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Situation overview of the landmine contamination problem

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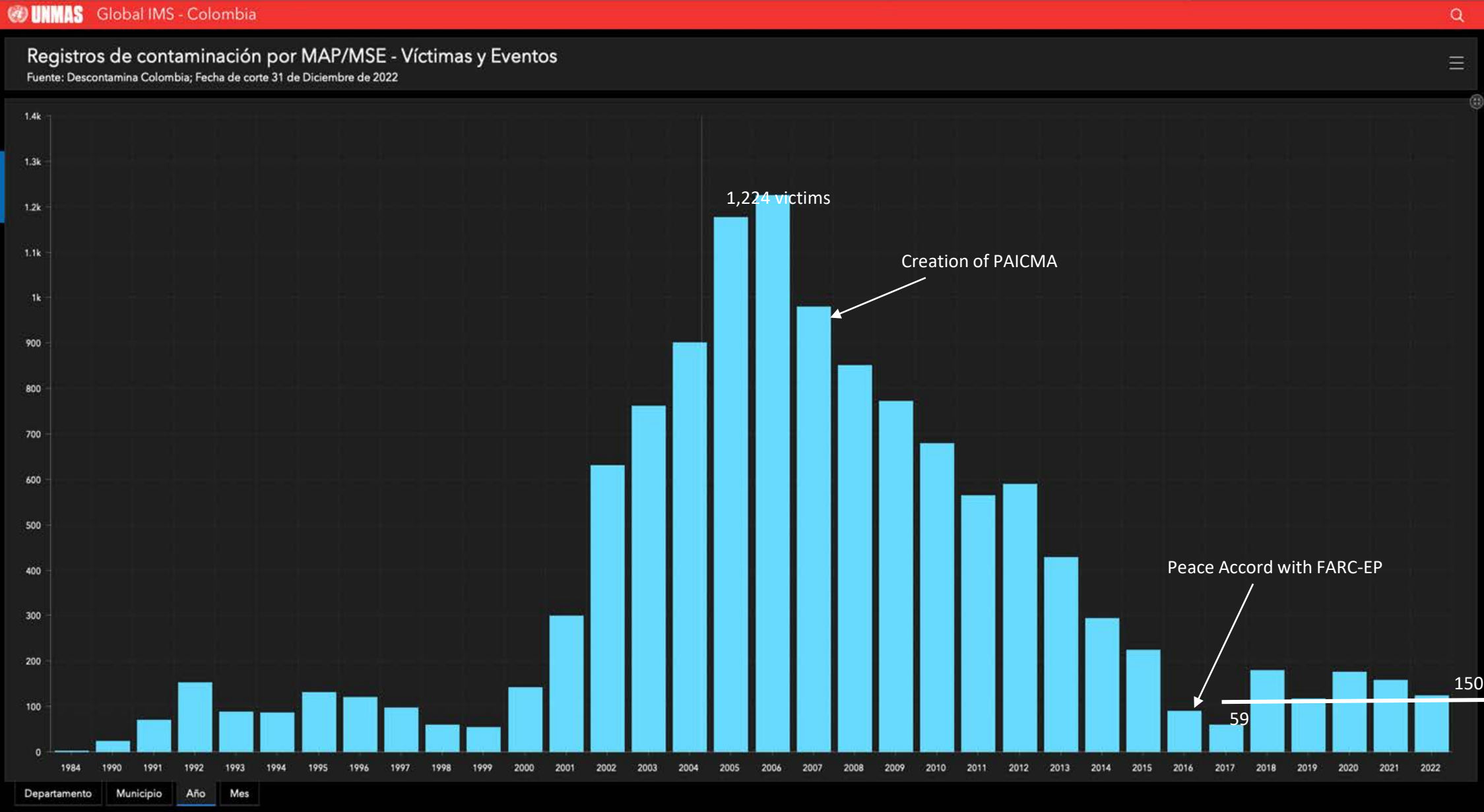
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12,380 victims recorded until 31 August 2023.



