

Ministry of Health & Environment – IRAQ Directorate for Mine Action,

ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF LANDMINES AND REMNANTS OF WAR

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1. Landmines History in Iraq



- Iraq is one of the most greatly affected country with the landmines and unexploded ordinances left by previous wars.
- 1-The war between Iraq and Iran, 1980 -1988.
- 2- The first Gulf War in, 1991
- 3- The Second Gulf War, 2003
- 4- The war against ISIS, 2014
- Iraq planted millions of landmines throughout the borders with neighboring countries, Kuwait and Iran.





Landmines History in Iraq



- Also Iraq was bombed with about 50 million cluster bombs
- It is well known that 30% of them did not explode which leaves about 16 million dangerous cluster bombs
- Iraq has extensive unexploded ordnance UXO from the past wars.





2. Iraq joins The international agreements



1. Convention on the prohibition of the use , production and transfer of the anti-personnel mines and on their destruction(OTTAWA) 15\8\ 2007.
2. Convention on cluster munitions (CCM\ OSLO) - 13\11\2009.
3. The international convention on right's of person with disabilities (CRPD) - 20\3\2013
4. Convention on certain Conventional Weapons CCW - 28\9\2014





3. Field statistics of victims



Victims of mines, based on the survey of **2012-2014**, were as follows:

- Wassit / 3967 Victims
- Missan / 5823 Victims
- Thi Qar / 4654 Victims
- Muthana / 3370 Victims
- Basrah / 5100 Victims (**not completed**)



Registration mechanism within the field statistics



1.Registration committee



2.Mine action committee



3. medical committee



4.Social work committee



5.Audit committee



6.Identity Issuing Committee



Number of victims who were registered in the field statistics



A table showing the number of victims who were registered in the field statistics

No.	Governorate	total number	injured Males	Dead males	injured females	Dead females	work time
1	Missan	5821	4432	694	592	103	15/11/2011 to 01/02/2012
2	Wasit	3967	3301	504	107	55	01/10/2012 to 01/02/2013
3	Thiqar	4654	3842	549	131	132	04/11/2012 to 07/02/2013
4	Muthana	3370	2540	585	131	114	18/08/2013 to 01/10/2013
5	Basrah	5100	4573	239	242	46	02/10/2013 to 26/12/2013
Total		22912	18688	2571	1203	450	

Total number of victims	Total number of males	Total number of females
22912	21259	1653

