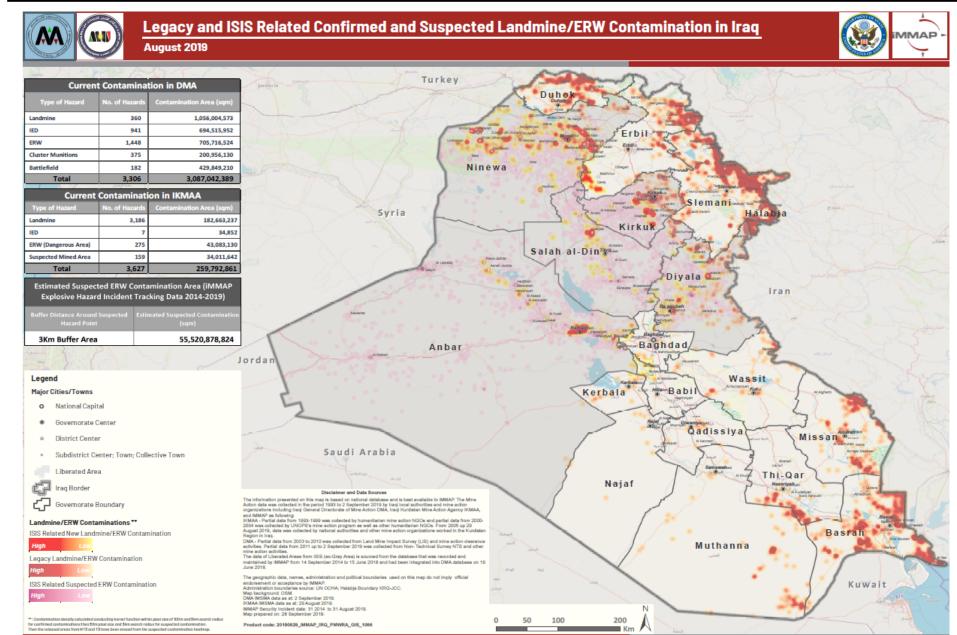
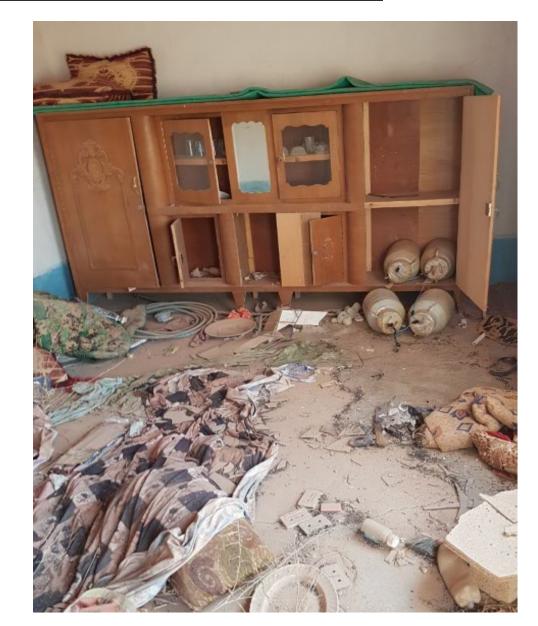
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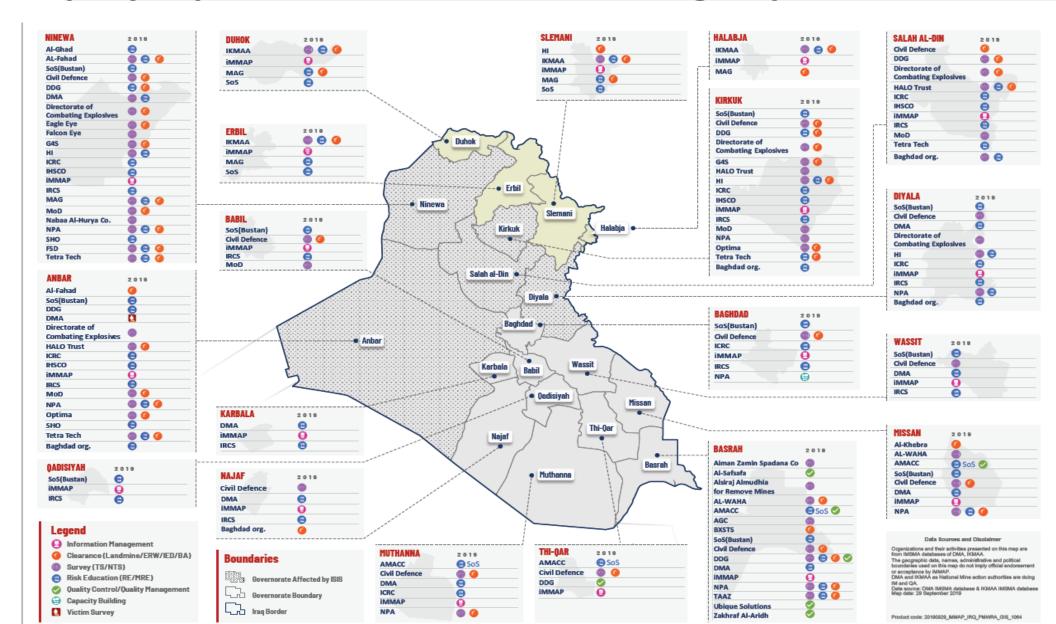








