



Highlights **OCTOBER 2020**

UNMAS clearance teams have remobilized and completed refresher training and operational accreditation in accordance with contractual requirements and are ready for dry season deployment as of 1 November in support of the UNISFA dry season deployment plan.

UNMAS delivered remote safety videos conveying life-saving messages to new rotation of TCC arrivals.

UNMAS continues to implement and comply with all UNISFA measures for mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the well-being of staff and implementing partner personnel.

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ASSAULT RIFLES DESTROYED



Weapons and ammunition destruction

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UNISFA STAFF RECEIVED SAFETY TRAINING



EORE safety training in Diffra for UNISFA

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EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOUND IN OCTOBER

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GROUND MONITORING MISSIONS CONDUCTED BY PATROL SUPPORT TEAMS (PSTs)



Ground Monitoring Mission

Following the UNMAS-UNISFA plan of operations, the UNMAS Integrated Clearance Team (ICT) and two Integrated Route Assessment and Clearance Teams (IRACTs), in support of UNISFA and humanitarian actors, concluded mobilisation and refresher training after the contractual stand-down for the rainy season. UNMAS OPS/QA Officers were present and monitored the entire refresher training throughout the 18 days. After the completion of training and the following six days, UNMAS conducted the re-accreditation of the teams, ensuring their full operational readiness as of 1 November. Various processes have to be accredited such as manual mine clearance, battle area clearance, mechanical ground preparation, explosive ordnance risk education, etc.

This year, the major challenge faced by UNMAS was the timely remobilization of teams in light of the COVID-19 travel restrictions and requirements. UNMAS was able to address this challenge through careful planning and coordination with UNISFA, resulting in the successful remobilization of all teams in time for training and accreditation.



Clearance team prior accreditation process



Manual mine clearance



Battle area clearance



MEDEVAC exercise



Explosive ordnance risk education being accredited



Manual mine clearance exercise



Pulling drill