

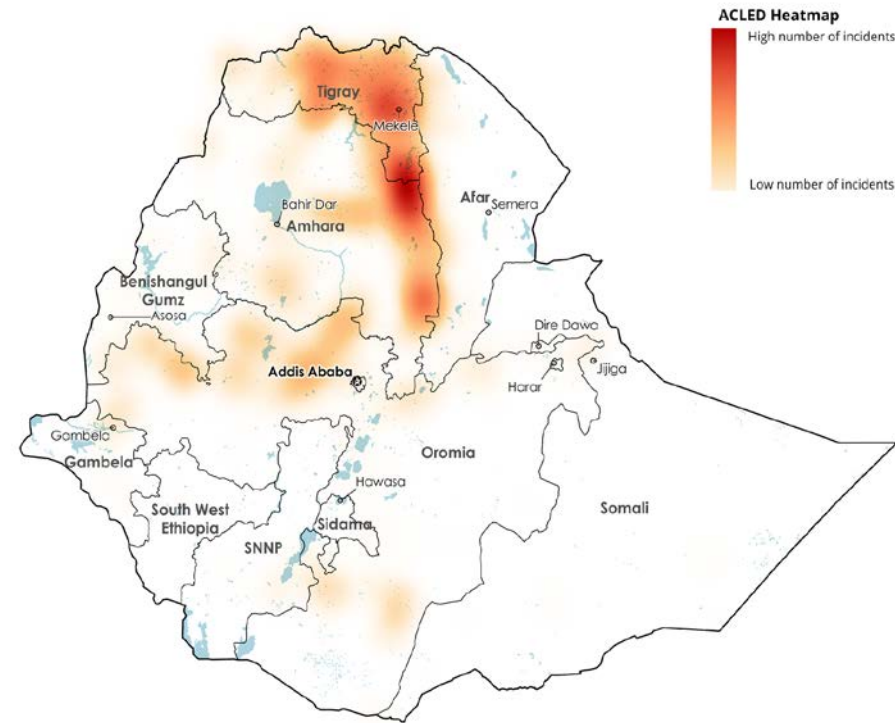


# Mine action in Ethiopia

Presentation to the Mine Action  
Donor Support Group  
Geneva,  
29 April 2024

# 1. Overview of the explosive ordnance contamination in Ethiopia

- Legacy minefields across three international boundaries.
- The recent conflict in the north has increased the level of contamination
- 7 out of 11 regions estimated affected by EO (Afar, Amhara, Benshangul Gum, Gambella, Oromia, Somalia).
- Ethiopia ratified the APMBC in 2004. Goal: clear contamination caused by landmines and ERW by the year 2025.



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# Overview of the explosive ordnance contamination in northern Ethiopia (continued)

- 67% of EO found where in **agriculture areas**; followed by roads (12%).
- High contamination reported by humanitarian partners in Tigray
- **Full level of contamination currently unknown**



## 2. Current situation



### *POLITICAL & CONFLICT:*

recent renewed and intensified insecurity and instability mainly in Amhara region.

Peace agreement not fully implemented

Slow pace of DDR

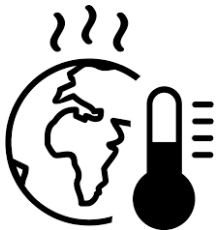


### *ECONOMY:*

high inflation

low investment prospect

no agreement with IMF



### *CLIMATE & HEALTH:*

Following, prolonged period of drought in 2022-2023, above normal rainfall anticipated

Droughts

Malaria and measles outbreaks continue to grow.

