

The Sahel

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MINE ACTION IN 2021 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLANS

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NOTES:

* The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations and the Mine Action Area of Responsibility.

**For Libya, the actual amount needed is USD 22.5 million.

*Mine Action was not in the HRP in 2021; MA AoR was activated in Ethiopia in August 2021

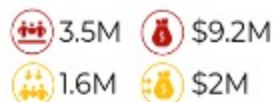


KEY FIGURES



HRP BY COUNTRY

Afghanistan



Mali



Sudan



Burkina Faso



Myanmar



Syria



Colombia



Nigeria



Ukraine



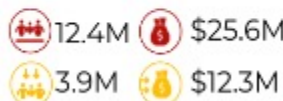
DR Congo



Palestine



Yemen



Iraq



Somalia



Libya**



South Sudan



Developments since May MASG

Strong programmatic presence by mine action partners in UN and civil societies across various countries in the Sahel

MSP Joint side event on Sahel: UNDP/UNMAS

UNDP Mine Action virtual assessment mission to the Sahel - “An Assessment for Countering the Proliferation of Explosive Ordnance (and Weapons) Among Armed Non-State Actors in the Sahel region”

Sahel UN HQ Working Group on Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) mitigation



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Context – General Overview

- For more than a decade, the Republic of Niger has been faced with several shocks that slow down its development and keep the Nigerien population in a situation of precariousness. The main shocks affecting Niger are security, climate and epidemics
- A deplorable security situation: circulation of weapons, drugs/human beings trafficking and cross-border banditry
- Niger is under pressure of violence from non-state armed groups on three main fronts:
 - Northwest: Tillaberi and Tahoua
 - Southeast: Diffa
 - South: Maradi

IED Contamination

The first incidents involving IEDs date back to February 9, 2015 in the Diffa region and May 14, 2019 in the Tillabery region.



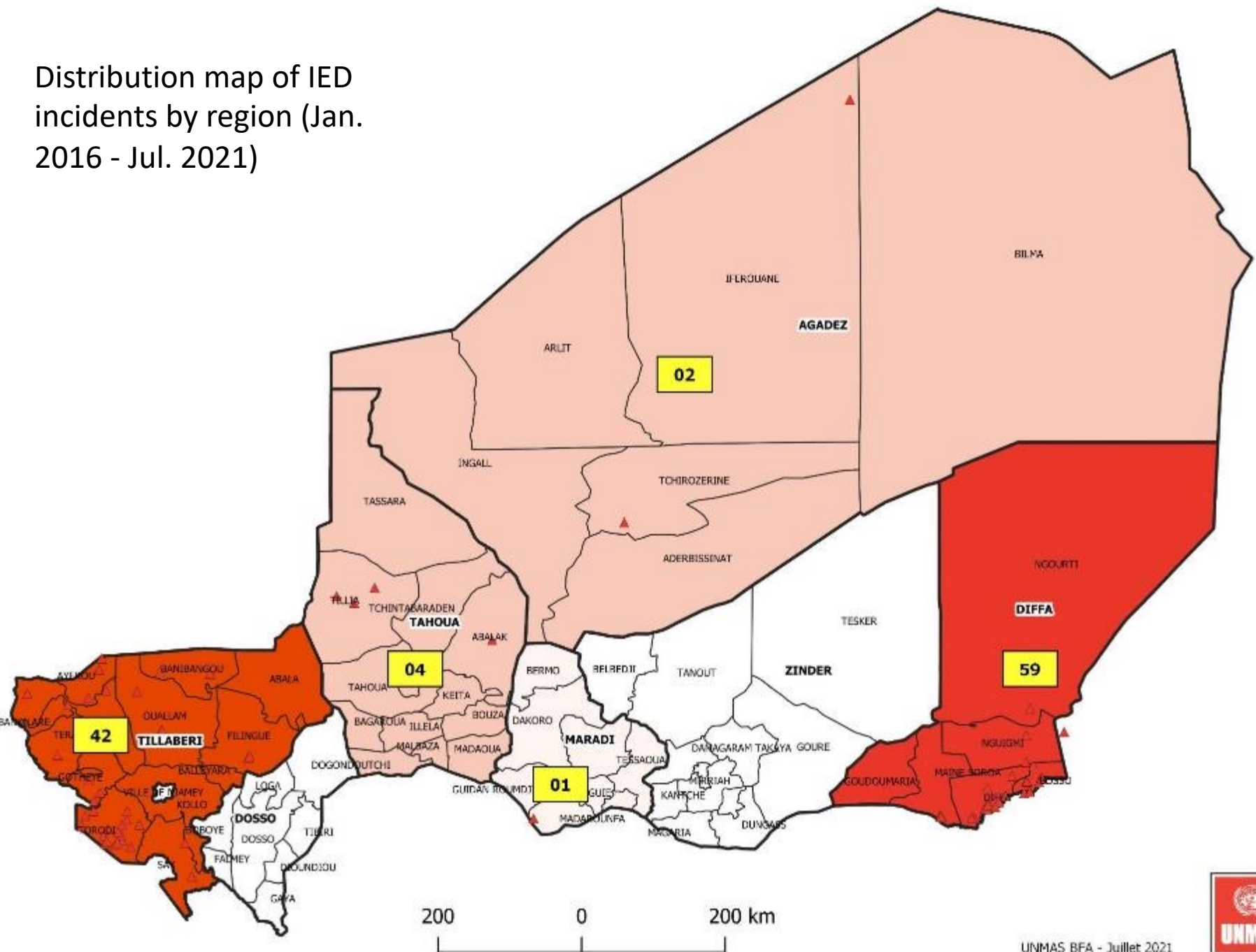
GNN vehicle hit by an IED on 11 October 2021 in Banibangou