General MA data from 2017 to 2023

- Peace Accord with FARC-EP signed in November 2016.
- ELN remains as major user of APM-IN.
- Three NSAGs using APM-IN: Estado Mayor Central, Segunda Marquetalia, Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia
- 902 new landmine victims recorded after 2017
- 103 municipalities with new landmine victims
- 61% of the new victims are civilians
- 493 survivors, 12% women, 21% children, 32% ethnics
- APMBC extension until 2025. No mine-free end state.
- 99 municipalities being cleared.
- 134 municipalities to be cleared but no security conditions

New trends after Peace Accord

From 1990 to 2016:

- 40% of the victims were civilians
- 10% belong to vulnerable ethnic minorities (387 indigenous and 56 afro-colombians).

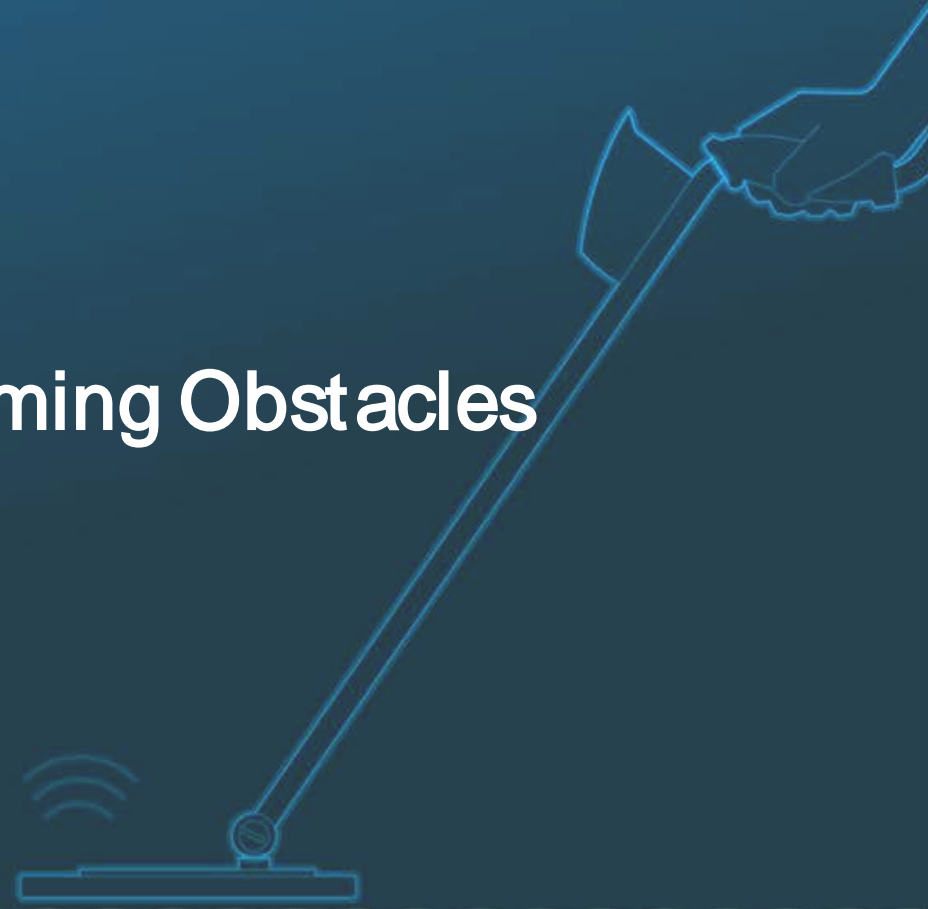
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Navigating Demining in Colombia: Overcoming Obstacles and Exploring Prospects

