



UNMAS Occupied Palestinian Territory

April Newsletter: Emergency Response



In Focus:

UN convoys and missions do not move in Gaza during this time without UNMAS presence. Via the interagency missions in April, UNMAS enabled OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNDSS, UNICEF and UNOPS activities. Some highlights include:

- Facilitating the evacuation of a three-generation family of 25 from an area of high kinetic activity in Rafah. The family included 17 children and two injured people, who were able to get the medical response they needed and be sheltered in temporary camps
- Enabling the RC/HC to visit sites including hospitals and camps throughout Gaza
- Supporting safe retrieval of 120,000 litres of fuel (almost the entire source of fuel for the humanitarian community) when a site in Rafah was issued with evacuation orders. This involved assessing the site for EO threats, determining whether it was safe to reach, and accompanying UNOPS to move the fuel out of the evacuation zone so that it could be safely accessed. Fuel is running extremely low in Gaza and is critical for partners to continue supporting civilians.

UNMAS maintained a presence in Gaza city for **29 days** in April as part of the Mission Support Team. This provided rapid response EOD support to humanitarian organizations operating in northern Gaza.



UNMAS supports the safe movement of a family - including two injured - in Rafah, April 2025.



UNMAS recce a site to relocate fuel in response to an evacuation notice. Rafah, April 2025



EORE:

While in-person EORE activities were suspended in April, UNMAS implementing partner, Palestinian Organization for Development, developed and implemented a social media campaign sharing key messaging about the EO threat to civilians in Gaza. Despite a challenging operational environment, UNMAS partners found ways to continue delivering lifesaving information to conflict-affected people.

Through collaboration with partners and donors, UNMAS remains committed to safeguarding civilian lives and securing a safer future for communities in OPT. **UNMAS OPT** appeals to donors to continue supporting our work in providing a mine action response in Gaza and the West Bank. Invitations to provide further information about UNMAS requirements are welcome.

Thank you
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support
in 2025!



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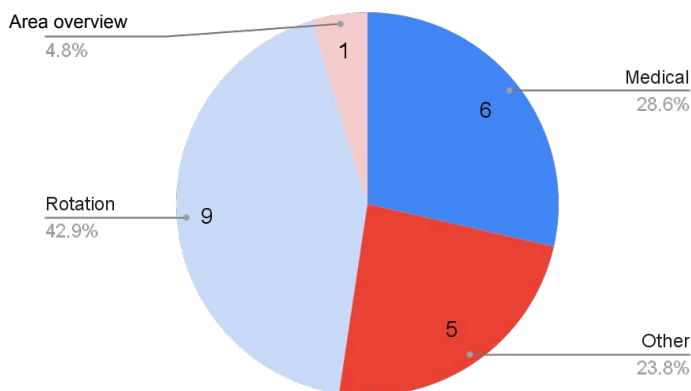
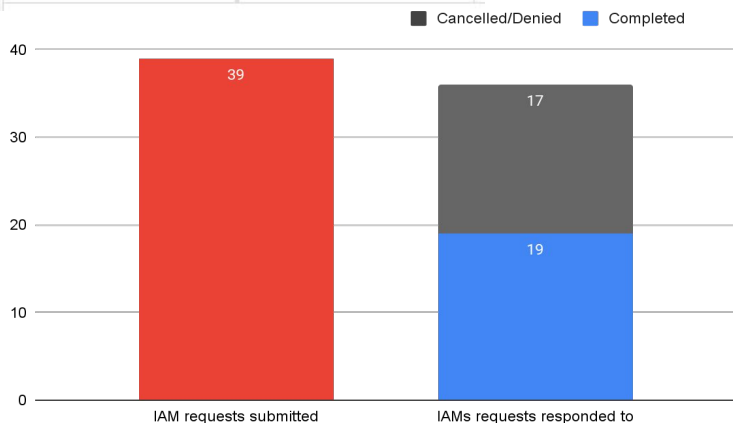
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Type of missions served

Requesting Agency	# of Convoys
OCHA	13
WHO	3
UNDSS	2
UNOPS	1
Total	19

In April, the security situation deteriorated further. This meant that UNMAS presence was requested on all interagency missions as a key risk mitigation measure and enabler of response. For example, supporting rotations allowed the humanitarian community to scale up its response in Gaza to support Palestinians.



Six missions also included assessments to evaluate the EO threat at key infrastructure. UNMAS assessed four shelters, two hospitals and one road, enabling people to access the lifesaving support they need.

EORE Facilitator Training

Total Beneficiaries



UNMAS trained humanitarian partner personnel in risk education delivery, thereby streamlining lifesaving messaging into wider humanitarian services, and reaching more civilians.

Conflict-related casualties reported in April (WHO)		EO victims reported in April*
Killed	2,019	3
Injured	3,508	8
Total	5,527	11

Reported Confirmed EOs

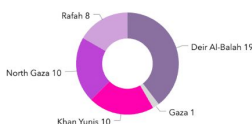
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Threat since 7 Oct 2023

Reported Confirmed EOs

457

of EO per Governorates

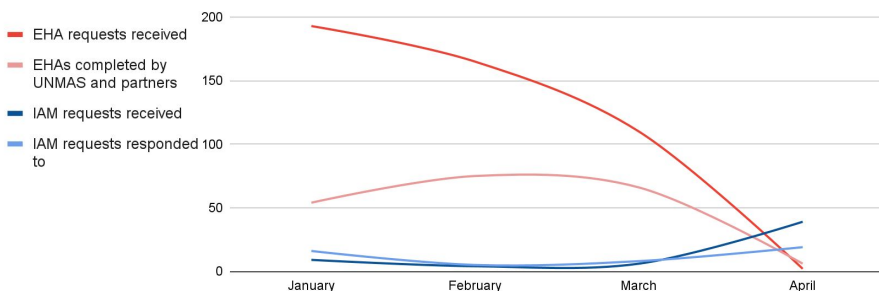


EO victims reported since Oct 2023*

Killed	26
Injured	171
Total	197

Response in 2025 to date

During the January-March ceasefire, EHA requests surged. However, with the re-escalation of hostilities in March, UNMAS presence was needed on all interagency missions, shifting the focus of operations.



*These are only incidents that have been reported into UNMAS system; these figures are likely much higher.