From 2016 to July 31, 2021:

- 108 IED incidents recorded
- 323 victims: 161 killed and 162 injured
 - o 91 civilians injured and 71 civilians killed
 - o 69 FDS injured and 91 FDS killed

**please note that data to be confirmed by a more complete technical study*

Distribution map of IED incidents by region (Jan. 2016 - Jul. 2021)

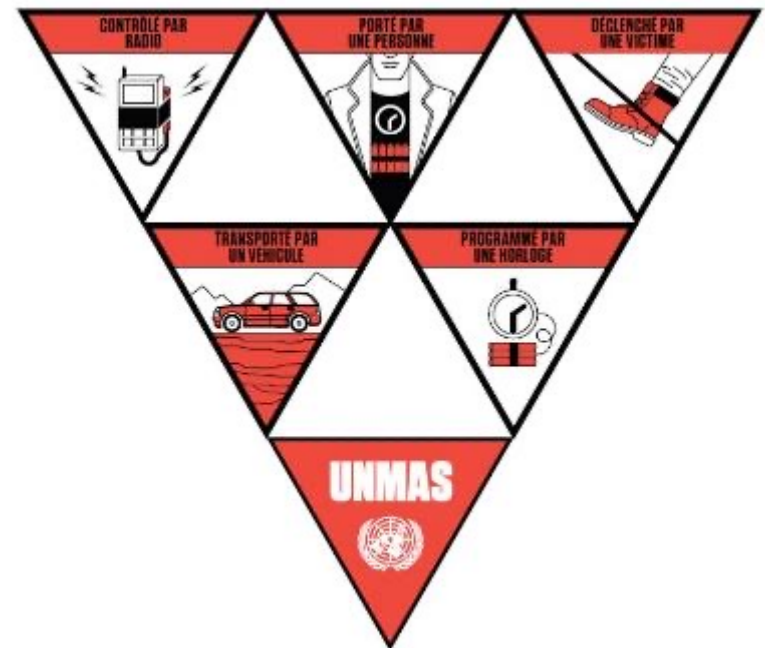


The presence of explosive devices increases the vulnerability of communities in affected areas and further limits access to humanitarian assistance, which is already reduced by incursions by non-state armed groups. Although this threat has been identified and is reflected in Niger's humanitarian plan, IED mitigation measures have not yet reached the level necessary to be effective.