# 3. Mine Action Sector

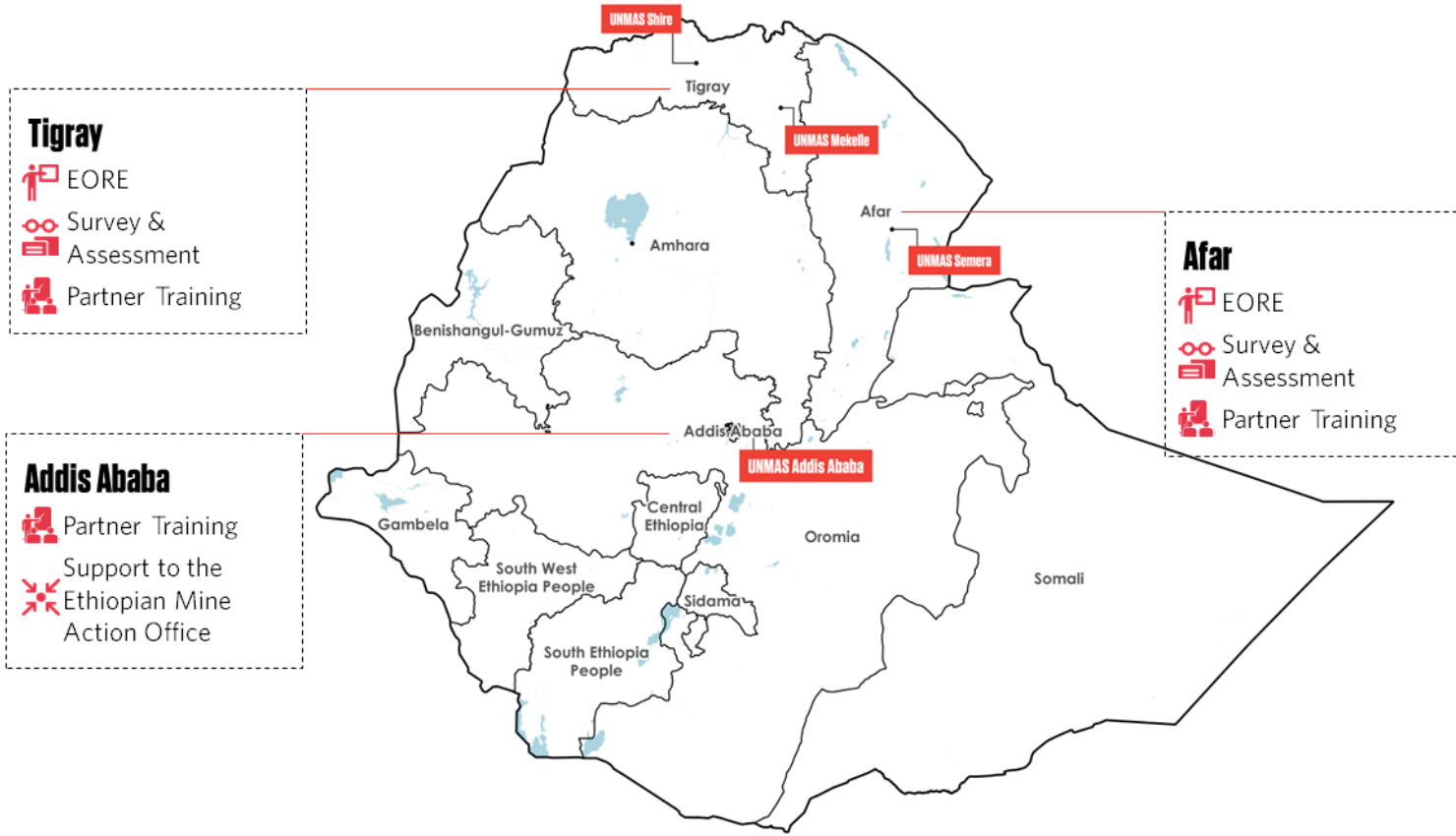
- The **Ethiopian Mine Action Office** (EMAO) has a **new management** but **little resources** (both in terms of personnel and equipment)
- **Six international NGOs** have **applied for accreditation** to the Ethiopian Mine Action Office. Four organizations (DCA, DRC, HI, and BBC Media Action) are close to finalize their accreditation process.

- UNMAS, UNICEF & HI have implemented explosive ordnance risk education in partnership with national NGOs RaDO and EPSS
- Since late 2023 UNMAS deployed **explosive ordnance assessment (EOA) field staff** in Afar and Tigray to conduct technical assessment.
- The Halo Trust operates on the Somali border; whereas MAG obtained initial approval to apply for accreditation.

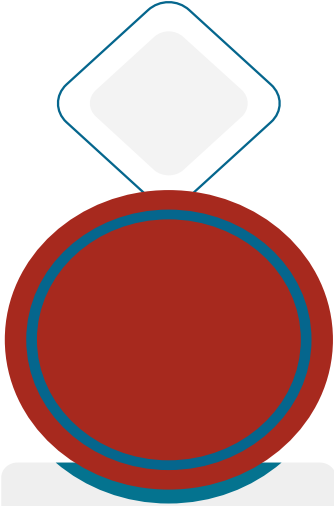
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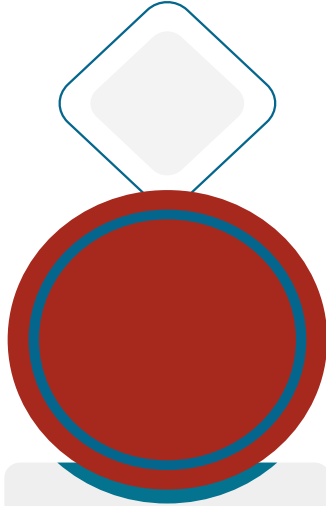
# 4. UNMAS activities