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Key Challenges

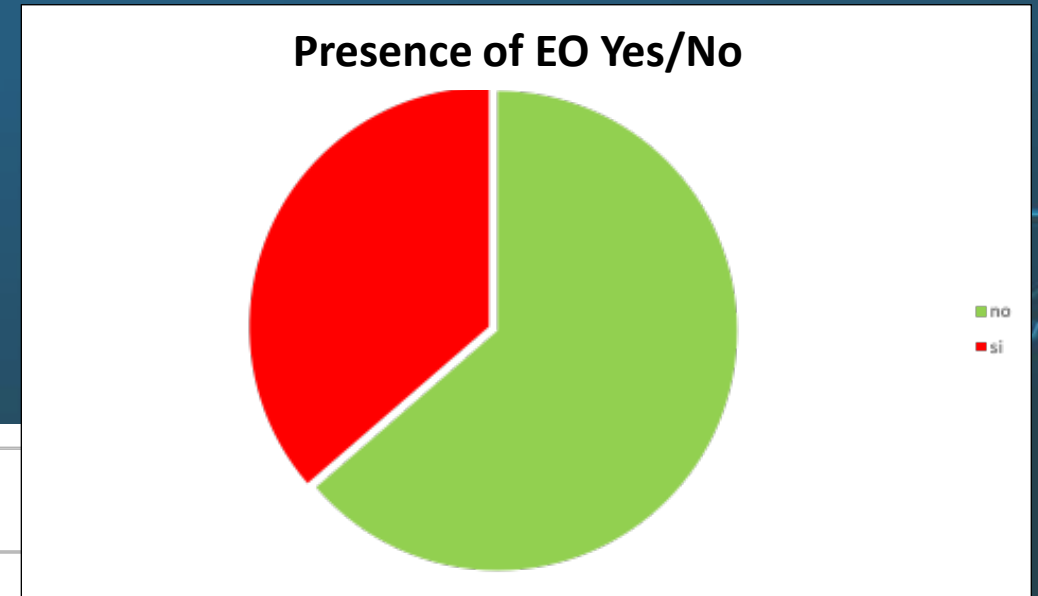
