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OVERVIEW

In April, the accreditation process for mine action operators experienced an increase. HALO Trust was re-accredited for five more years with operational licenses for Non-Technical Survey (NTS), Technical Survey (TS), Battle Area Clearance (BAC), and Manual Mine Clearance (MMC), while Mines Advisory Group International (MAG) received Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE). This is in addition to DanChurchAid (DCA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD), Ukrainian Deminers Association (UDA), and Demining Solutions, who had already received operational permits in similar areas. These recent actions by the Ukrainian authorities aim to reinforce humanitarian efforts in Ukraine by expanding the footprint of mine action intervention to reach the most affected populated areas.

Also in April, the Norwegian Ambassador visited the SESU Interregional Rapid Response Center in Romny, located in Sumy Oblast, to witness the joint efforts of the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) in establishing a national capacity for Mine Detection Dogs (MDD). NPA is currently undergoing a 3-month training process for its staff in the process of securing an MDD license.

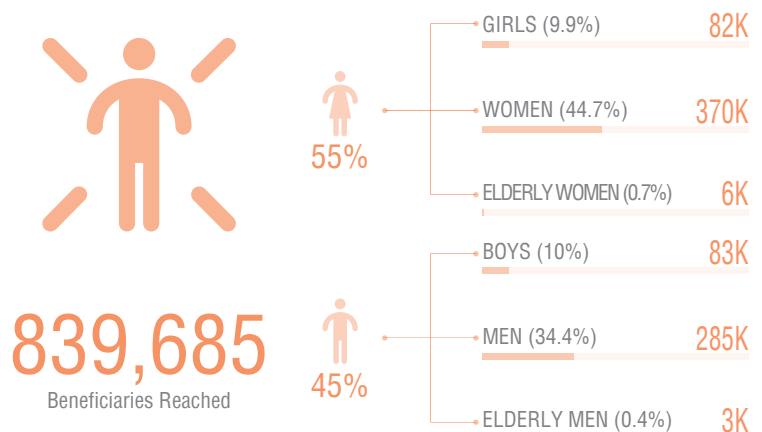
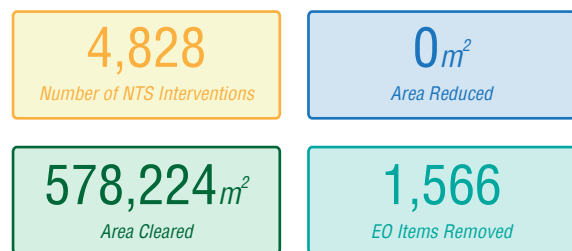


Photos: NPA Ukraine, April 2023

KEY FIGURES



KEY RESULTS FROM MINE ACTION OPERATIONS



¹ Mine action statistics of national state entities are not included in infographics. These are restricted to those partners reporting within the OCHA 5W system.



