



Provision of Explosive
Threat Mitigation in Somalia
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REFERENCE: Contract No. Ref.: RFP/2024/50612– Project No. 23744_ Explosive Threat Mitigation in Support of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS).

1. Aim

The aim of this report is to provide an overview of DEMINECO HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) activities under Contract No. Ref.: RFP/2024/50612– Project No. 23744_ Explosive Threat Mitigation in Support of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) carried out over the reporting month **December 2024**.

Note: This report covers activities and outputs performed during weeks 49 - 52 (from 01 to 31 December 2024).

2. Personnel

Personnel	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
International Staff	2	-	2
Local Staff	68	1	69
Total	70	1	71

Notes: 97.2% of the total personnel involved during this reporting month were local National staff (Somali), and 22% (15 persons) were below 30 years of age. The capacity includes only one female due to the mobile nature of the tasks. However, considering the current liquidation crisis in the mission, the client notified DHS to reduce the operational period stipulated in the existing contracts effective 31 December 2024. In response to the unexpected situation, DHS team members had to effectively exhaust their leave days from 27 November to 15 December, and the remaining half from 15 to 31 December. Thus, this report is the final operational MPR for this contract.

3. Operational Summary

Threat: This protracted conflict situation has occasioned a persisting threat from legacy explosive ordnance, and from re-contamination arising from the ongoing conflicts across the country's expansive landscape. This reporting month, EO contaminations were evidenced affecting the civilian population in the regions. Over the reporting period, **2 explosive ordnance-related accidents** were recorded in Gedo and Mudug regions involving **6 children**, during which **3 girls and 3 boys** were injured.

In response to such threats, DHS deployed eight mine action teams (multi-skilled) on the respective areas within the four FMS: Galmudug, Hirshabelle, Jubaland, and Southwest states to promote safety awareness among the affected communities as a core activity along the NTS activities of selected locations to determine the extent

of explosive ordnance contaminations in the newly identified and previously recorded hazard areas and carry out clearance of spot explosive hazards in response to callouts from the communities.

NTS: During this reporting month of December 2024, the teams conducted **13** non-technical surveys using village-by-village approach (**Appendix-3**), responding to **3** previously recorded hazards (**Appendix-4**) and detecting and clearing **3 new** EO spots (**7,500 m²**), reported by the communities during NTS activities carried out in following **villages: Kulmiye, Kutimbo and Deeganley.****Education, Promotion:** Over the same reporting month, the teams facilitated **58** interpersonal EORE sessions reaching **1,916** beneficiaries (all sessions included El-Nino preparedness messages considering the ongoing Deyr rains). The teams considered diversity and inclusion where **78%** of the beneficiaries were children and **23%** IDPs. Additionally, **1,096** risk education leaflets and **334** risk education talking devices (RETD) were distributed across the respective communities throughout the FMS. Over the reporting period, the teams also exercised a pre and post EORE survey reaching out **132** sampled respondents to assess the level of retention of the safety awareness messages delivered to the wider beneficiaries. The survey results were successfully delivered reaching out 7% of the beneficiaries.

Clearance: During the same reporting month, responding to the results of NTS and EO risk education, the teams searched and cleared **7,500 m²** of land, removing **8 devices** (**6 SAA and 2 FFE**). The capacity destroyed **11** previously collected EO in **6** controlled demolitions.

As a result of the above-mentioned activities, all **13 villages were reported as non-impacted sites by explosive hazards.** The holistic activities of the entire capacity are expected to contribute to the overall reduction of threats posed by EO in line with the various strategic objectives, of the Article-5 of the APMBC and Objectives of the HNRP.

4. Admin/Log/Coordination

DHS project management attended regular coordination meetings with UNMAS project management. Likewise, appropriate coordination continued between DHS and Somalia Explosive Management Authority [SEMA HQ and FMS], state focal points for stabilisation, coordination meetings with ATMIS and UNMAS in the Sectors, liaison with other local authorities and security agencies. DHS performed and maintained various administrative aspects to support operational activities; including financials, logistics, supplies and services under running costs, equipment accountability, personnel management and staff presence.

