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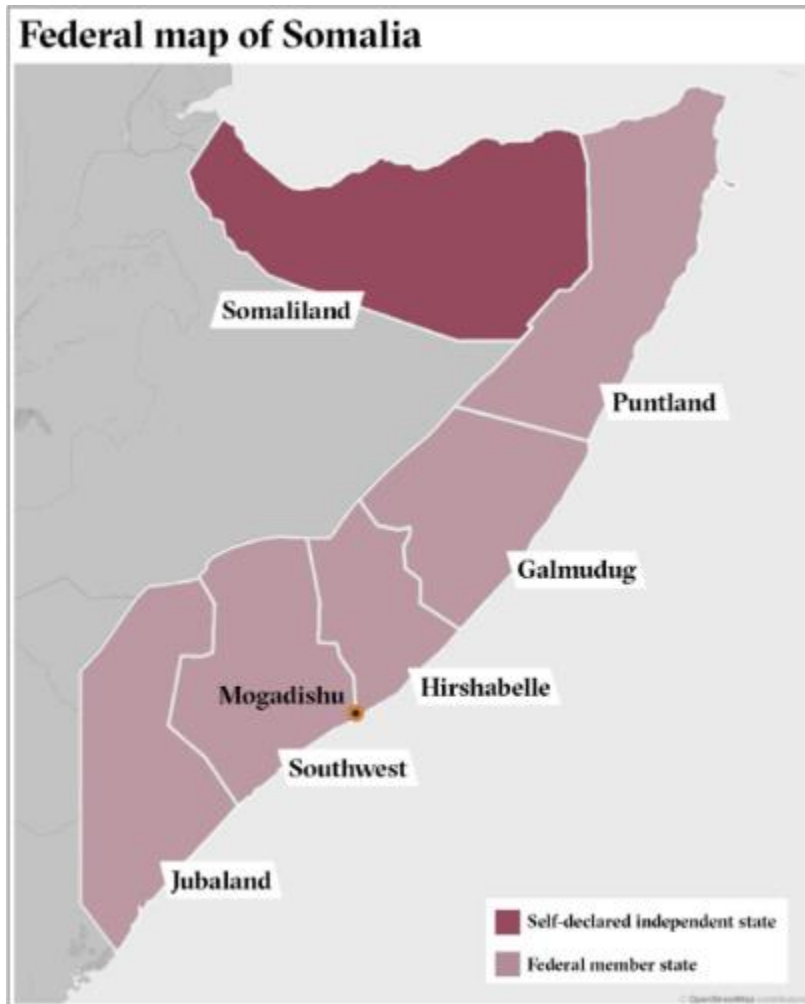
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