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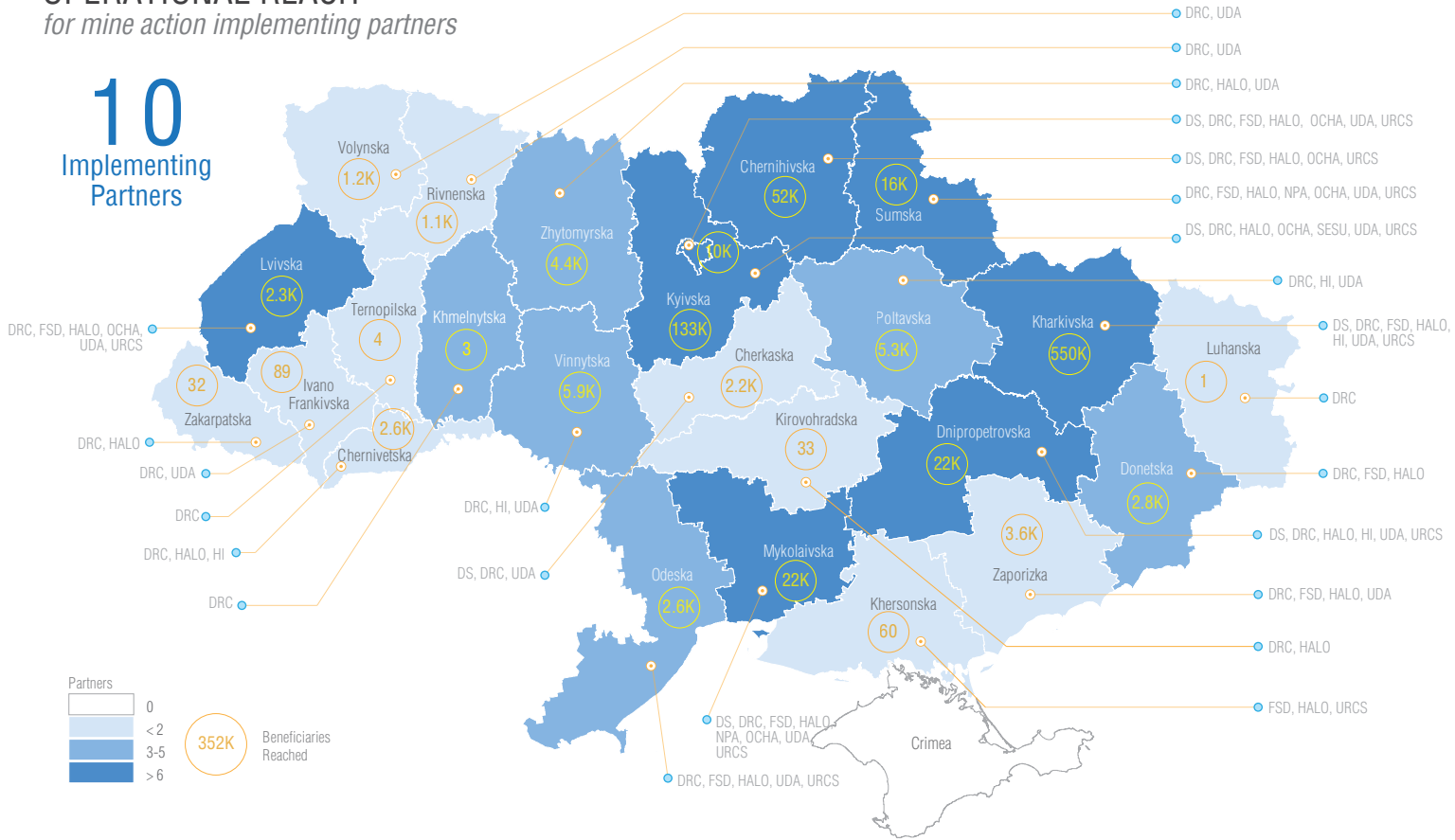
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OPERATIONAL REACH

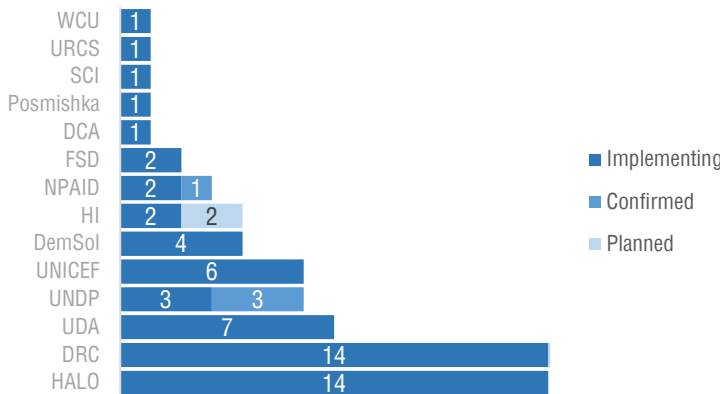
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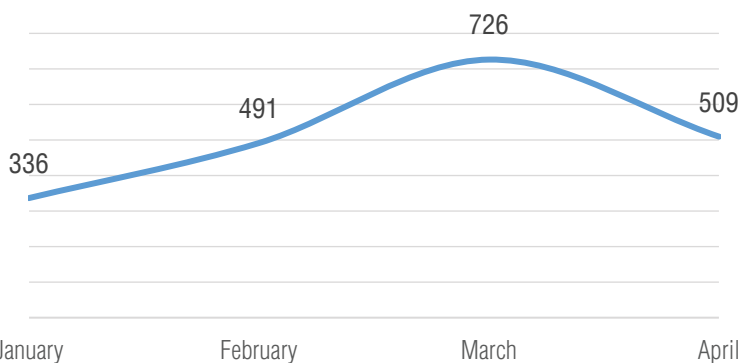