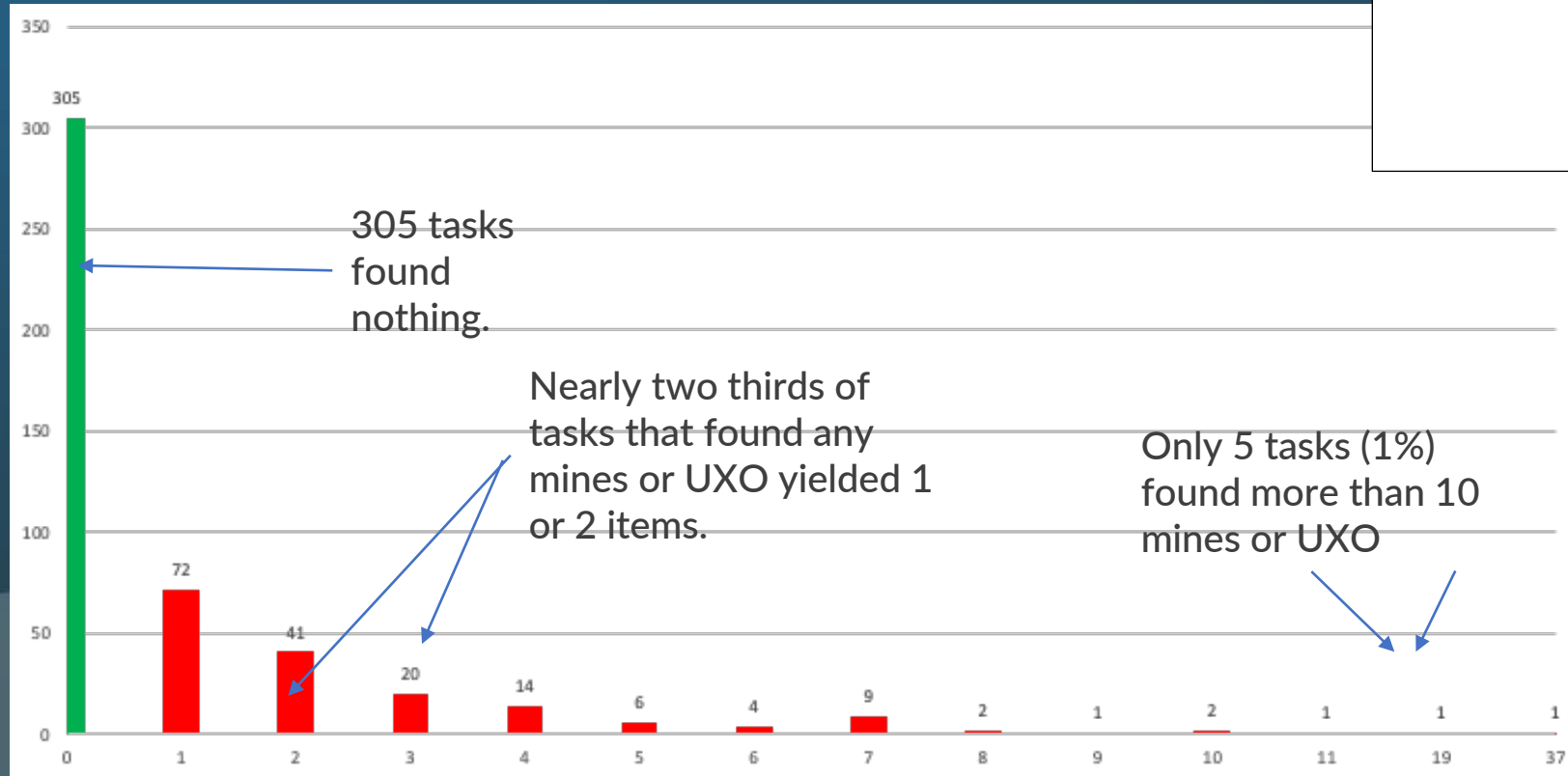
• Gaining Access while Maintaining Safety