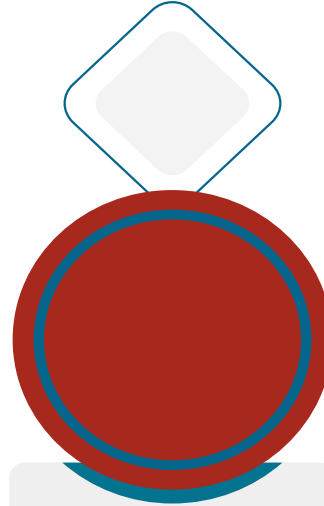
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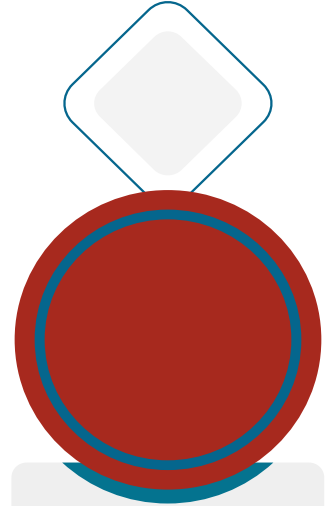
Institutional support to EMAO



Accreditation of mine action actors



Mine Action and DDR



Capacity building of local expertise

## 6. Key messages for the donor community

- **Consistent, long term funding** is needed across all pillars of the mine action response.
- **Advocacy** for **inclusion of mine action in Humanitarian allocation**, including into the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF).
- **Building the capacities of local actors**, both government (Ethiopian Mine Action office) and operators, is essential for sustainability.
- Support and **advocacy at all levels** is essential to facilitate **understanding of humanitarian mine action** among institutions and to create conditions for an enabling operating environment .
- **Prioritise training and recruitment of Non-Technical Survey teams** that can contribute to establishing a contamination baseline, as well as **supporting information management and analysis** .

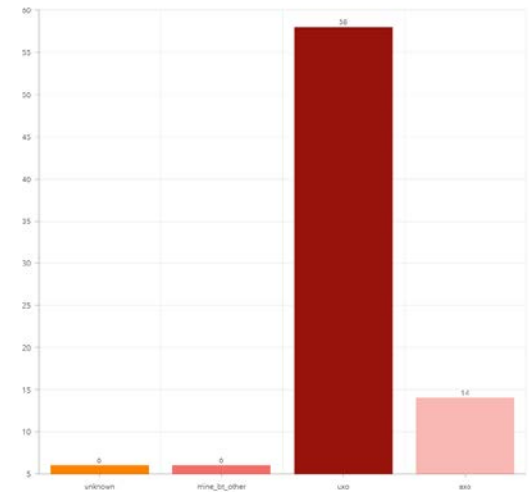
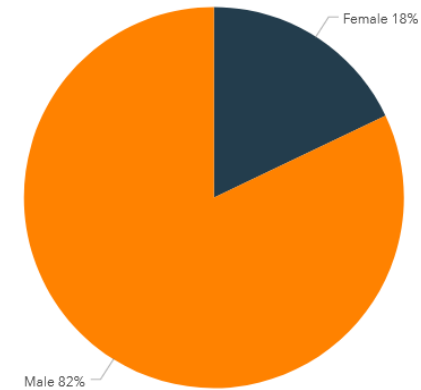


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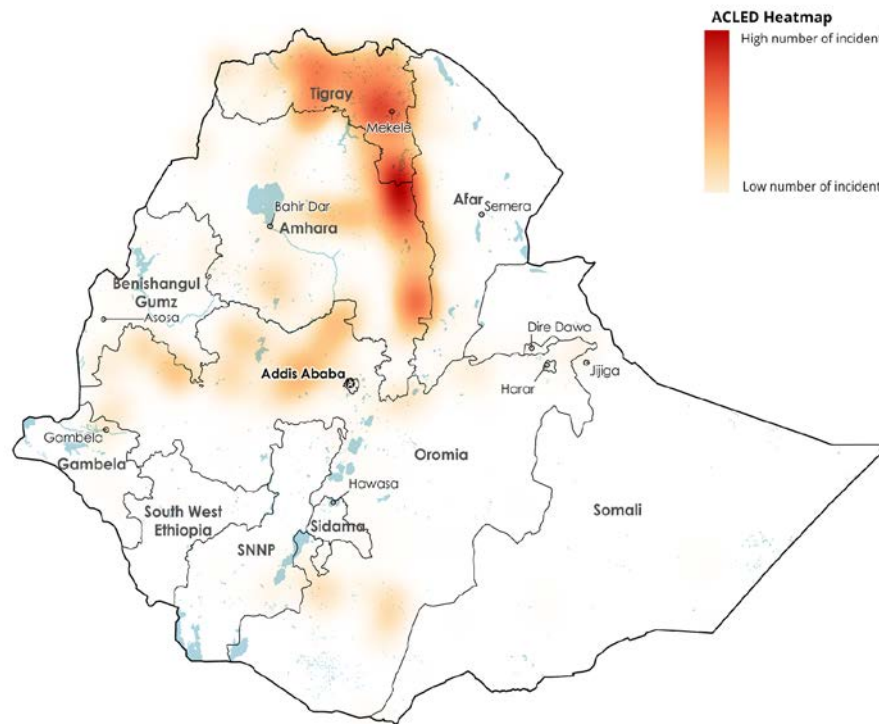
# Impact of the explosive contamination in northern Ethiopia