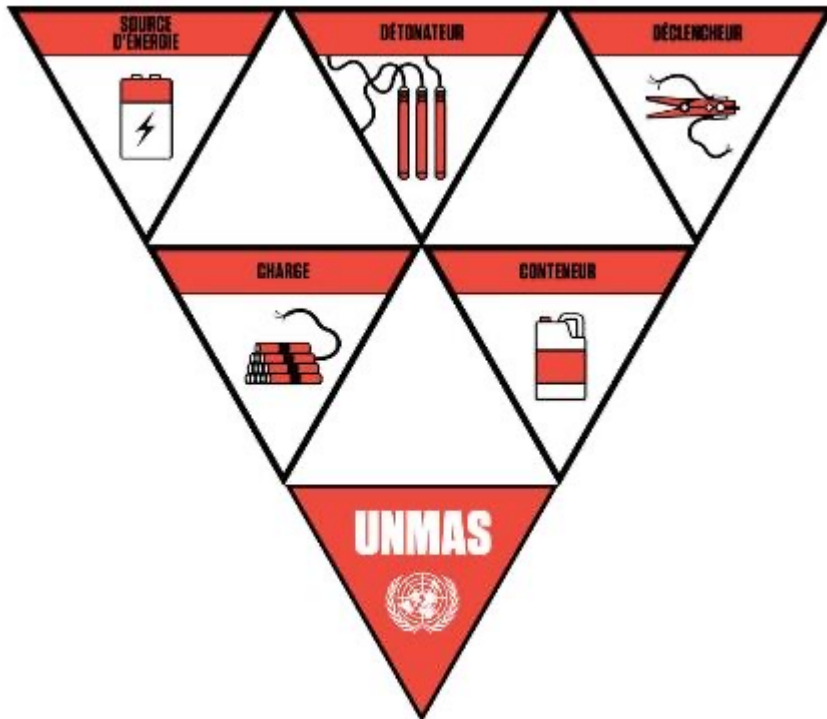
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Following a threat and needs assessment mission conducted in May/June 2021 and upon request from the UN Resident Coordinator, UNMAS deployed a staff and opened an office in Niamey in September 2021.

- Humanitarian:
 - Risk Education (RE) campaign in Diffa, Tillaberi and Tahoua. Target: 100,000 vulnerable people, including refugees and IDPs
 - IED/ERW and mines awareness sessions to humanitarians working in Niger's eight. Target: 250 staff
 - Training-of-trainers RE sessions for the benefit of 20 security officers from UNDSS and UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes



