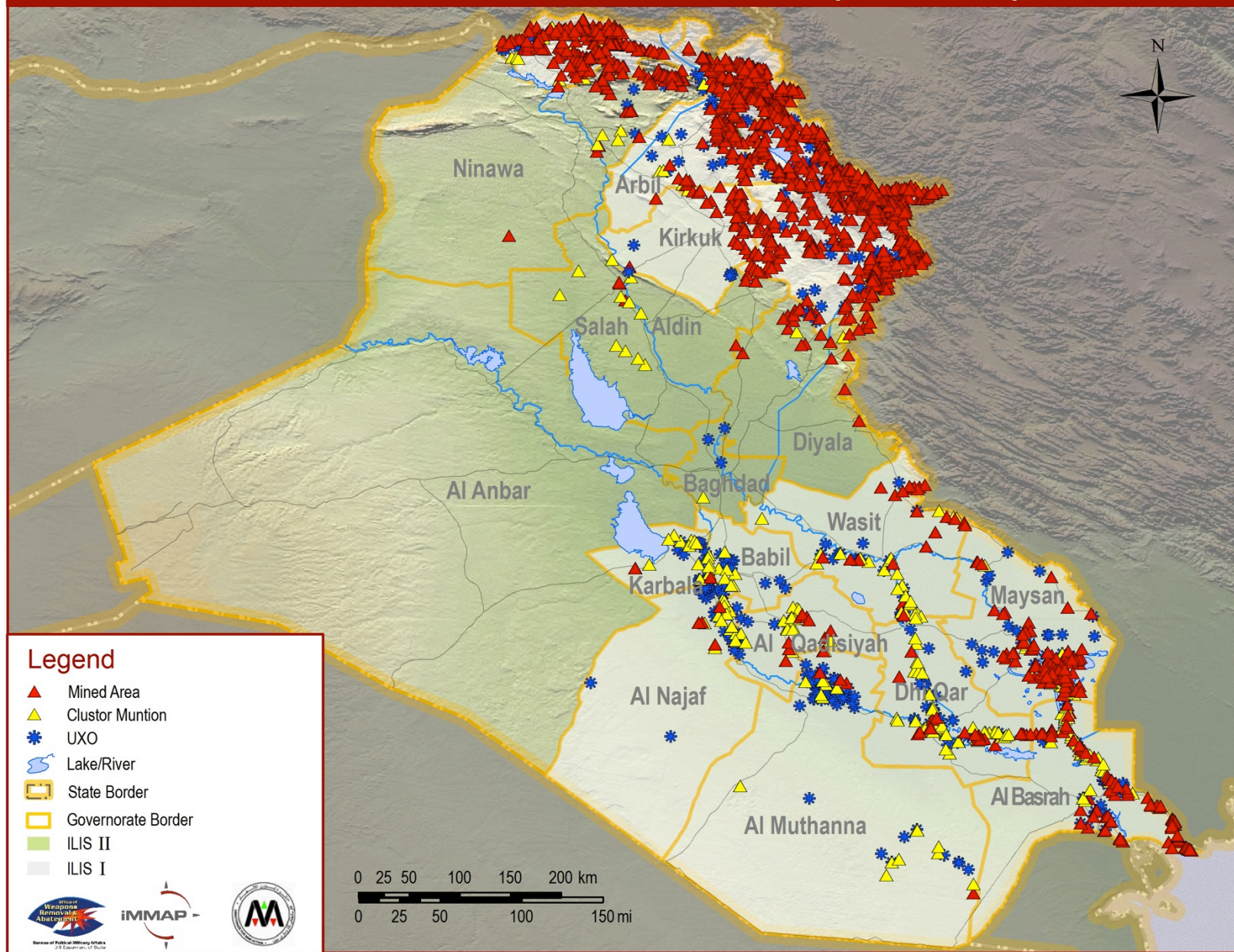
Second:- Clearance work for the purpose of land restoration and stimulating of the economy.

Third:- Assist the Survivors through reintegrating them Socially and economically.

Forth:- Conduct Mine/UXO Risk Education (aimed mainly to reducing the impact "Prevention")

Fifth:- work towards meeting international treaties' obligations where Iraq became or will become a member state (Ottawa treaty, CCM, CRPD...etc)

# CONTAMINATED COMMUNITIES (ILIS I & II)



## **Major Achievements “2010/2011”:**

- Creation of a national higher committee, lead by H.E. Prime Minister, with members from MoEn, MoD, Mol and MoAgr.
- Official legislation of Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency by KRG parliament.
- Approval of 23 chapters of National Mine Action Standards and work is going for the rest of the chapters
- MoD trained to use national mine action SOPs for clearance operations.



## **Information about Cluster munitions:**

- Type of existing cluster munitions are ( M40, M42, BLU89, BLU97, BLU98, BLU99, MK20, MK118)
- Total estimated hazardous areas: 408,005,450 M2.  
*provided by Civil Defense.*
- Cluster items destroyed by Civil Defense: 20,819  
(during 2009/2010)
- Cluster items destroyed by MoD: 6,265 (during 2010)
- (Baghdad, Karbala, Najaf, Wasit, Qadisiya, Babil, Diala, Nainawa, Anbar, Muthanna, Thiqr, Missan, Basra)



# **Challenges:**

- The unstable security situation
- Limited technical abilities
- Clearance Operators in the ground are much less than what is required (does not meet/match the scope of the problem in Iraq )

## **Needs and Support**

### **required for the Iraq Mine action programme**

- Human Capacity Development
- Encourage Operators/NGOs to work in Iraq (enabling to meet international obligations)
- International cooperation and support in terms of technical devices and technologies that help in furthering the work of the technical survey, clearance and quality control.

**Lets Work Together for Iraq and a  
world Free from Mines and all other  
Remnants of War**

**Thank You for Your Attention**