PROJECT PLAN

Project Owners



Activities by Reporting Months in 2023



MINE ACTION HUMANITARIAN PARTNERS



GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD); DanChurchAid (DCA); Danish Refugee Council (DRC); Humanity & Inclusion (HI); Mines Advisory Group (MAG); Norwegian People's Aid (NPA); Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD); Ukrainian Deminers Association (UDA); Demining Solution (DS);



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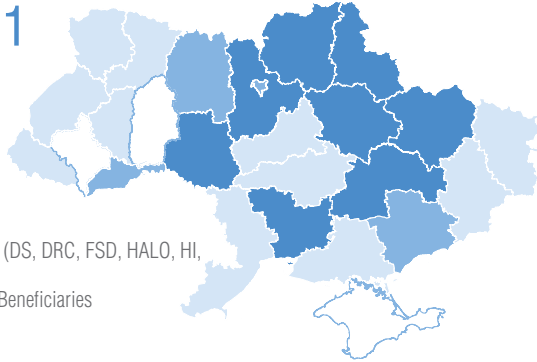
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REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF ACTIVITIES



Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

1131
Activities



7 - Partners (DS, DRC, FSD, HALO, HI, NPA, UDA);
143,499 - Beneficiaries

Capacity Development

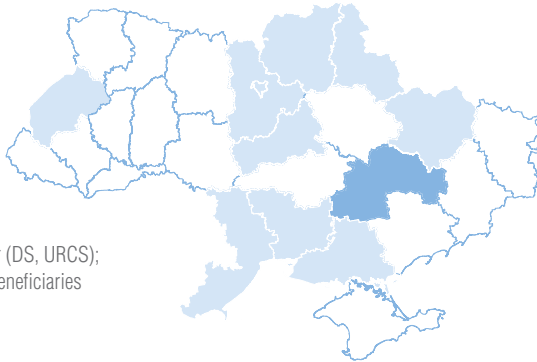
17
Activities



02 - Partners (FSD, HI);
311 - Beneficiaries

Awareness Raising Information Dissemination

103
Activity



02 - Partner (DS, URCS);
13,540 - Beneficiaries

Institutional Support

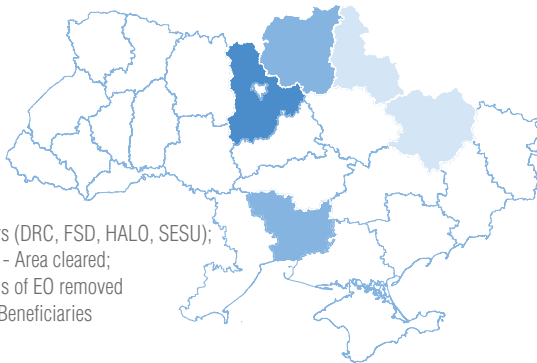
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Activities



00 - Partners;
00 - Beneficiaries

Demining and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

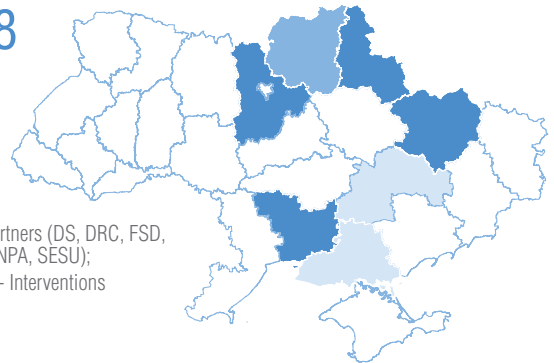
286
Activities



04 - Partners (DRC, FSD, HALO, SESU);
578,224m² - Area cleared;
1566 - Items of EO removed
682,220 - Beneficiaries

Non-Technical Survey (NTS)