Based on limited verified victims reports, in 2023 we could observe that:

- Majority of victims are male (82 %)
- 65 % of the victims are children
- Farmers stands for around **29 %** of the casualties
- Students for **42 %**
- A majority of the accidents were initiated by tampering, touching or playing with the explosive ordnance

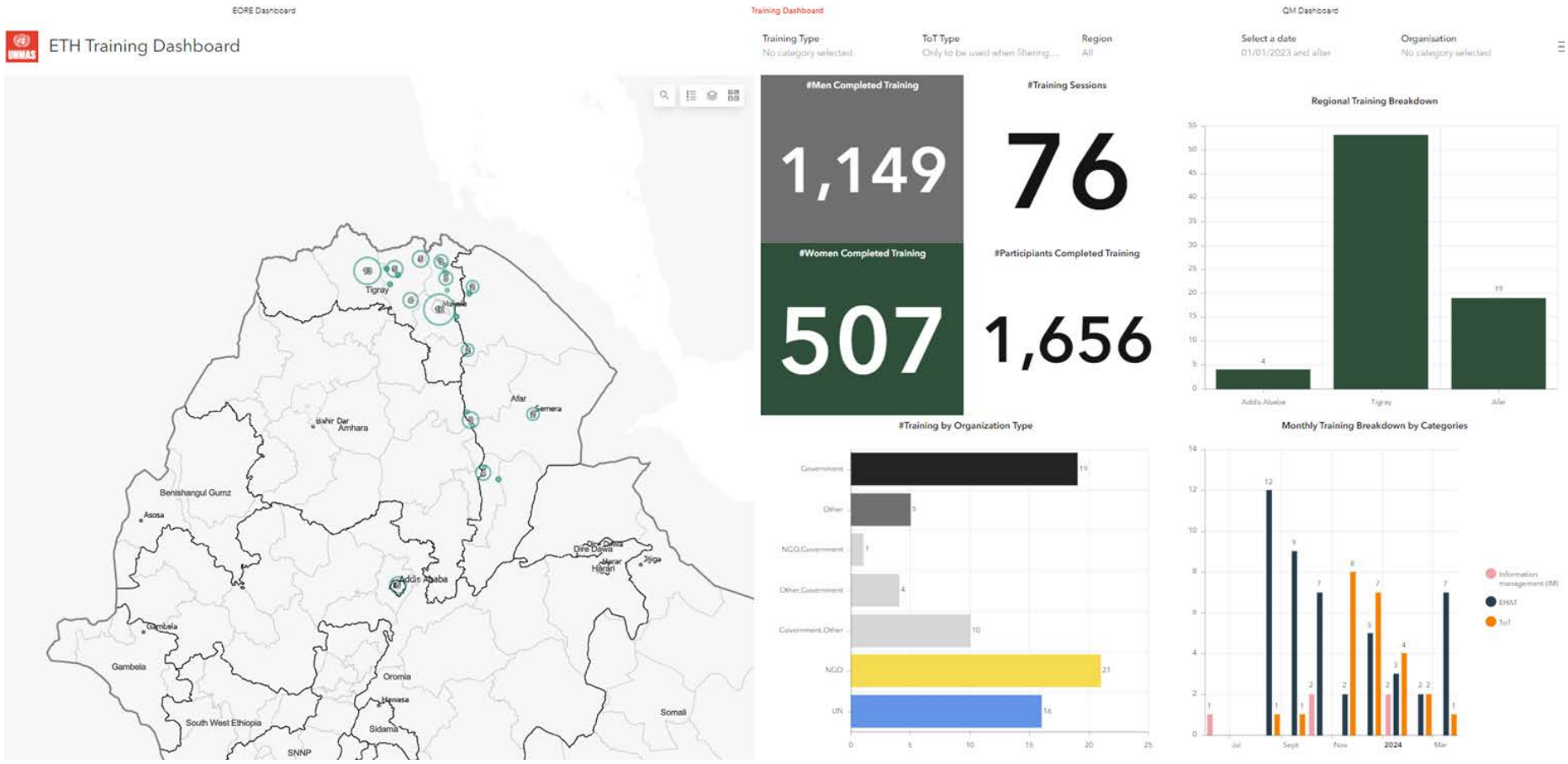