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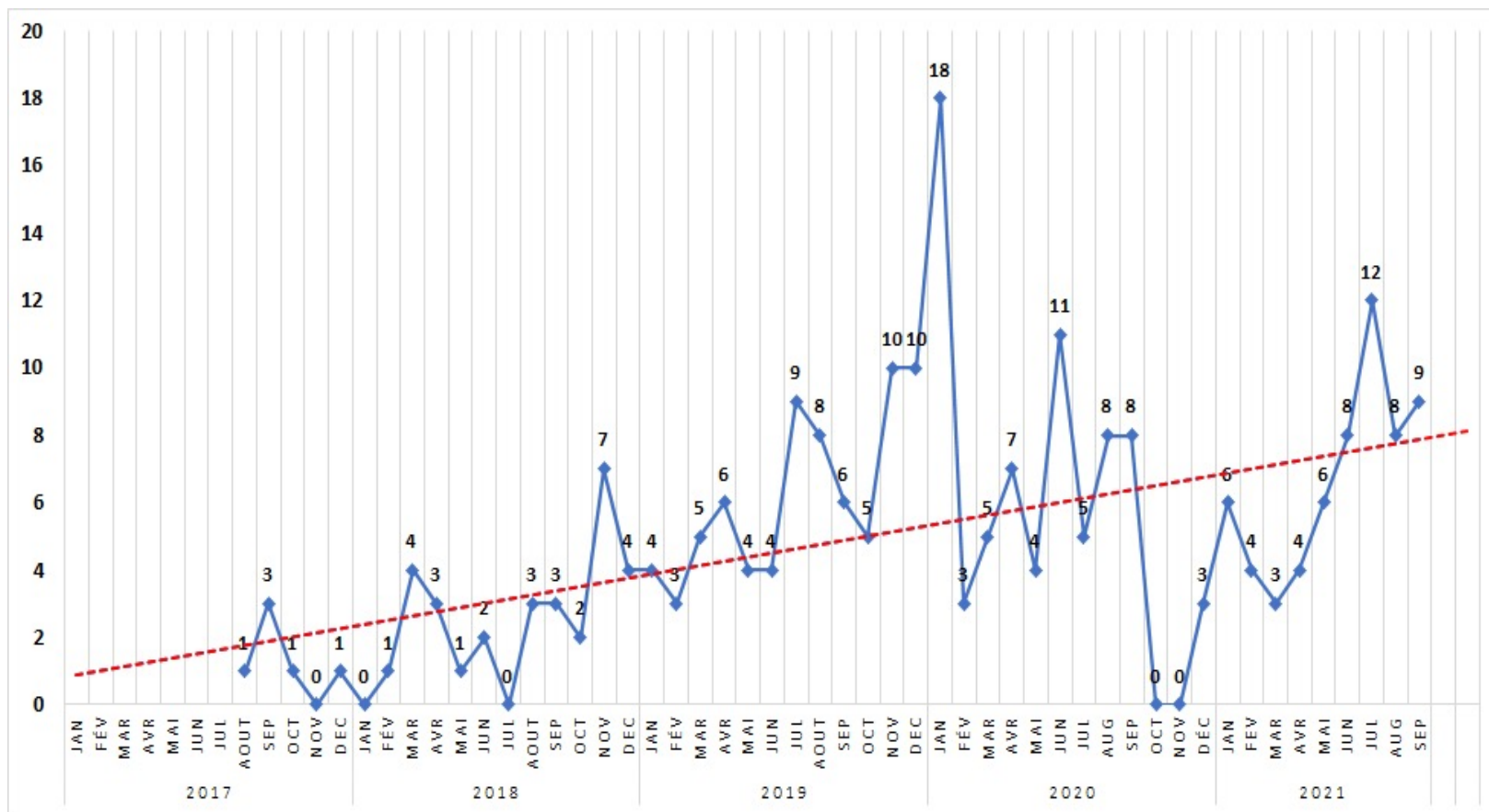
- Support to the National Authority (CNCCAI):
 - Update of the risk education national norms and creation of an accreditation system
 - Re-activation/officialization of Niger's Mine Action Area of Responsibility
- Support to the Defense and Security Forces (FDS):
 - IED risk awareness training to FDS in Diffa and Tillaberi. Target: 40 FDS.

Challenges

- Evolving and volatile context
- Poor information management
- Poor coordination between mine action actors
- CNCCAI understaffed
- Difficulties in mobilizing resources: risk education activities are essential but underfinanced. There is a real need for funding.