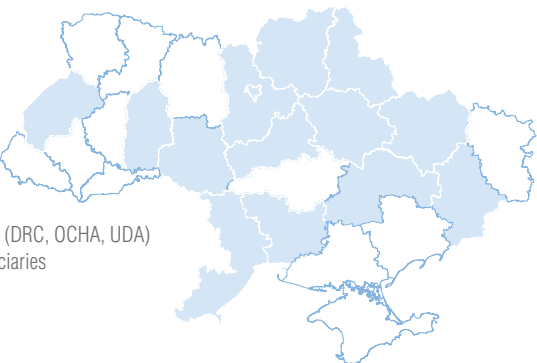
458
Activities



06 - Partners (DS, DRC, FSD, HALO, NPA, SESU);
4,828 - Interventions

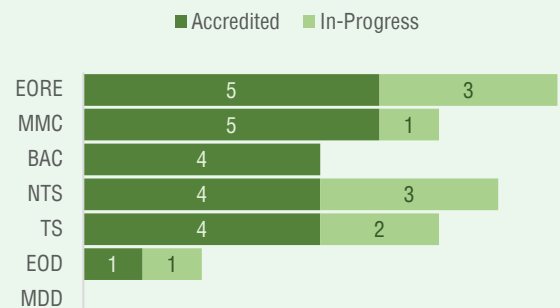
Mine Victim Assistance (MVA)

67
Activities



01 - Partner; (DRC, OCHA, UDA)
115 - Beneficiaries

Accreditation Status of MA Operators





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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

Updates from National Institutions

National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) Secretariat:

The NMAA is preparing for a mine action conference in Croatia and will be represented by a large Ukrainian delegation. The first day of the program will focus on Ukraine with presentations from Ukrainian stakeholders and other interested countries. There will also be meetings with government institutions in Croatia, regional institutions, and ambassadors or representatives of donor embassies. NMAA is also preparing a memorandum of understanding with Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and have a lot of trainings ahead of them. This will be followed by series of meetings with government officials, to see how the organization can support the Ukrainian authorities.

State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU):

The traditional function of SESU is to identify and clear Ukraine from dangerous materials originating from mines. So far, SESU have cleared more than 83,000 hectares removing 356,030 explosive ordnance in the process. With the help of the government, 500 more experts have been contracted to fill the gap in demining. There are plans to acquire more hardware including vehicles anticipated to be delivered soon which will be used in the coming weeks for demining activities in Mykolaivska oblast. Next week SESU together with NPA in a joint effort plan to conduct an inspection centred around the training of mine action dogs and any associated risk during operations.

Ministry of Reintegration and Temporarily Occupied Territories (MRTOT):

Since April 14, there have been nine accidents resulting in 14 victims, two of whom were killed and 12 injured. While the accidents were mainly in the agricultural sector, with some involved critical infrastructure workers, 83% of those injured however were men. A lot of efforts is put in to verify and update the accident database, with 281 accidents verified from June 2022. The disaggregated data on agriculture accidents is available to be shared to interested organization. In addition, this week the ministry signed a memorandum of understanding with a Swiss manufacturer for demining machines and will engage their survey teams following certification on activities for Kharkivska, Khersonska, and Mykolaivska regions.

Updates from Operators and Partners

HALO Trust:

HALO deployed 49 teams during the last cycle – 41 were manual clearance, 1 mechanical clearance and 7 were mechanical support teams. During the month of April, these teams managed to clear more than 222,000 m² of land and found items including 36 AP mines, 268 AT mines, 385 UXO/AXO and 168 SAAJ that were handed over for disposal. They had 18 survey teams conducting settlement visits and adding 164,000 m² to the database. HALO is continuing to increase its staff, with plans to go from 40 to 95 manual teams by the end of the year. HALO have secured a 5-year certificate of conformity for manual clearance, BAC, NTS and TS and have started the process for remote accreditation for some of their clearance platforms. However, there is a challenge in recruiting and retaining staff due to new registration requirements for employers.

DRC:

DRC is actively expanding its teams across Ukraine to carry out clearance, risk education, and victim assistance activities. They have a significant presence in Kyivska and Chernihivska oblasts, with a total of seven clearance teams, two NTS teams, and five risk education teams. The DRC has cleared over 217,000 m² since the escalation of the conflict, with a focus on the North, and has reached over 25,000 people through risk education activities. They have also provided cash distribution activities to 59 individuals in the Mykolaivska and Donetsk regions. The DRC is also working to build the capacity of government institutions through specialized training programs.

