

**BRIEFING TO THE MINE ACTION SUPPORT GROUP
ON THE MINE ACTION SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA**

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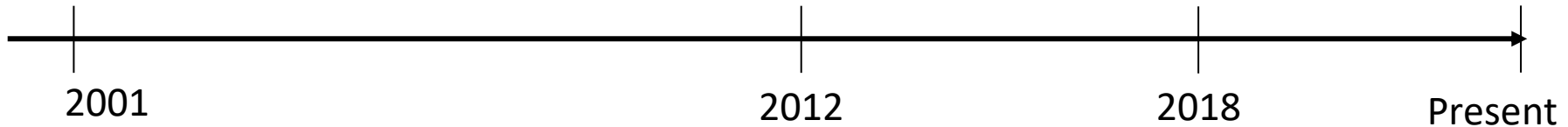
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AGENDA

- Background of the Ethiopian Mine Action Office
- Overview of the Mine Action Situation in Ethiopia
- Mine Action Context (Contamination data)
- Explosive Ordnance Accidents
- Needs
- Future Plans and Priorities,

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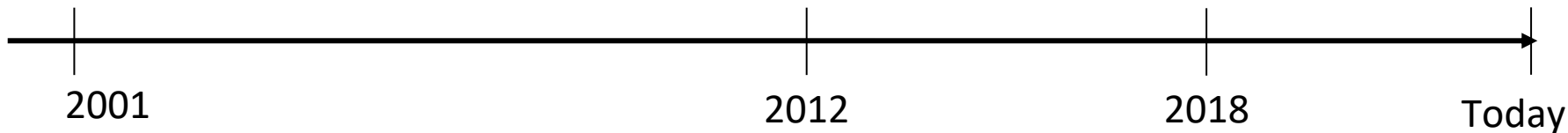
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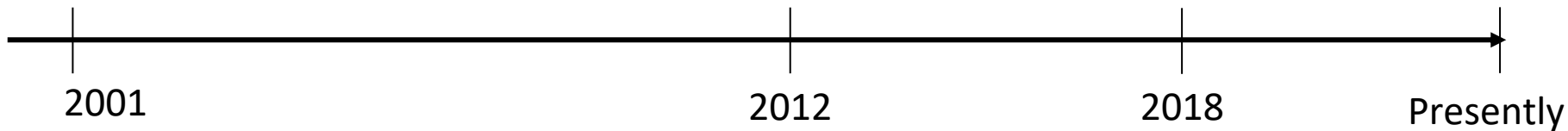


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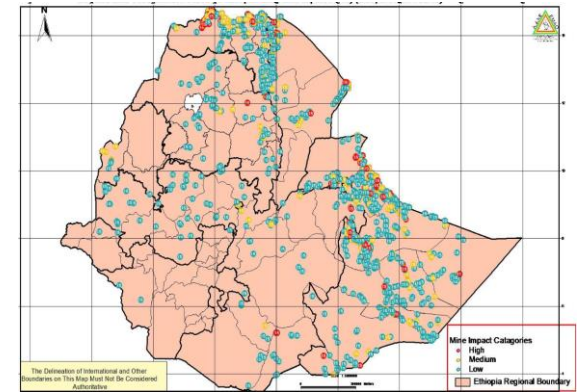
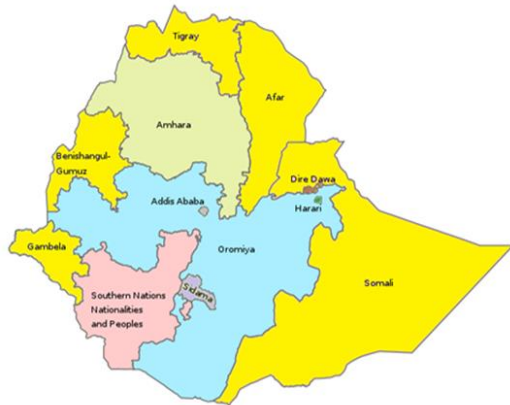
By the end of 2018, the Ministry of Defense Head Office took over the responsibility from the Defense Engineering Main Department with the belief to provide a direct communication line from the Ministry to the external actors and allows direct control of resources.