# Overview of intensity of conflict according to open source tracking in the last three years (2020-2023)

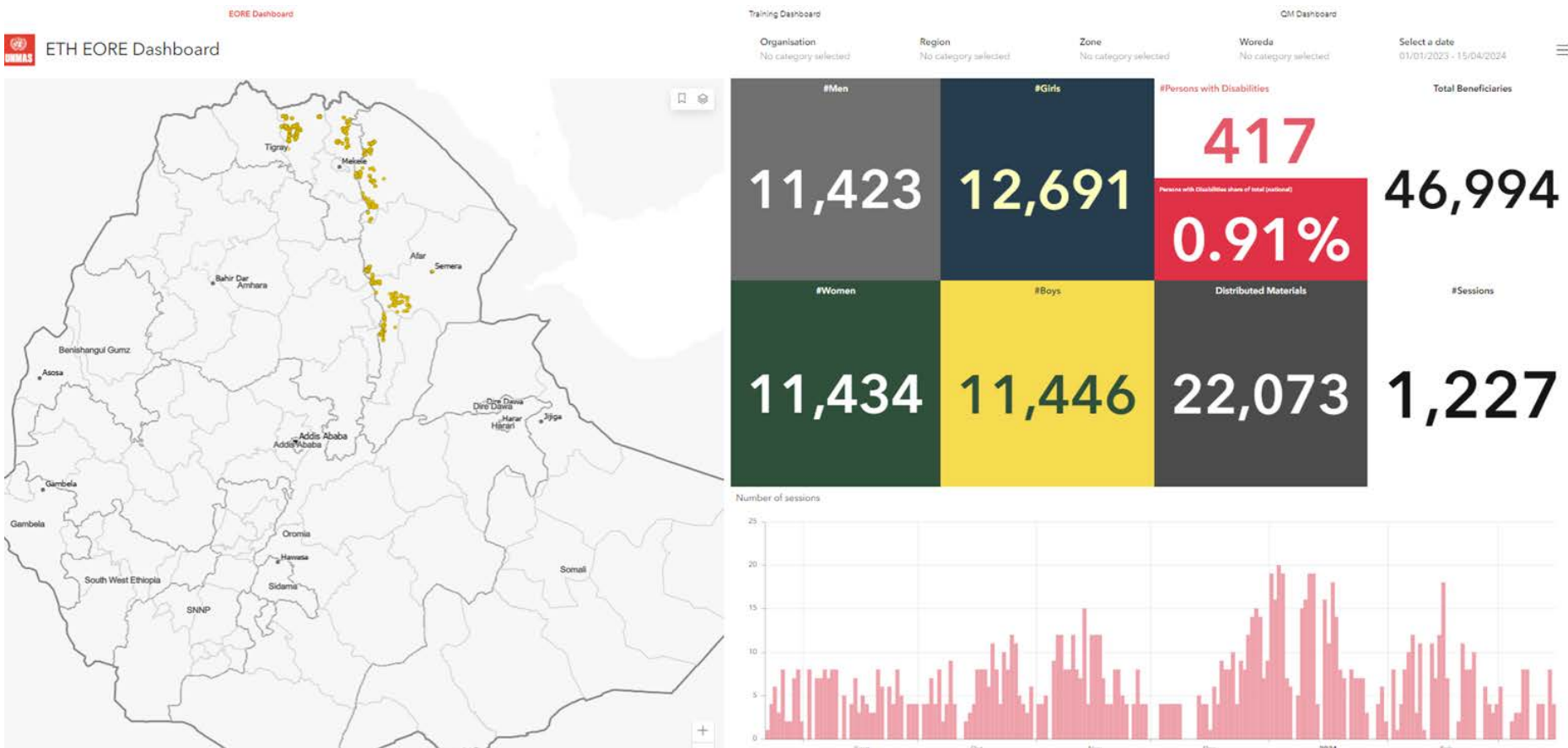


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# Overview of UNMAS explosive ordnance awareness training delivered between 2023 and 2024



# Overview of UNMAS explosive ordnance awareness sessions to communities delivered between 2023 and 2024 (as of 15 April)





