

Iraq

Third Party Monitoring of Explosive Remnants of War Clearance

Donor

US Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)

Project Duration

57 months

Thematic Sector

Third Party Monitoring

Team Composition

12 personnel based in Iraq

Budget

USD 5,100,000

Project End Date

31 December 2026

Partners

Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

Context and Rationale

Iraq remains one of the world's most contaminated countries by explosive ordnance following decades of armed conflict. Contamination threatens civilian safety and obstructs socio-economic recovery across multiple governorates.

As the designated Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) partner of the US Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA), iMMAP conducts quarterly field data collection and independent analysis – providing the donor with eyes on the ground and an objective perspective on implementing partner performance and compliance with donor regulations and project deliverables.

Project Overview

The US Department of State, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA) has been one of the most significant contributors supporting mine action programs in Iraq. As the Third-Party Monitoring partner of WRA in Iraq, iMMAP Iraq team conducts quarterly rounds of field data collection and analysis, providing eyes on the ground to the donor and an independent perspective on program performance. iMMAP TPM teams conduct quarterly visits to implementing partners' ongoing and completed activity sites, collecting data through direct observation, key informant interviews, and beneficiary focus group discussions. Data is analyzed against predefined indicators measuring partner activities across six dimensions: relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, safety, quality, and sustainability. Quarterly reports summarizing findings and recommendations are shared with each implementing partner and PM/WRA.

Expected Outcomes

- Provide independent, evidence-based performance assessments of ERW clearance activities across 6 governorates;
- Evaluate the socio-economic impact of clearance activities on affected communities;
- Deliver actionable quarterly findings to inform donor decision-making and partner accountability.