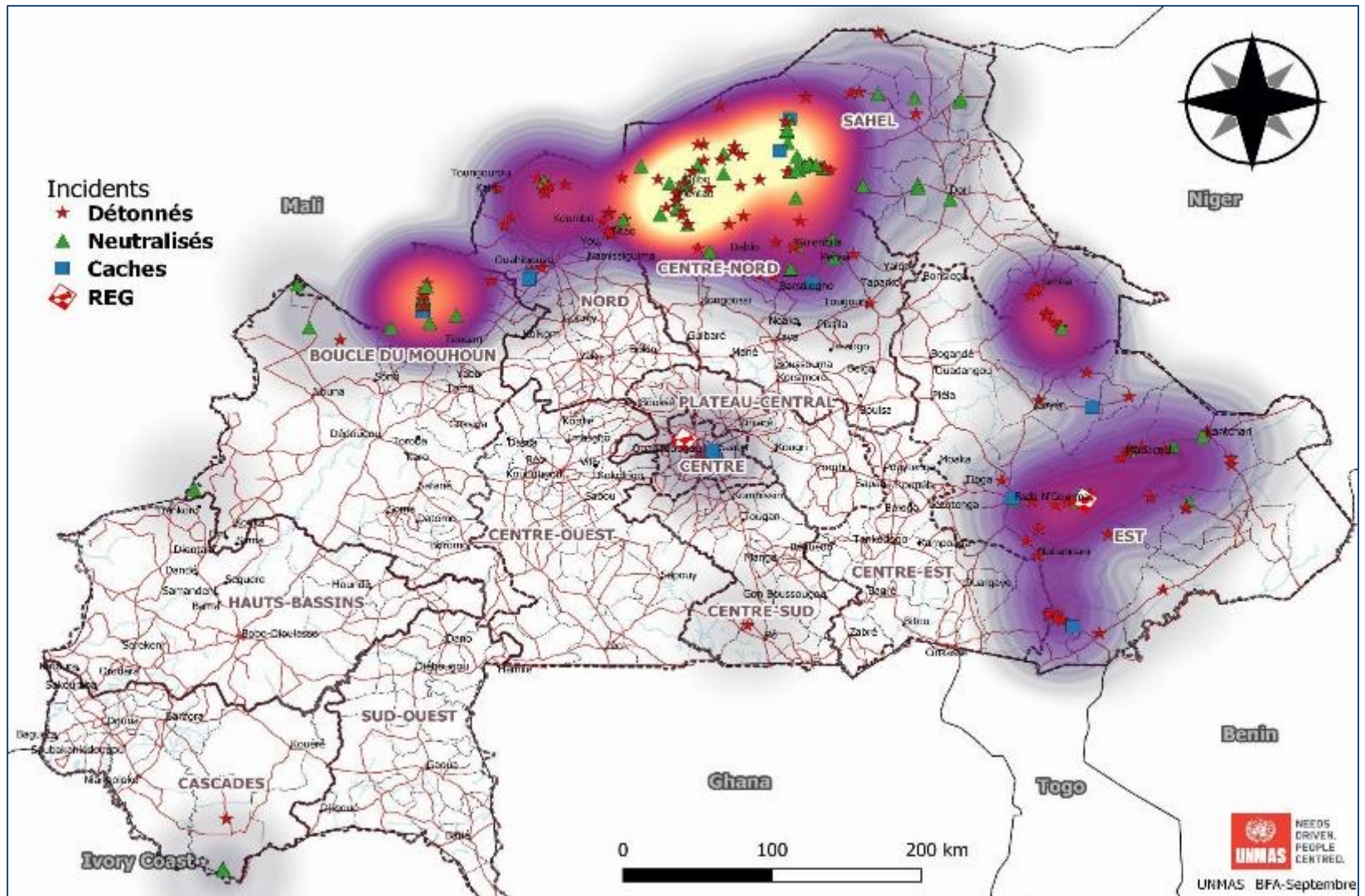


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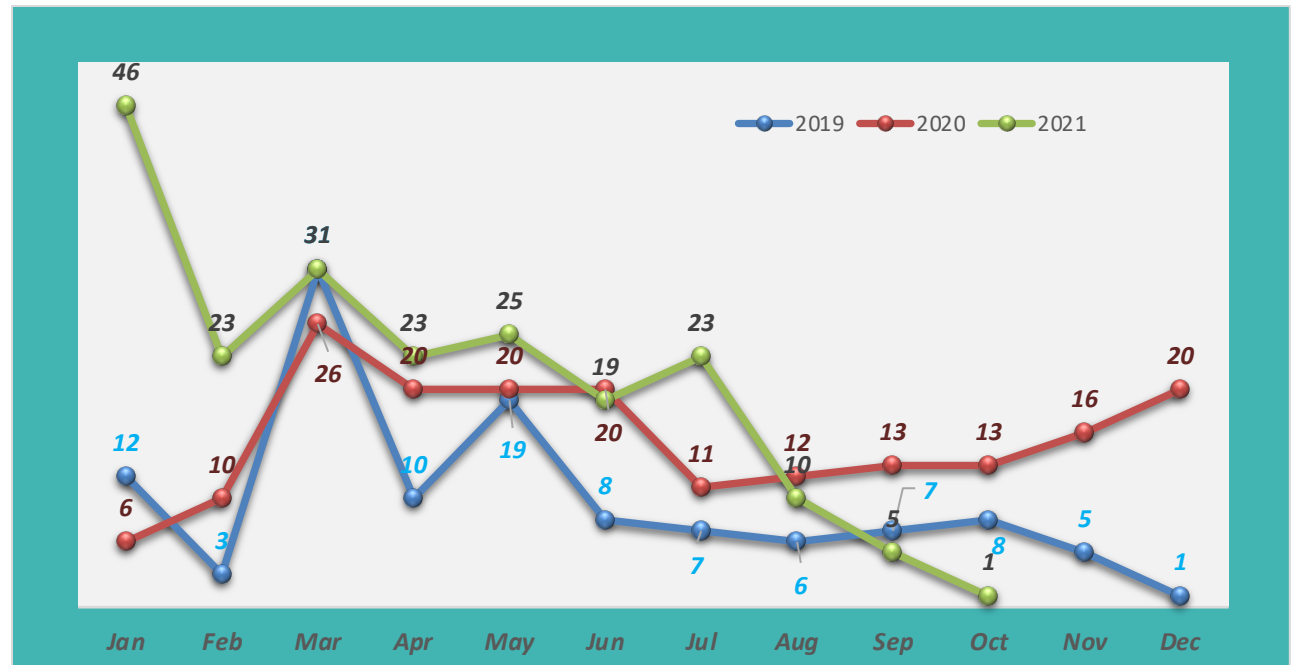
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242 recorded incidents - at least 481 victims – over 50% killed