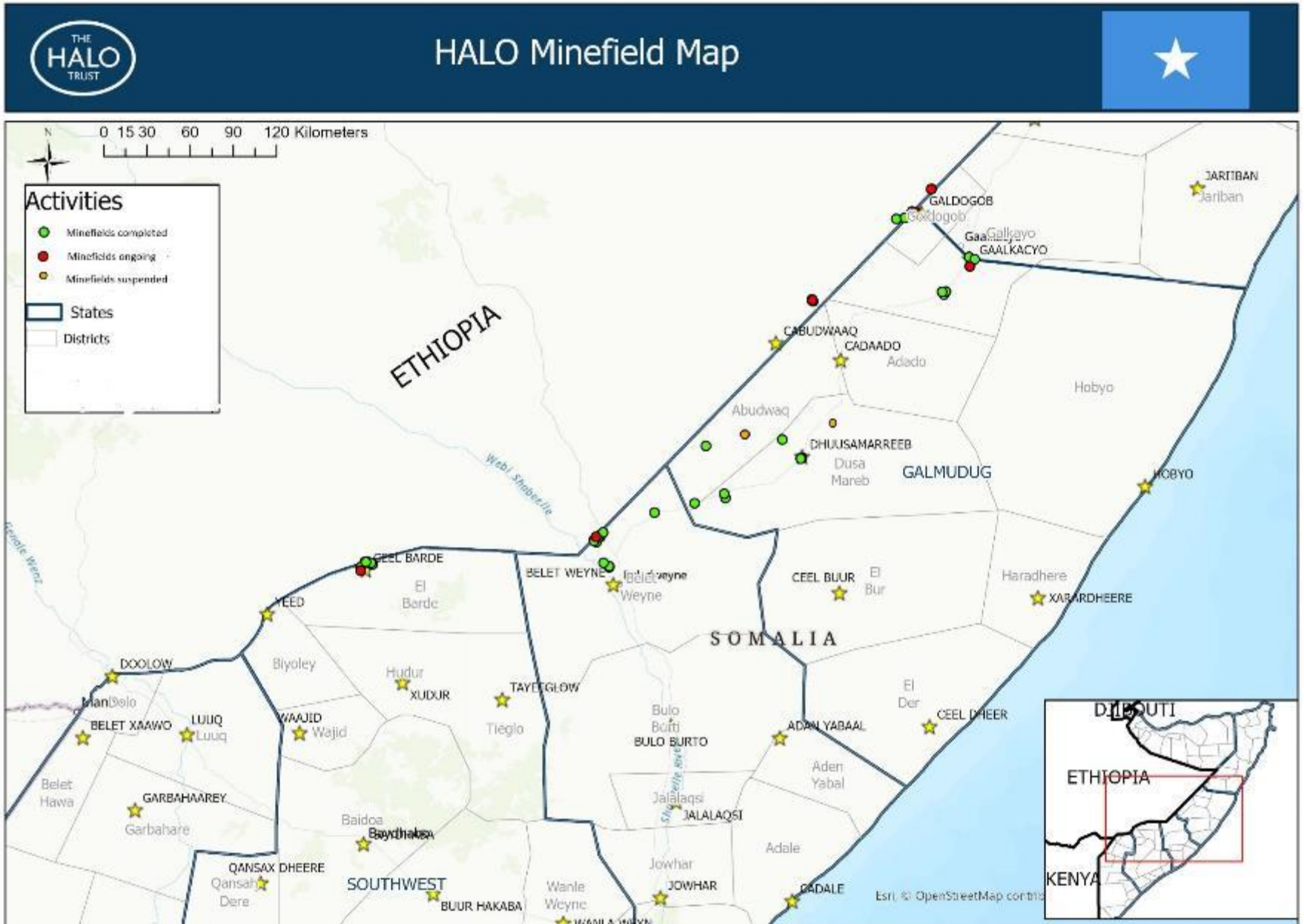
Achievements, current operations and future development of HALO's mine action programme in south-central Somalia