OVERVIEW OF THE MINE ACTION SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

Context:

- The Explosive Ordnance contamination in Ethiopia goes back to 1935, with six major armed conflicts.
- 7 out of 11 regions affected by EO (Afra, Amhara, Benshangul Gum, Gambella, Oromia, Somalia)

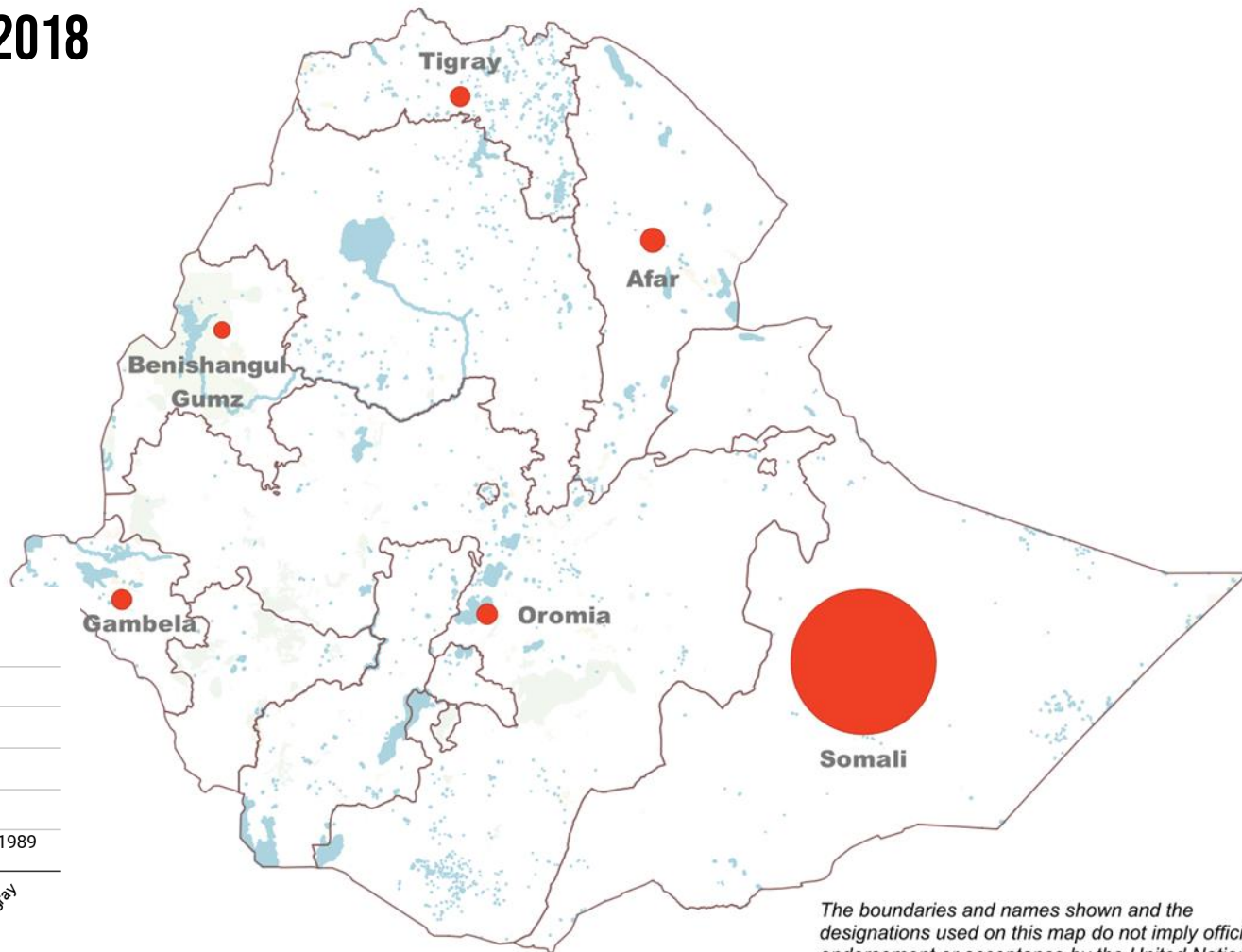


- Ethiopia ratified the APMBC in 2004 and began enforcing in 2005, aiming to clear contamination caused by landmines and ERW by the year 2025.
- The recent conflict has increased the level of contamination
- Legacy minefields cross three international boundaries