- Mine Action is a prerequisite for *Total Peace* as a state policy.
- Access to communities is difficult, and sometimes more risky as peace negotiations proceed
- The provision of EORE, ER-EORE and CL is an essential tool for Demining Operators, as methods are adapted to the context.

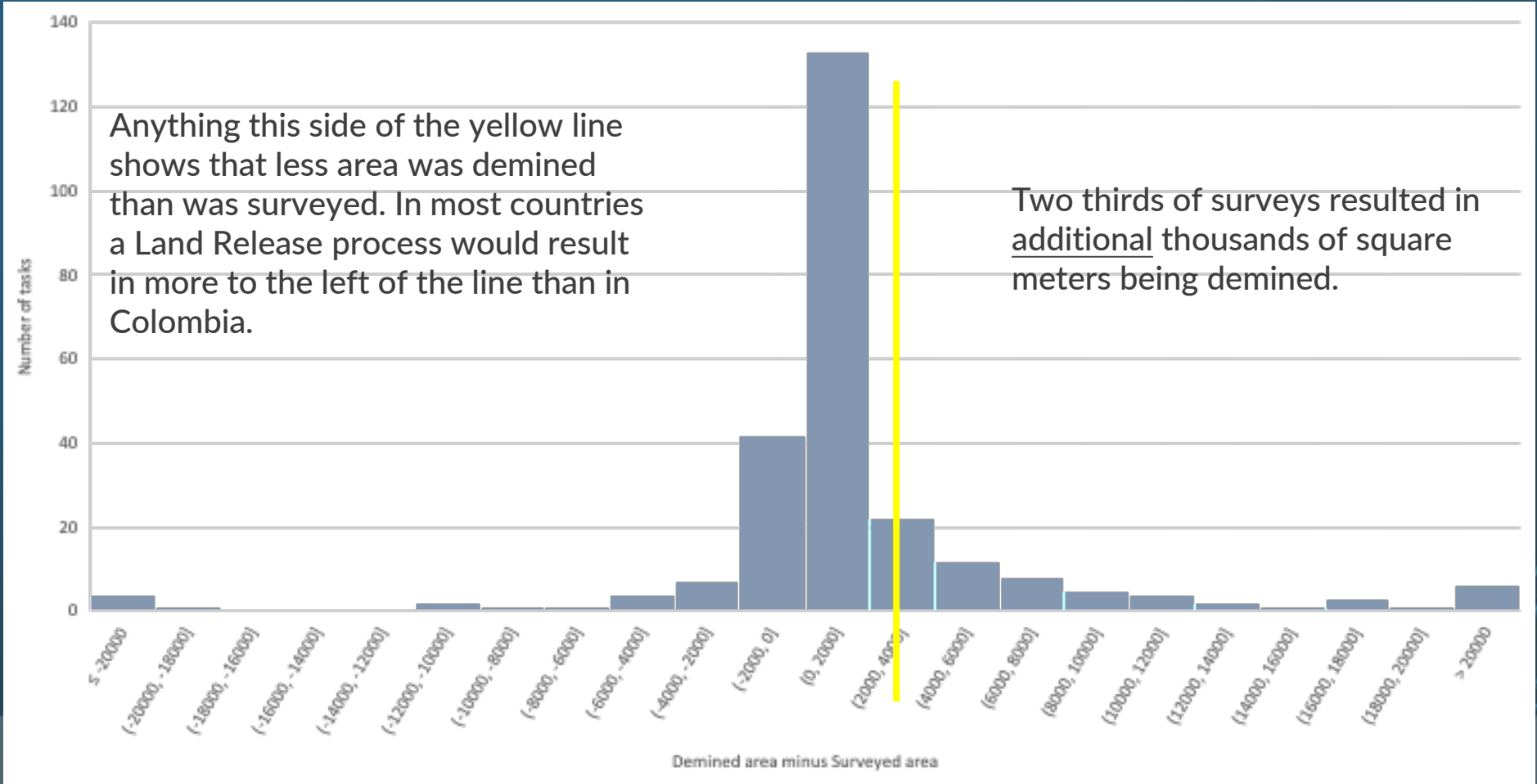
• Ensuring Efficiency and Effectiveness During a Conflict

- Difficult to access remote areas that have limited infrastructure increase costs and limit oversight
- Information is hard to gain and often unreliable
- Incentives to have a demining capacity stay or go affects the nature of the information provided

Analysing the Existing Data ...



Currently, Deminers tend to more clearance than survey



With a focus on survey, we can improve the speed and reduce costs...

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Sqm demined per EO</u>
A	2,279
B	15,115
C	1,541
D	2,154
E	1,785
F	8,900
G	2,592

