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Bosnia and Herzegovina
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**Mine Situation in BiH**

The Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre reports that from May 2002 to May 2006, there were 187 mine-related incidents. In total, almost 5,000 people have been injured or killed by mines and unexploded ordnance each year. In 2006, 1,520 of the war’s end. In 2016, the number of mine victims significantly increased. The Bosnian, Russian, and Serbian Armed Forces and civil-protection authorities, together with the United Nations, have worked to clear over 34 victims in 2006 (17 killed, 17 injured).4

The BHMAC has also recorded more than 18,000 landmines and more than 60,000 UXO items in the region. Land and UXO items contain more than 2,000 square kilometers of land.5

**Handicap International conducted a 2002–2003 Landmine Impact Survey** with funding from the United States, Canada, and the European Commission. The survey revealed minefields and UXO affected the region. The survey also determined that mine clearance and UXO clearance are needed.

In 2008, the BHMAC estimated that over 10,000 people received MRE in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The BHMAC has focused its efforts on the safety and health of children and adults.

**Mine/UXO Clearance**

Nongovernmental organizations (such as NRC, HI, and the Bosnian Armed Forces, and civil-protection and commercial companies) carry out mine clearance and UXO clearance activities in the region. In 2005, 4,099,051 square meters (991 acres) of land were cleared of mines while in the first six months of 2006, 846,767 square meters (210 acres) were cleared. According to the NATO Partnership for Peace Trust Fund, the South Eastern Europe Initiative (SEEI), and the BiH government, the total cost of mine clearance in BiH will be approximately US$2,469,356.3

**Mine-risk Education**

**MRE**

is one of the largest mine- and UXO-affected communities.9

Chechnya
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**Chechnya**

is also known as the Second Chechen War, which ended the conflict in 1995, but the country remained in conflict until 2006, when the Russian military has been conducting some clearance activities in the North Caucasus.1 The United Nations has conducted mine clearance activities in Chechnya since 2001, and UNICEF has brought victim assistance to the region.2

**Mine Action Day**

is an annual event that takes place on the 4th of April. It is observed to raise awareness of the issue of landmines and unexploded ordnance in the world. The goal of Mine Action Day is to raise awareness of the issue of landmines and unexploded ordnance in the world. It is celebrated by UNICEF and other international organizations throughout the world.3

**Clearance Activities**

Despite the urgent need for MRE, the conflict has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict. The political situation in the region has made it difficult for demining agencies to enter the region for large-scale clearance activities due to the ongoing conflict.