5. Problems/Solutions

The ongoing military operations and the fluid security situation across the regions were potential concerns though no direct influence on the operations. This was mitigated through strict adherence to DHS SOPs as well as frequent team liaison, communications and information sharing prior to daily deployments in order to maximize the safety and security of field personnel.

6. Forward Plan

Following the conclusion of the Phase B: Operational Phase, DHS will proceed with Phase C: Demobilization Phase with the aim to demobilise the entire capacity in Somalia.

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Attachments:

- Annex A (Asset Log)
- Annex B (Case Study Report)
- Annex C (Staff List)

Appendix-1: EO Accident summary

On December 11, 2024, an unknown explosive device detonated injuring one (1) boy aged 17 in Shabellow Bacaadweyn town, Mudug region. As reported, the boy was herding goats and saw the device. The boy tempered EO until it went off. The boy received medical treatment at Galkacyo Main Hospital and was transferred to Mogadishu for further medical attention.

On December 19, 2023, an explosive device (suspected to be a hand grenade) detonated in Gawiido village, located 10 kilometres to the North from Belet-Hawa town in Gedo region, injuring five (5) children (two boys aged 3 and 6 years and three girls aged 2, 4, and 10 years). Reports indicate that the children found and played with the EO until it exploded. The victims were transported to Jubba Private Hospital for emergency care in critical condition.

Appendix-2: Capacity Outputs

NTS								
Activity	Outputs							
	Villages		Hazard Area					
	Safe villages	EO Affected villages	Cancelled Hazard		Confirmed Hazard		Newly Identified Hazard	
			HA	m ²	HA	m ²	HA	m ²
NTS	13	-	2	252,387	1	810,000	-	-
Total	13	-	2	252,387	1	810,000	-	-

Spot Clearance / BAC									
Activity	Outputs								
	Verified Area			Cleared Devices				Demolitions	
	Spot hazard cleared (m ²)	BAC surface/ subsurface (m ²)	Total area Covered (m ²)	Mines (AT)	UXO/ AXO	SAA	FFE	# Dems	Devices
Spot Clearance	7,500*	-	7,500	-	-	6	2	6	11 EO 3x PG-7 rockets, 2x H/Grenades and 6x SAA
Total	7,500	-	7,500	-	-	6	2	6	11 EO

*Each spot was searched 50m x 50m area fading out from the spot contamination.

EORE							
Activity	Outputs (number of beneficiaries)					Number of Sessions	RE Material Distributed
	Girls	Boys	Women	Men	Total		
EORE	456	557	58	25	1,096	33	1,096 Leaflets
RETD	227	268	237	88	820	25	334 RETDs
Total	683	825	295	113	1,916	58	1,430

Liaison and Assessment								
Activity	Outputs							
	Liaison		Flash Reports		ERW/mine Accidents		Road Surveyed	
	Liaisons	Meetings	Security	Human Right	Accident	Victim	Segments	Length (km)
	25	17	-	-	2	6	-	-

IMSMA Forms Submitted									
New UXO Report (Closed)	New UXO Report (Open)	Progress (for UXO Report Closed)	Progress (Area)	NTS Community Reports	NTS Hazard Reports	EORE Reports	MSR Reports	Accident Reports	Victims Reports
3	-	3	-	13	3	18	-	2	6

Appendix-3: Villages Surveyed

#	Village/Town	District	#	Village/Town	District
1.	Masajid-Dabaqeyn	Dollow	2.	Mayqonsati	Baidoa
3.	Burca-Dheer	Mahas	4.	Kulmiye	Galkayo
5.	Durow	Dollow	6.	Goof-Cadey	Baidoa
7.	Goobo	Mahas	8.	Qalqaloocan	Galkayo
9.	Buulo-Qalooc	Dollow	10.	Qoraxey-2	Elbarde
11.	Laan-Siraad	Abudwak	12.	Goodiye	Dollow
13.	Balli-Hawd	Abudwak	--	--	--