# Overview of UNMAS explosive ordnance assessment in Tigray and Afar regions (August 2023-April 2024)



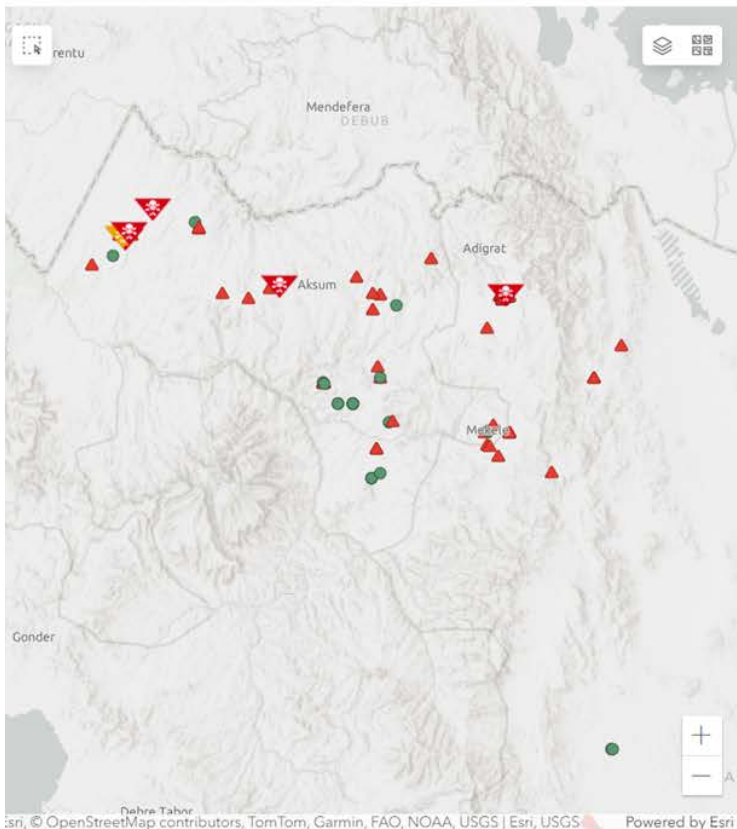
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# Devices Reported

**1,081**

# Devices Moved

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# Devices Marked and Reported (from

**372**

# Devices in CHA

**281**

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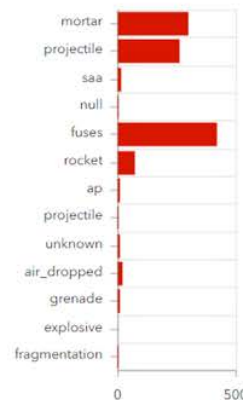
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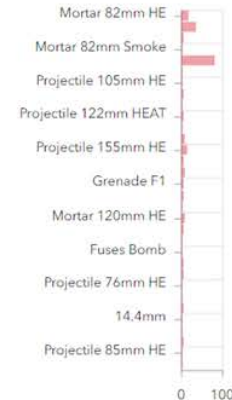
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Device by Sub-Category