The sector's expansion has enabled a wide range of actors to play a productive role in clearing explosive hazards



The sector has made significant progress since 2015, however much work remains to be done

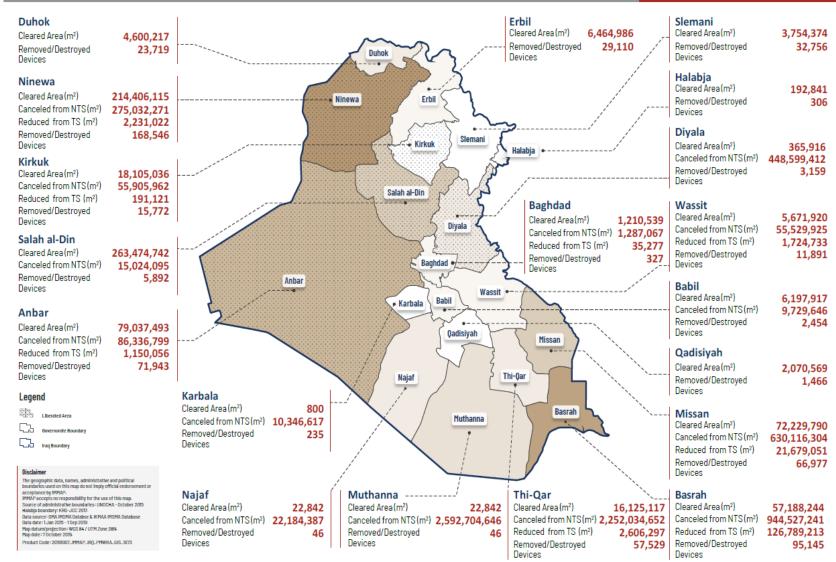




Humanitarian Mine Action Achievements in Iraq from 1 Jan 2015 - 1 Sep 2019







Challenges

- Identifying and addressing the scale of ISIS contamination
- Deconfliction with Iraqi Security Forces conducting clearance operations
- Limited QA/QC capacity within DMA
- Operators' inability to use explosives
- Fluid priorities
- Legacy contamination
- Donor fatigue

Recommendations for Donors

- Continue to support critical demining operations and prioritize flexible strategic relationships with a wide range of operators
- Stipulate that operators build local capacity as part of assistance
- Push DMA to take ownership of QA/QC
- Encourage government of Iraq to articulate regional priorities so donors know where the greatest needs are and update these priorities annually
- Encourage Iraqi Security Forces to play a larger role in mine action
- Advocate the government of Iraq to reverse the 2014 rule banning operators from using explosives
- Encourage Baghdad to make a financial contribution to humanitarian demining operations