



Mine Action Programme of Somalia Status and Challenges in Implementation Thursday 29 November, 17MSP, Geneva



Programme History

- Establishment of Somalia Explosives Management Authority (SEMA) by Presidential Decree in 2012 and 2013
- SEMA operates under Ministry of Internal Security of the Federal Government of Somalia, it has HQ Office in the Ministry
- The Programme has Five State Offices in the country (except Somaliland)

Problem Background

- ✓ Somalia – Ethiopia war (1964 and 1977 -1978)
- ✓ Somalia Civil War (1991 - 2000)
- ✓ Islamic Shari'a Courts (2006 - 2009)
- ✓ Alshabab Militia (2009 up-to-date)
- ✓ Ahlusunna Waljamaca (2009 up-to-date)

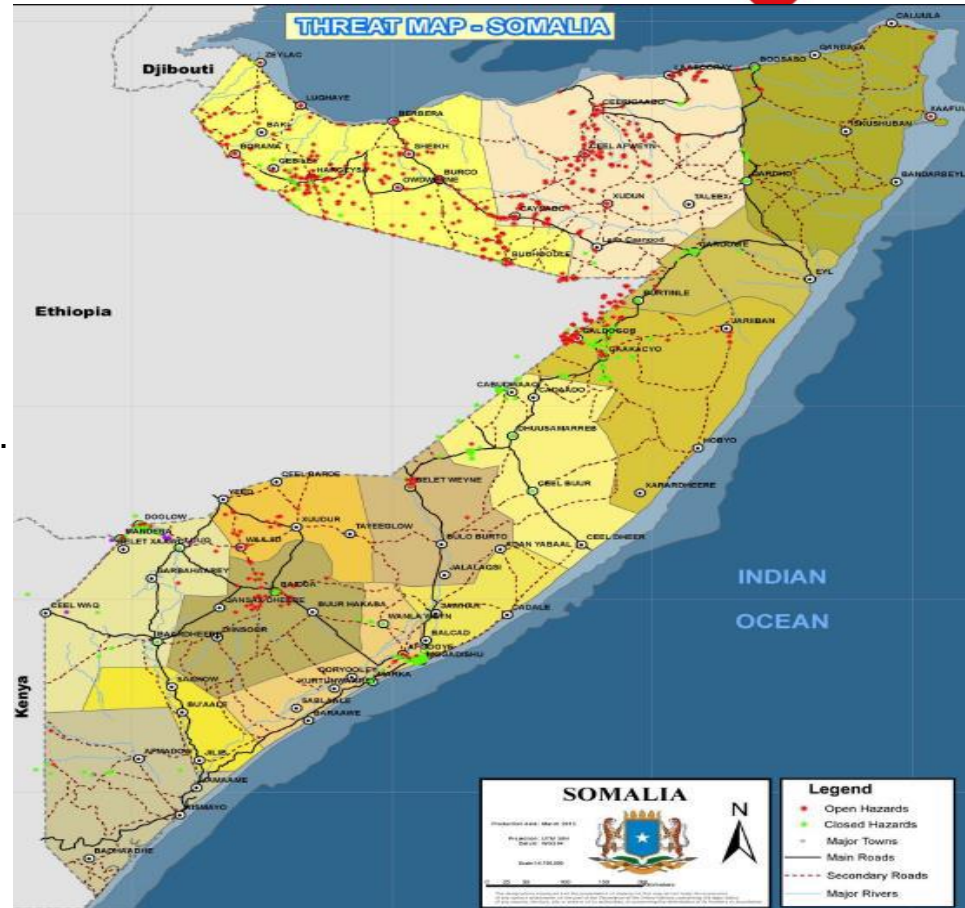


Current Operational Situation on Clearance and VA



1. Capacity Development for National Authority and Consortiums.
2. BAC activity in Guriel (Galmudug State).
3. Mine Risk Education in South-West State, Jubaland State and Banadir Region.
4. Commercial Company contracted by UNMAS-Somalia.
5. MAG was conducting MRE activities
6. UNMAS Supports SEMA HQ Office construction.

○ Note: there is no VA activities in Somalia mine action programme currently





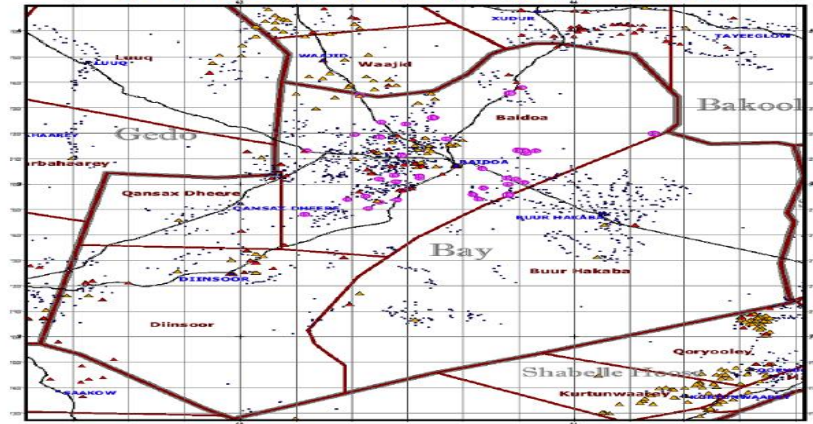
Specific Challenges faced in addressing contamination



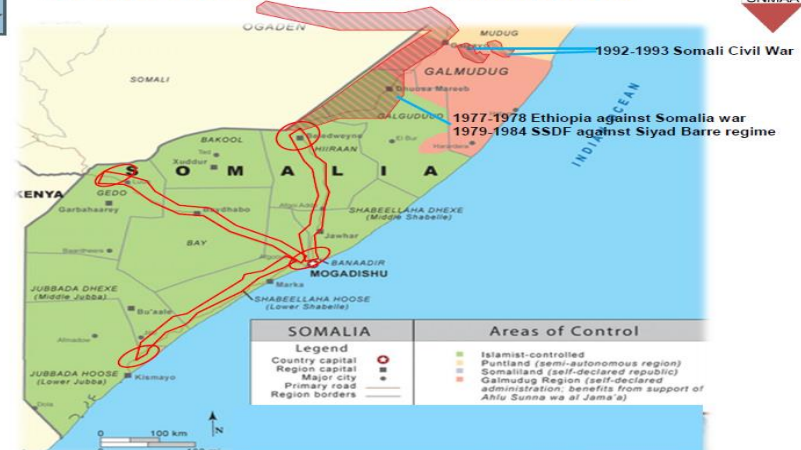
- Insufficient funding for mine action projects under all pillars.
- Lack full overview of contamination.
- Some areas inaccessible due to insecurity.
- Lack of equipment within SEMA Federal/State offices.
- Lack of staffing within SEMA State offices.
- General lack of efficient coordination between SEMA and operators.



Suspected Contaminated Villages in Bay, Bakool, Gedo and Lower Shebelle Regions



South Central - Contamination





Plan to address the remaining challenge



- Conducting National Survey on mine clearance
- Developing national implementation capacity for mine action activities
- The Somali government is committed to prioritizing national mine action operations before the international organizations have received the international donors' budget.
- Continuing the capacity of the staff of National Mine Action Authority





Needs and requirements of the programme

- Enhancement of International Cooperation and Assistance towards the Somali mine action programme.
- Effective in country mine action stakeholder's cooperation.
- Increased donor funding for the Somali mine action efforts.
- Establishment of needed staffing and procurement of equipment for SEMA Federal/State offices.
- Obtain approval of mine action legislation policy from the Parliament.