UDA:

During the months of March and April, UDA worked on several projects with different partners focused on risk education and conflict preparedness and protection. They concentrated their efforts on the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine, and also assisted internally displaced persons in western Ukraine. Within this period, UDA deployed 22 mobile groups consisting of risk education and CPP instructors, who reached over 16,000 beneficiaries. There are two ongoing projects related to mine victim assistance, and have provided assistance to 96 affected persons so far. UDA deployed 10 NTS/EORE teams in various locations, completed over 140 NTS interventions covering 8.5 million square meters, and reached 8,887

beneficiaries through online and offline campaigns. UDA began battle area clearance activities in April and plans to deploy more NTS/EORE teams in May. It has equally started a certification process for the next five years.

HI:

Handicap International is providing explosive ordnance risk education and conflict preparedness and protection sessions in Ukraine's Dnipro and Poltava, and has started theory and CPP in Kharkiv oblast with Civil Protection Office and Harkey of Relief Center. The organization has launched a one-year social behavior change campaign via mass media and is conducting a joint survey with DRC for knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and practices in mostly Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kherson, or Mykolaivka oblast. In addition, HI is exploring certification in Ukraine on non-technical survey and battle area clearance, partnering with humanitarian actors in Ukraine to map hazardous areas using mini UAVs, and co-chairing the victim assistance working group with DRC.

NPA:

NPA had trained 10 NTS/EORE teams – 6 are in Mykolaiv while 4 are in Sumy. In March NPA started manual clearance training and have equally requested certification for clearance. In April, 14 Mine detection Dogs (MDD) arrived SESU centre in Romny, Ukraine. 8 of the MDD will be used by NPA while 6 will constitute SESU's MDD teams. Next week there is a training to last 3 months on the operations of the dog handlers. In May 7 additional NTS/EORE teams will be trained in Mykolaiv. Simultaneously manual clearance operations will kick off in Mykolaiv. In June, there is plans to train additional manual clearance teams. Through 2023 NPA will make provision for technical and safety equipment for 10 additional SESU EOD teams as the procurement process is already ongoing. There is a pilot project to map conflict pollution and environmental incidents caused by the war. Local partners will be identify as stakeholders of the project and details of the project will be presented later in subsequent MASC meetings.

OSCE:

The OSCE is resuming with its program in Ukraine and is preparing for various activities in the coming months. First in plan is to bring a large Ukrainian delegation to the Mine Action Symposium in Croatia, where they will have meetings with various stakeholders, including government institutions and representatives of donor embassies. OSCE is also preparing for the National Mine Action Directors meeting in Geneva in June, where they will bring a Ukrainian delegation and work on a new memorandum of understanding with their partner Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining. There is equally plans to conduct a lot of trainings and meetings with Ukrainian government officials to see how OSCE can support the Ukrainian authorities as an organization.

Tetra Tech:

Tetra Tech is currently involved in conducting non-technical surveys and risk education in Kharkivska and Mykolaivka, utilizing two teams in each region. Recently, permission has been granted to operate in the Kherson region, prompting the relocation of some teams from Mykolaivka to Kherson. The surveyed area during this reporting period covers 10,494,621 m², with confirmed hazardous areas totalling 8,102,409 m² and suspected hazardous areas estimated at 2,482,212 m². As for training, level one training is a 4-week course, followed by level two training for another 4 weeks. Currently, a follow-up course is being provided to the special state transport service. Additionally, a similar course is scheduled to begin in early May for SESU, with 30 participants expected to attend.

MAG:

MAG finally obtain certification for the risk education in March and has deployed 5 teams in Kirovogradska while recruitment for more teams is ongoing. Through digital campaigns an estimated 8 million people have been reached – 3 million through radio sensitization alone. In the month of May, MAG is expecting to acquire NTS certification so as to kick-off with required trainings.

UNICEF:

UNICEF is working on mine safety and sport activities targeting children in Ukraine, with a focus on mine safety rules. They organized a large event for children on mine safety, which attracted 40,000 children in attendance and 50,000 more in the following weeks. They provide training for teachers and social workers, and so far 700 teachers have been trained, reaching out to more than 220,000 children. UNICEF is also organizing activities on various digital platforms such as YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. They plan to cover 200 social workers in April and May in front-line oblasts and Central Ukraine due to the high number of IDP concentrations.