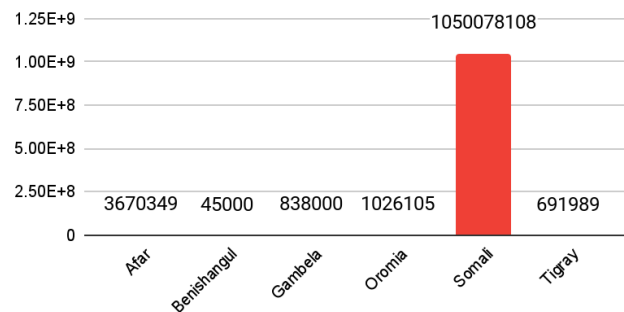
CONTAMINATION END OF 2018

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS AREAS

In 2018 **99.4 %** of the identified contaminated areas were in **Somali**



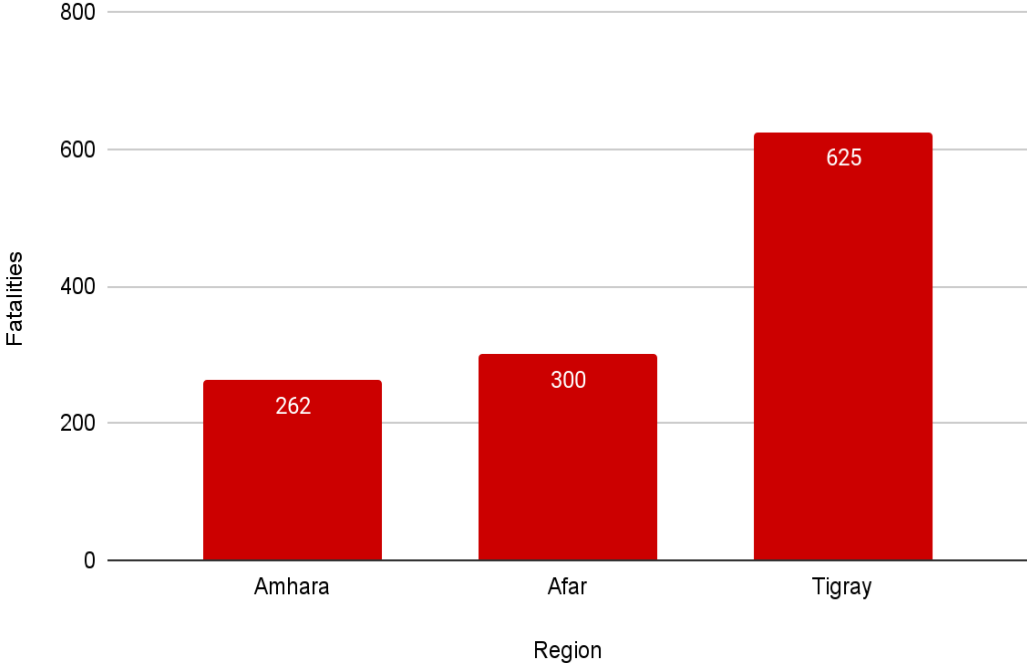
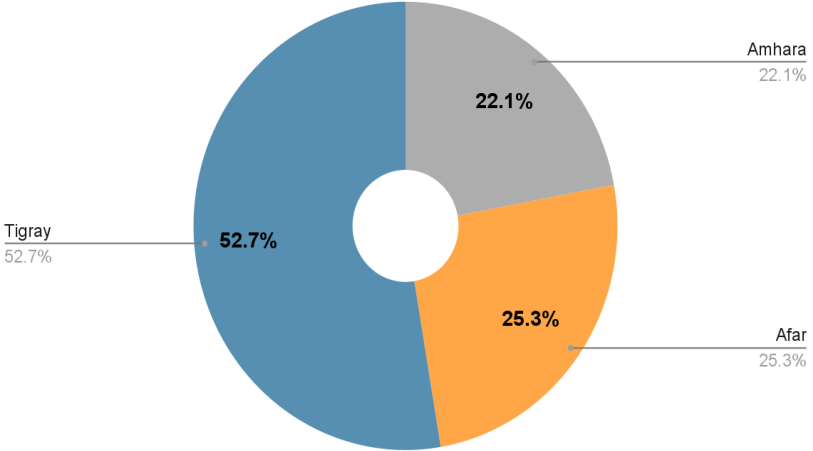
Area contaminated (m²) per region