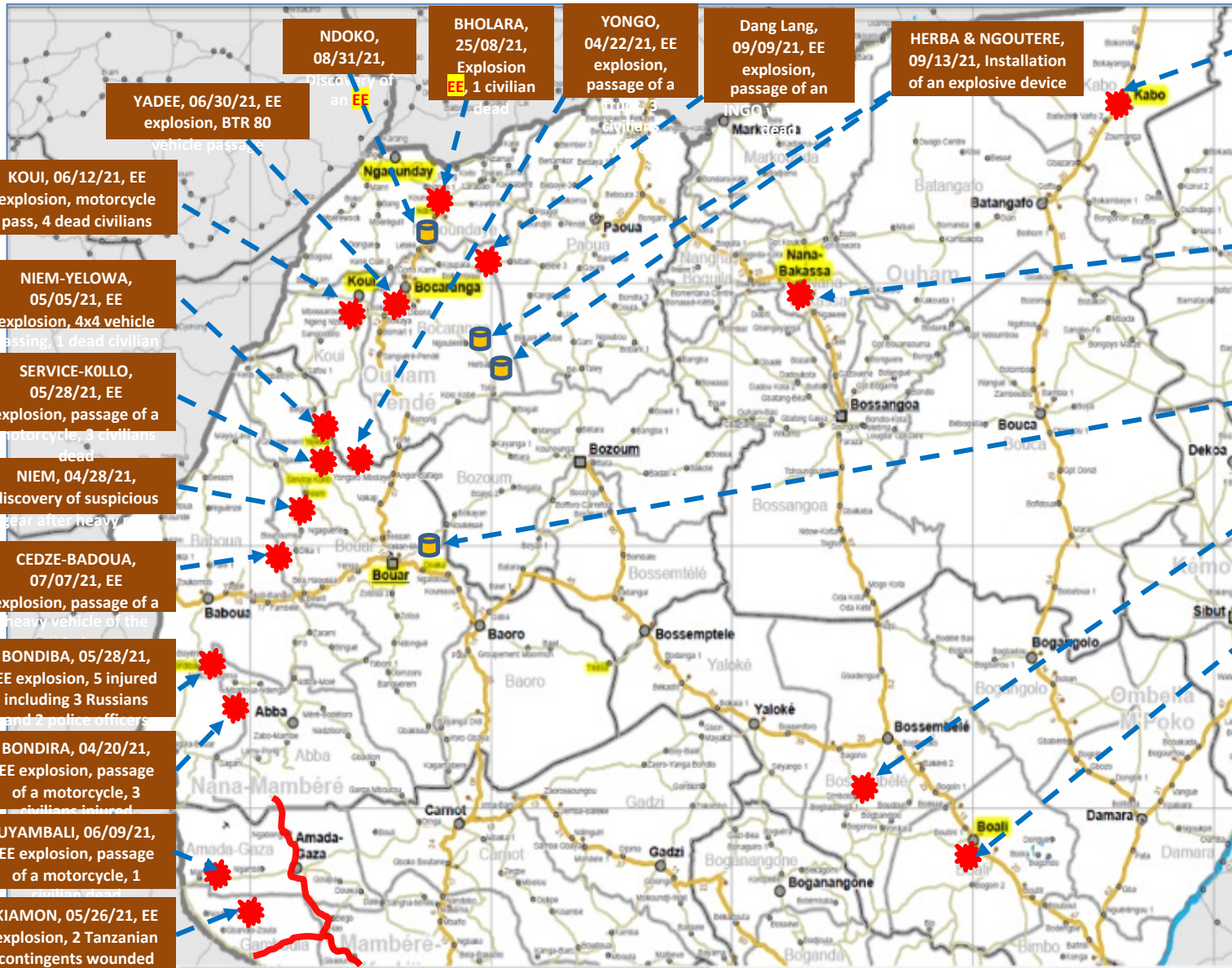
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- 510 **Victim Operated** IED incidents recorded 2019 to date
 - 2019-117
 - 2020-187
 - 2021-206 (to date)
- 98 incidences from command operated devices



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YADEE, 06/30/21, EE explosion, BTR 80 vehicle passage

NDOKO, 08/31/21, EE explosion

BHOLARA, 25/08/21, Explosion EE, 1 civilian dead

YONGO, 04/22/21, EE explosion, passage of a BTR 80

Dang Lang, 09/09/21, EE explosion, passage of an BTR 80

HERBA & NGOUTERE, 09/13/21, Installation of an explosive device

KABO, 03/25/21, Explosion EE trapped, corpse

KOUI, 06/12/21, EE explosion, motorcycle pass, 4 dead civilians

NIEM-YELOWA, 05/05/21, EE explosion, 4x4 vehicle passing, 1 dead civilian

SERVICE-KOLLO, 05/28/21, EE explosion, passage of a motorcycle, 3 civilians dead

NIEM, 04/28/21, discovery of suspicious gear after heavy rain

CEDZE-BADOUA, 07/07/21, EE explosion, passage of a heavy vehicle of the army

BONDIBA, 05/28/21, EE explosion, 5 injured including 3 Russians and 2 police officers

BONDIRA, 04/20/21, EE explosion, passage of a motorcycle, 3 civilians injured

UYAMBALI, 06/09/21, EE explosion, passage of a motorcycle, 1 civilian injured




KIAMON, 05/26/21, EE explosion, 2 Tanzanian contingents wounded

NANA-BAKASSA, 03/25/21, Explosion EE, passage of a civilian on his return

DAOUKA, 05/18/21, discovery of a BTR 80

30 km south of BOSSEMBELE, 05/26/21, EE explosion

3 Explosion of the traps on March 26 and 31 then on 04/07/21, including 3 civilians injured in the process

-  Explosion
-  Finds
-  Suspected tracks

Thank you

Questions?



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