Device by Model



Overview

Hazard Area Reports

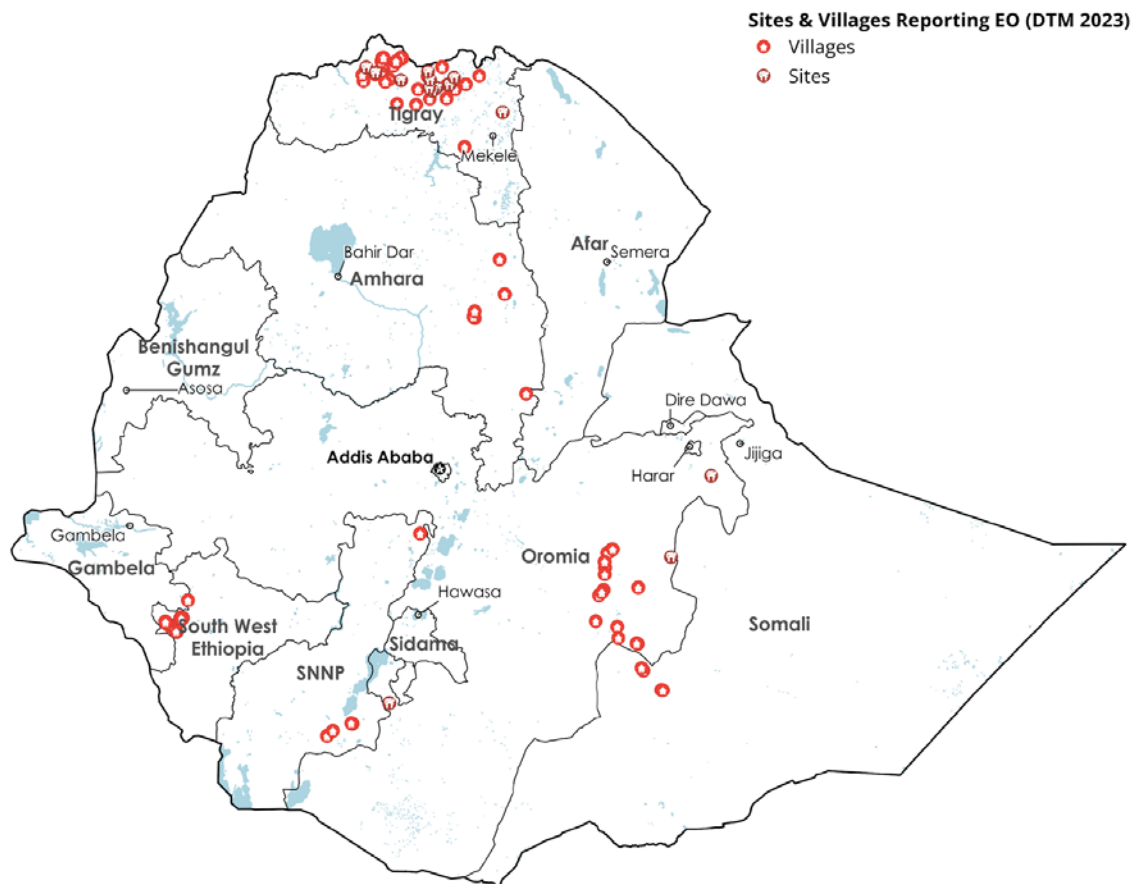
Spot Hazard/Tasks

Devices



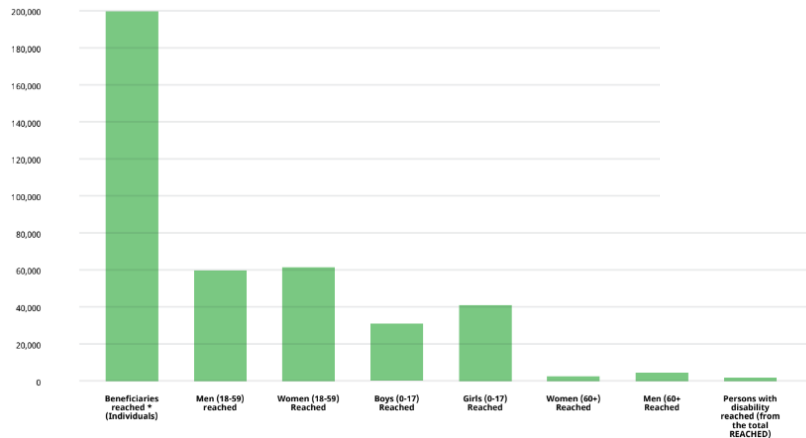
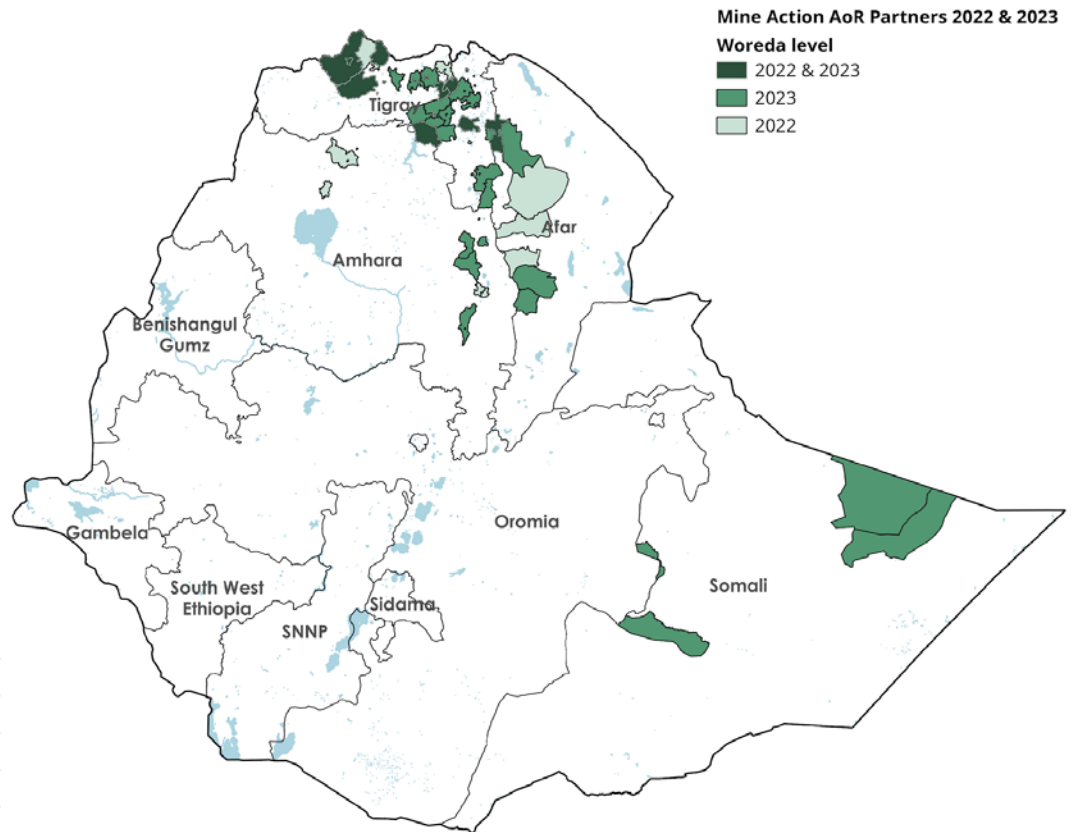
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# Overview of sites and villages reporting presence of EO in the 2023 displacement tracking matrix (DTM)

