



## Highlights

**All recovered explosive ordnance was successfully destroyed by UNMAS.**

**All confiscated weapons and ammunition were successfully destroyed by UNMAS, following the mandate of Abyei Free from Weapons.**

**UNMAS continued with manual mine clearance and ground preparation activities in Todach. In February, 57,402 sqm were cleared and made safe for use.**



Manual mine clearance activity



UNMAS practical exercise in the SSAFE training organised by UNISFA

## Stats **FEBRUARY 2025**

**119** Newly arrived uniformed and civilian members of UNISFA received safety induction briefing

**57,402** Square meters of land made safe from explosive hazards

**15** Ground monitoring missions supported by UNMAS ensured full implementation of the JBVMM mandate

**50** Explosive ordnance risk education sessions provided among the Abyei area community members

## \*\*\* HIGHLIGHTS \*\*\*



### UNMAS UNISFA ON THE DRIVE OF MAKING ABYEI COMMUNITIES A SAFE AND HABITABLE PLACE

Since April 2023, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have been at the center of a civil war in Sudan, causing humanitarian crisis and displacement. Many Sudanese moved to Abyei because they felt safer with international peacekeepers (UNISFA) there.

United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) works to improve safety for mission personnel and the Abyei population, focusing on eradicating explosive ordnance. UNMAS collaborates with UNISFA to protect returnees by addressing explosive threats through Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), creating a safer resettlement environment. Mr. Aymen Mohammed, a UNMAS EORE facilitator, highlighted that UNMAS's EORE initiatives have improved safety, awareness, and resilience among local communities, especially returnees.

UNMAS's EORE activities educate returnees about explosive hazards, including landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), reducing accidents and injuries. Practical safety precautions are taught, such as sticking to well-traveled routes and reporting threats. Communities actively report explosive devices, enabling prompt removal and improving safety. Incidents have decreased due to safety instructions and vigilance.

UNMAS focuses on vulnerable populations, providing specifically tailored EORE to women and children. This approach has led to better identification and avoidance of explosive ordnance. Community-Based EORE collaborates with local organizations and leaders to educate returnees, ensuring sustainability. Training local facilitators also empowers communities to continue educating others about explosive threats in their areas of living.

UNMAS's efforts help returnees feel more confident about returning home. Mr. Abdul Hamdin Mohammed, a community leader, stated that EORE activities have improved safety, resilience, and health, contributing to a safer environment for livelihoods.



EORE activities



### UNMAS SUPPORTS GROUND MONITORING MISSIONS AT TS-21

**"Given the challenging and hazardous environment in which we operate, our patrols are heavily reliant on UNMAS PSTs for safety. In addition to providing safe transportation with CASSPIR Mine Protected Armoured Vehicles, their expertise in Route Assessment and EOD is essential, allowing our teams to move with confidence, knowing that the risks posed by explosive remnants of war have been mitigated. Without their support, our mission would be significantly more dangerous, jeopardizing personnel and hindering our ability to effectively monitor the area. Their contribution is invaluable. The PSTs are not just a support element; they're our partners in peace." - Major Ali Mehdi, JBVMM Patrol Commander/Military Observer, Team Site 21, Tishwin.**



UNMAS supports GMMs at TS-21 Tishwin

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