Appendix-4: Response to Previously recorded Hazards

#	Hazard ID	Village	District	Area (m ²)	Outcome	Proposed actions for IMS form	Reason for proposed actions
1.	Land-5278	Burjad	Baidoa	810,000	Ammo	To confirm	Result of NTS
2.	Hazard-1757	Qalqaloocan	Galkayo	179,816	No	To cancel	Result of NTS
3.	Land-5094	Qoraxey-2	Elbarde	72,571	Handover	To cancel	Result of NTS

Appendix-5: Personnel and Deployment Locations

Team	Location	Team	Location
MST-1	Beled Hawa	MST-2	Dollow
MST-3	Elbarde	MST-4	Baidoa
MST-5	Beletweyne	MST-6	Mahas
MST-7	Abudwak	MST-8	Galkayo

Appendix-6: Quality Management

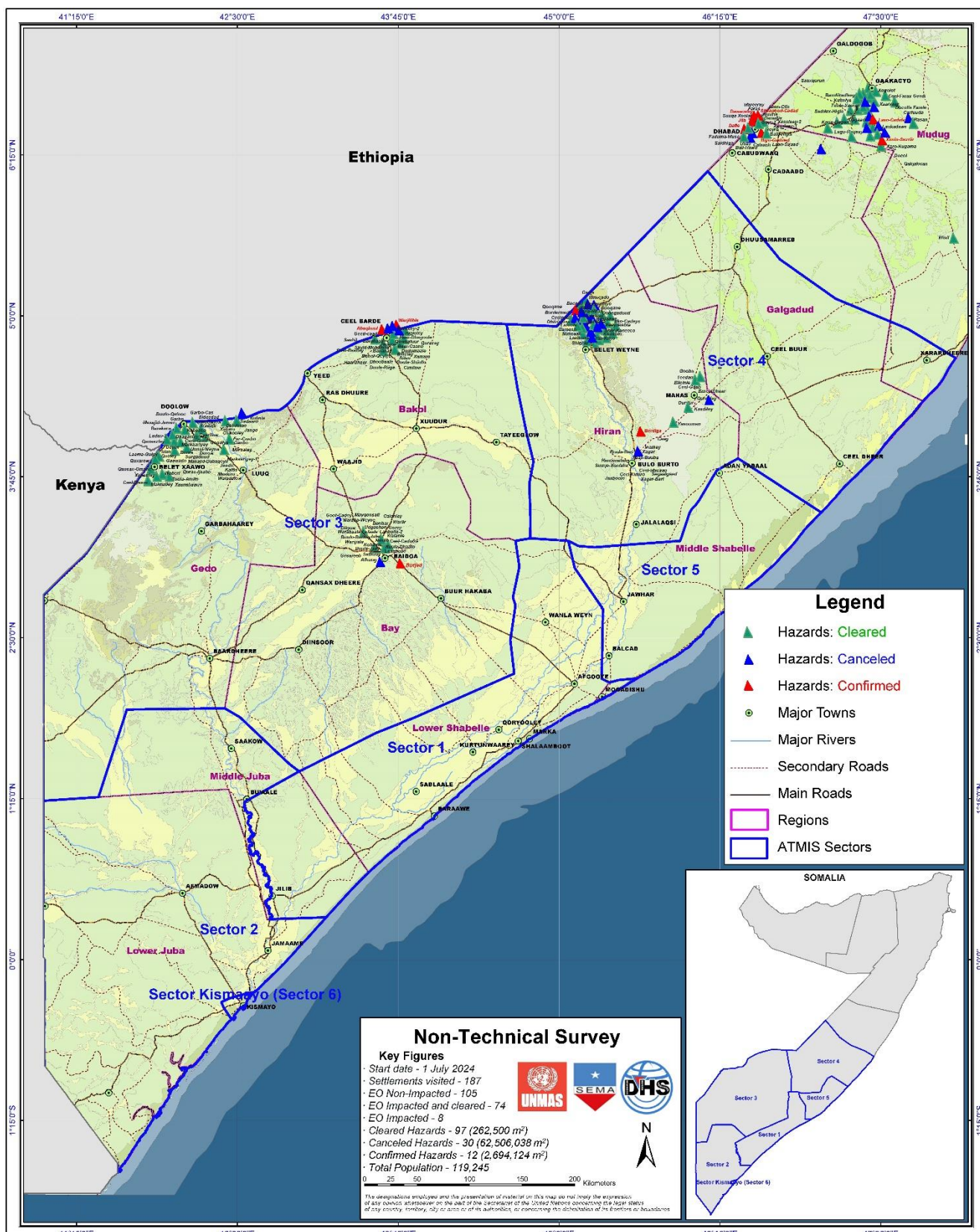
Type	Task ID	Conducted by	Activity	Sites visited	Non-conformities		Results
					Critical	Non-critical	
EQA	MST-4/TO (TBC)	UNMAS Ops Assistant	Risk Education	2	0	0	Accepted
EQA	MST-5/TO (TBC)	UNMAS Ops Assistant	Risk Education	2	0	0	Accepted
EQA	MST-6/TO (TBC)	UNMAS Ops Assistant	Risk Education	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-1/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Non-technical Survey	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-1/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Medical	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-1/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Risk Education	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-4/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Non-technical Survey	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-4/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Medical	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-4/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Risk Education	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-5/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Medical	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-5/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Risk Education	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-8/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Non-technical Survey	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-8/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Medical	1	0	0	Accepted
IQA	MST-8/TO (TBC)	DHS QA Officer	Risk Education	1	0	0	Accepted

