

The Role of Humanitarian Mine Action in the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)



"There could be an end to the devastation caused by landmines in our lifetime. We have a real opportunity to make this issue obsolete."

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The importance of mine action as an enabler of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) cannot be understated. Landmines and explosive hazards prevent safe access to education, health and water to millions of people around the world. Humanitarian Mine Action paves the way for peaceful, prosperous and safe communities. In Mali, under the mandate of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2227, UNMAS and partners contribute to the implementation of the SDG and multiple strategies for the development, recovery and reconstruction of Mali.



Support to the UN peacekeeping mission in explosive threat mitigation, to help MINUSMA deliver its mandate to stabilize and restore peace in Mali. A secure environment is a key enabling factor for sustainable development.

Enhancement of national capacities to enable the Malian authorities to independently manage explosive threats in the long term. The improved management of weapons and ammunition and the destruction of obsolete stockpiles help to avoid accidental explosions and looting which can result in civilian casualties.

Support to the humanitarian sector and protection of civilians: emergency support to people living or working in, or returning to, areas affected by armed clashes, which may be contaminated by explosive hazards. Through risk education, survey and clearance operations, mine action actors work to prevent incidents, to improve humanitarian and civilian access to potentially dangerous areas, and to release land and infrastructure once confirmed safe.



Assistance to victims of explosive hazards help survivors to access medical care and physical rehabilitation, and encourage their social and economic reintegration.