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CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES REPORTED JANUARY 2021 TO APRIL 2023

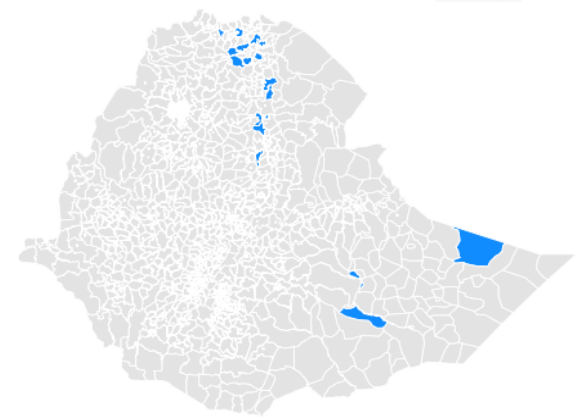
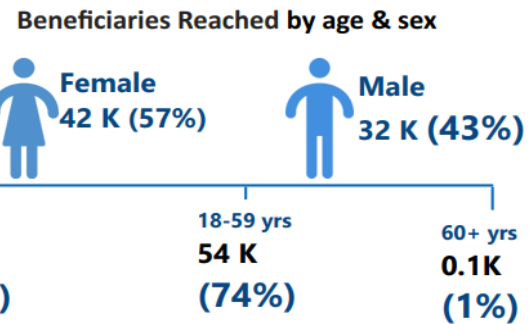
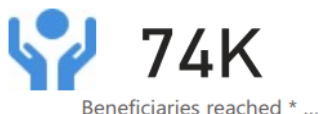
Share of reported Fatalities



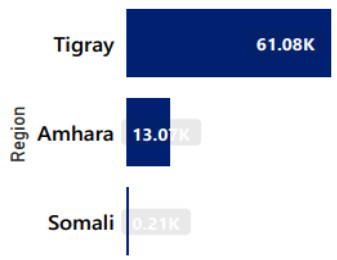
Sources:
Amhara: iMMAP Situational Analysis report (published September 2022)
Afar: OCHA reported based on local NGO
Tigray: Mine Action AoR Partners

Ethiopia - Mine Action AoR Response Overview - as of May 2023

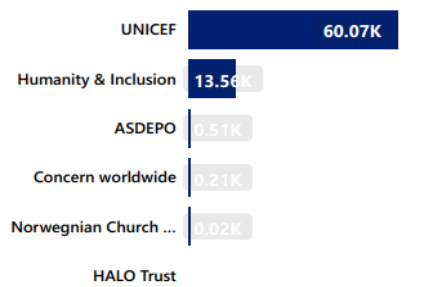
KEY FIGURES, 2023



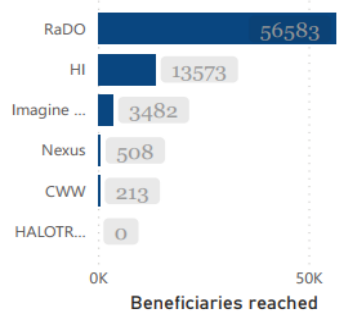
Total Beneficiary per Region



Total Beneficiary per Program Organization



Beneficiaries by Implementing Partner



Beneficiaries reached by Activity Type



NEEDS

- Funding resources and Technical support
- Limited IPs in the country, the accreditation process has recently commenced.
- Additional layer of contamination necessitates resurvey (7 m PiN)
- An estimated total of 4.6 million IDPs across the country.



- Urgent need to decommission/clean schools in Northern Ethiopia and allow for return to safe, quality learning of children.
- Lack of a centralized reporting system due to a non-functional Information management system
- There is a need to develop a national strategy and work plan (Art. V)

FUTURE PLANS AND PRIORITIES

- Sign MOUs with interested operating agencies
- Commence organizational accreditation to survey and clear ordnance
- Develop a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the scale of contamination
- Clear immediate blockages
- Expand risk education programme to all affected areas - introduce it into the national curriculum for affected regions
- Develop the capacity of EMAO to manage the sector



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