The QA Officers identified no critical Non-conformities (Major, Critical, and Minor) during the applicable internal quality assurance inspections conducted. The activities evaluated were NTS, EORE and medical. No constraints observed, however, the team leaders were reminded to increase number of EORE beneficiaries involving in Pre- and Post- EORE knowledge survey. All observations were recorded on the relevant QM-related documentation as required and per the DHS QM System in accordance with the relevant National Standards, IMAS 07.12 Quality Management in Mine Action and ISO 9001:2015 QM.

Appendix-7: Incidents/near misses:

Incident/near miss description	Date	Corrective action taken
Class-1: major	--	--
Class-2: minor or near miss	--	--

Appendix-8: NTS Progress Map:



Appendix-9: Photo Gallery:



Collecting information about explosive hazards from local administration and traditional elders during non-technical survey in Burca-Dheer village, Hiran Region



Interviewing a family of IDP camp about presence of explosive hazards during NTS in Mayqonsati village, Bay Region



Communicating with local resident about presence of explosive hazards using house-to-house approach during non-technical survey in Mayqonsati village, Bay Region



Small armed ammunition found and removed from the spot reported by local residents during non-technical survey in Kulmiye village, Mudug Region



Local resident leading the team leader to the spot with suspected EO located on the farmland during non-technical survey in Kutimbo village, Hiran Region



The team leader taking GPS coordinates of the EO reported by local resident during non-technical survey in Kutimbo village, Hiran Region



EO found and removed from the area by multi-skilled team as a result of NTS in Kutimbo village, Hiran Region



Madrassa teacher supporting his students to remember EORE awareness messages during EORE session in Goobo village, Hiran Region



Distributing leaflets to the students during EORE session in the school located in Kulmiye village, Mudug Region



Distributing RETDs among the key persons - activists of IDP camp during EORE session in Kutimbo village, Hiran Region



Multi-skilled team interviewing local residents during pre- EORE knowledge survey in Kutimbo village, Hiran Region



EORE facilitator explaining potential hazardous areas where EO could be located to the schoolchildren during EORE session in Masjid-Dabaqeyn village, Gedo Region

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