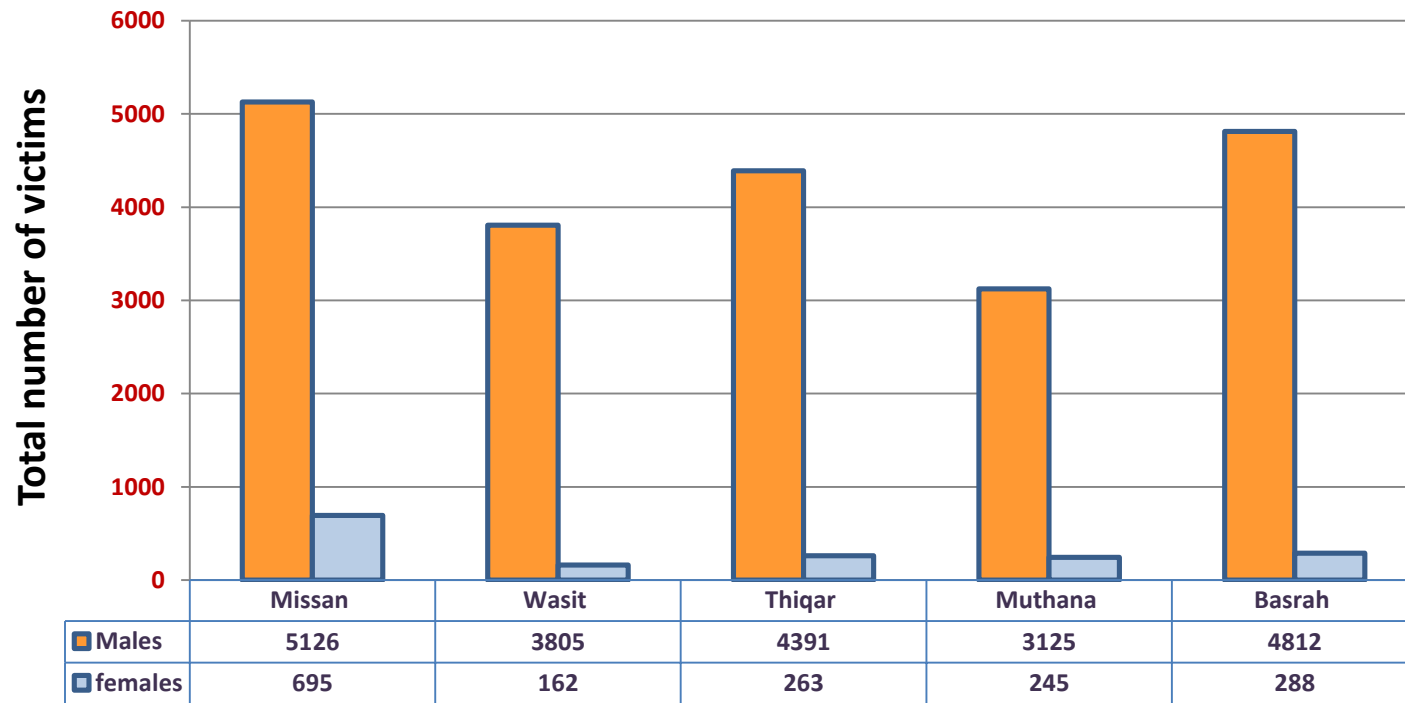
Note: Basrah not completed



Total number of victims in 5 provinces



Field Statistics for Victims of Landmines and Remnants of War



Classification of victims , males and females



4. The National Initiatives



- ❑ National Housing Initiative: granting of land.
- ❑ National initiative for the marriage of disabled persons ([wedding expenses](#)) and grant them a financial reward (**4000 USD**).
- ❑ National Initiative for the processing of high-quality prosthetics.





National initiative for the marriage of disabled persons



Total number of the disabled persons got marriage

Misaan	Wassit	Thi Qar	Muthana	Basrah	Total
87	35	30	18	78	248





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National Initiative for the Processing of High - Quality prosthetics



In 2013, DMA provided 194 victims with prosthetics in 6 different provinces (Baghdad, Basrah, Missan, Thi-Qar, Muthanna, and Wassit) through contracting a company using fast and high-quality technology. This initiative aimed at encouraging local governments to support more victims in their areas based on the DMA survey.





National Initiative for the Processing of High - Quality prosthetics





5. Field surveys in liberated areas



The Directorate for Mine action carried out an emergency field survey of Mines, ERWs and terrorist and military operations victims in the governorates liberated from terrorist (Anbar) The survey is ongoing and the remaining districts and governorates are to prepare the database for providing appropriate services to victims through coordination with the concerned authorities to reintegrate into society .

No.	Governorate	total number	injured Males	Dead males	injured females	Dead females	work time
1	Anbar(Haditha& Faluja district)	6036	1640	2976	434	986	11/12/2017 to 30/3/2018