Large demining organizations

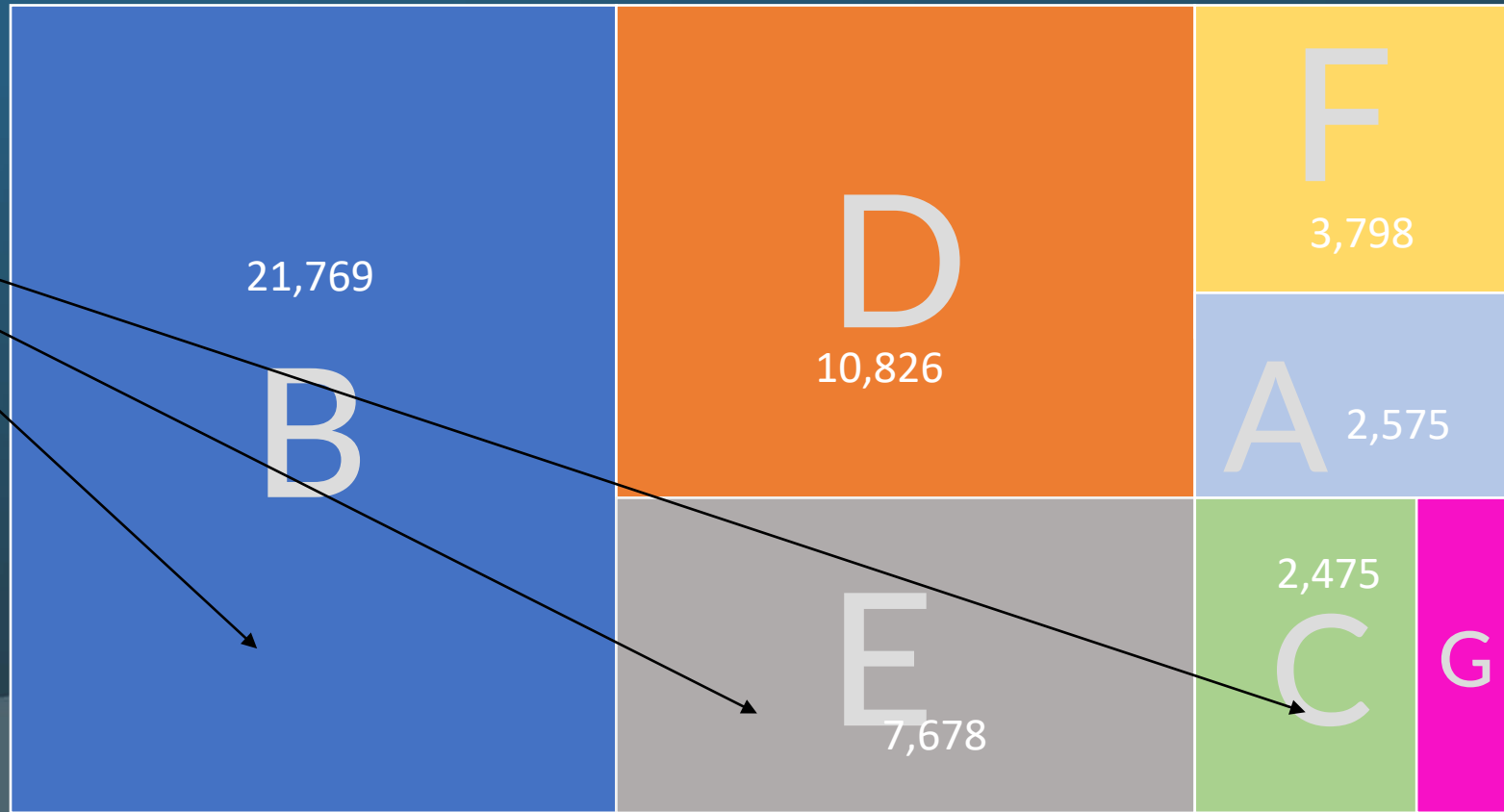


This org clears three football pitches of jungle for every mine/UXO.



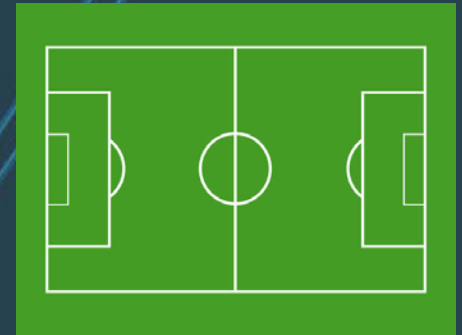
NTS Hazard Area size is scattered between organizations

Average Hazardous Areas after NTS in sqm



Most statistically significant

Soccer field for comparison (approx. 7,000 sqm)



A Sector in Need of Continued Support



- The impact of the mine action sector in Colombia transcends the peacetime impact of those operations
- It is a driver of peace as communities are given the means to build peace, not simply economic possibilities
- The Colombian National Authority is working to achieve continual improvement despite the difficult context by targeting weak areas and promoting transparency
- Documented good practice in Colombia can provide guidance to other conflict areas

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