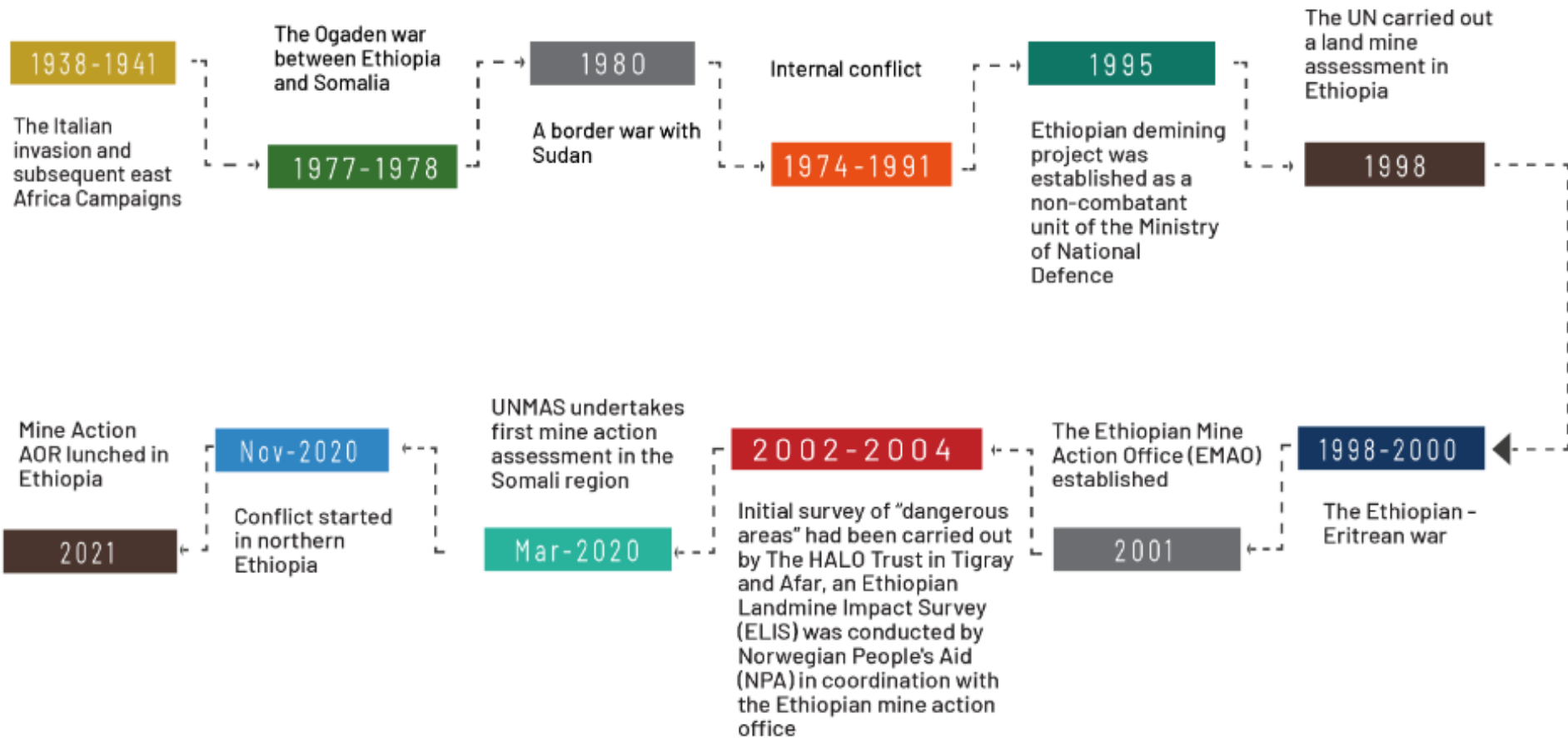


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Six Mine Action projects were funded by partners operating in the Northern part of Ethiopia mainly focusing on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education. Around 250,000 people benefited from Explosive Ordnance Risk Education in 2022 and 2023 respectively.



# Timeline of key events related to mine action in Ethiopia



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# Thank you

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