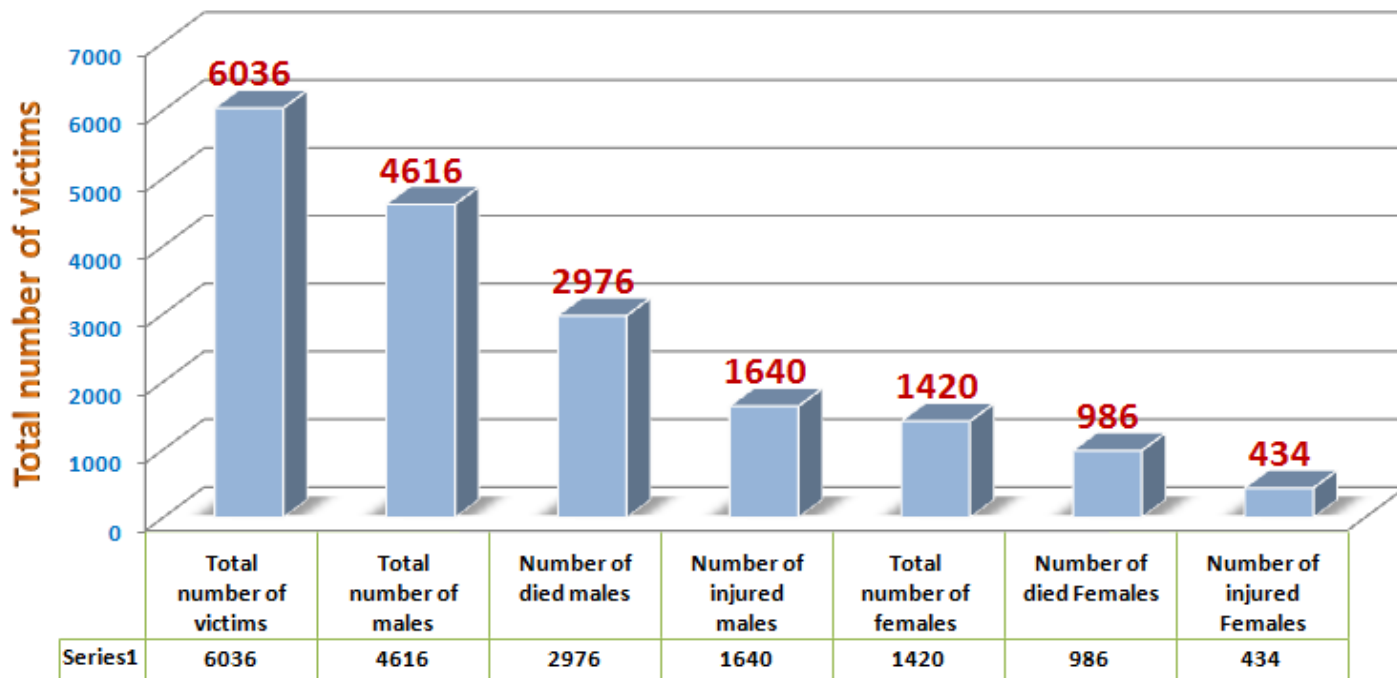




5. Field surveys in liberated areas



**Field Survey of Victims in Anbar Province / Haditha & Faluja District
11/12/2017 - 30/3/2018**



Calssification of injured and died victims , Male & Female



The Achievement Of DMA For Victim Assistance



- Conducting statistic Field Survey to register displaced victims of the provinces (Saladin , Anbar , Nenawa) in Kurdistan region . It has been registered (63) victims and referred them to the ICRC in Kurdistan and provided with prosthetic .
- Cooperation with UNMAS and the Croatian Red Cross to lead an initiative psychological support For (22) Iraqi Victims Children who affected by Mines and ERW and it has been given financial support .
- Cooperation with UNMAS and IMMAP To assess the work of health facilities and needs in the liberated areas .





6. Challenges



- Lack of secured financial resources to ensure decent living for persons with disabilities as stipulated in the International Convention and legislation .
- The lack of centers to manufacture prosthetics , and the low quality of the existing ones. In addition, the technology used in the existing centers is slow and low-quality, and this does not answer to the needs .
- The incompleteness of the VA survey due to the lack of resources and to the situation in Iraq (displacement of communities...). This prevents DMA from knowing the real size of the VA issues.
- The limited rehabilitation centers in Iraq in relation to the number of victims, The existing centers do not provide all the services needed by victims.



7. Needs



- Establishing Prosthetics centers in the affected areas to provide integrated services .
- Equipping centers with the latest technologies and raw materials that guarantee speed and high quality of prosthetics.
- Building Capacity of technical staff working in the field of Prosthetics.
- International support to the organizations working in the field of Victim Assistance in Iraq.

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