Area of Operations

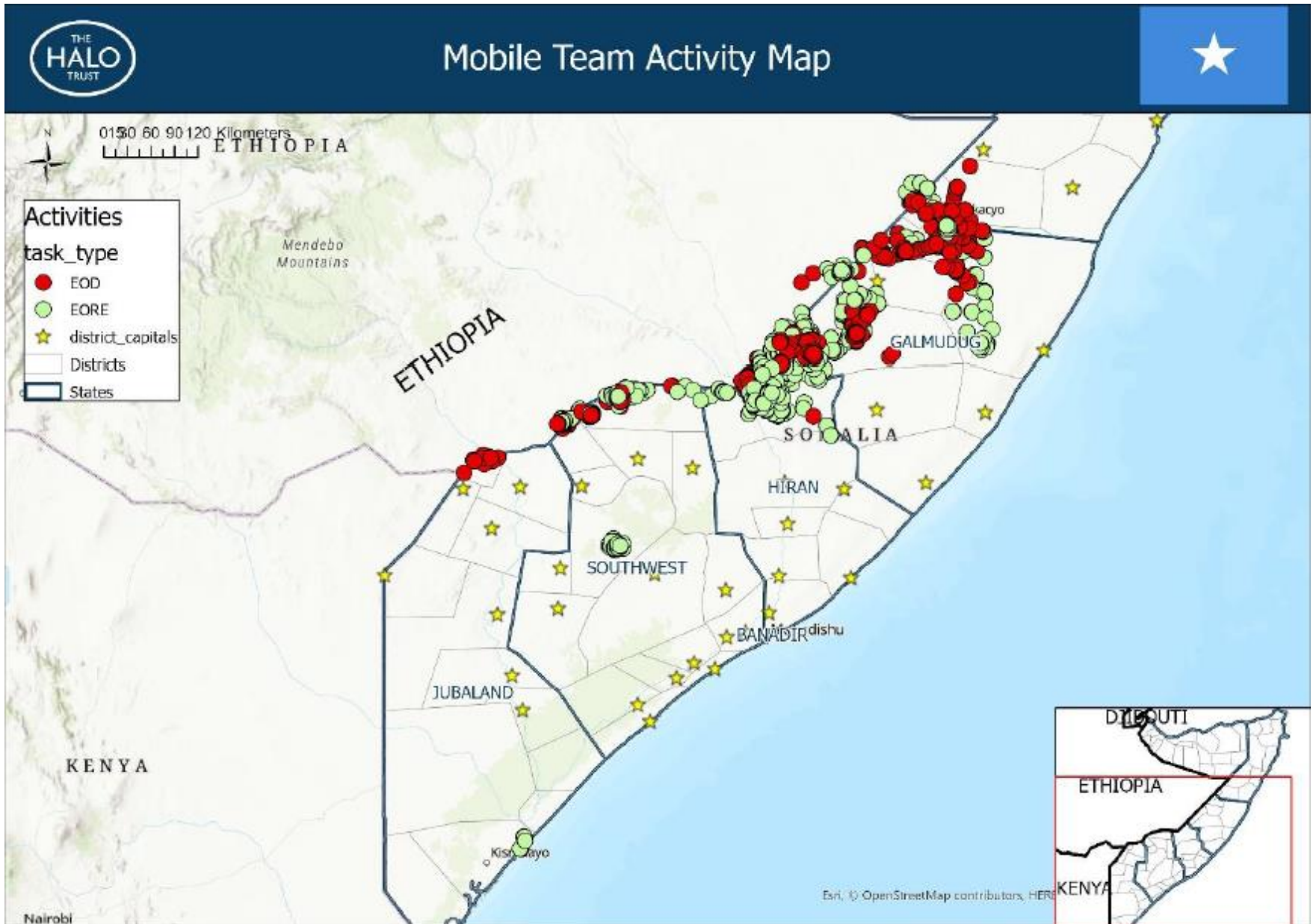


HALO Somalia has been operating in south-central Somalia since 2015. The programme currently operates across all five states (Jubaland, Southwest, Hirshabelle, Galmudug and Puntland). The HALO Trust operates an additional programme in Somaliland, which has been active since 1998. HALO has also established a programme in Ethiopia, which began operations in 2022 as part of its commitment to a regional approach in the Horn of Africa

Area of Operations (Clearance Teams)



Area of Operations (Mobile Teams)



Operational Capacity



391 staff employed by HALO (84 women (21%) and 307 men)



20 Manual Demining Teams



10 Community Outreach and Risk Education Teams



12 Weapons and Ammunition Destruction Teams



Four Non-technical Survey Teams

Operational Achievements



More than 12.4 million m² land released back to communities since 2015 (including land cleared, cancelled, reduced and through Battle Area Clearance (BAC))



More than three million m² land released through manual mine clearance activities



125 Anti-personnel (AP) mines destroyed



94 Anti-tank (AT) mines destroyed, as well as 13,423 items of Unexploded and Abandoned Ordnance (UXO/AXO)



11,263 beneficiaries of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)



Coordination with SEMA



HALO Somalia conducts capacity development activities with SEMA, at both federal and state levels. HALO supports SEMA at the federal level in Mogadishu and throughout the five Federal Member States (FMS) of Jubaland, Southwest, Hirshabelle, Galmudug and Puntland, to develop its managerial and technical capability to effectively coordinate humanitarian mine action interventions in the country.



Non-technical Survey in Galmudug



NTS teams have been deployed across Galmudug State. They are surveying existing, known tasks, confirming, cancelling or collecting new data for old tasks, and conducting community surveys, in order that they be marked as not having any previously recorded threat.



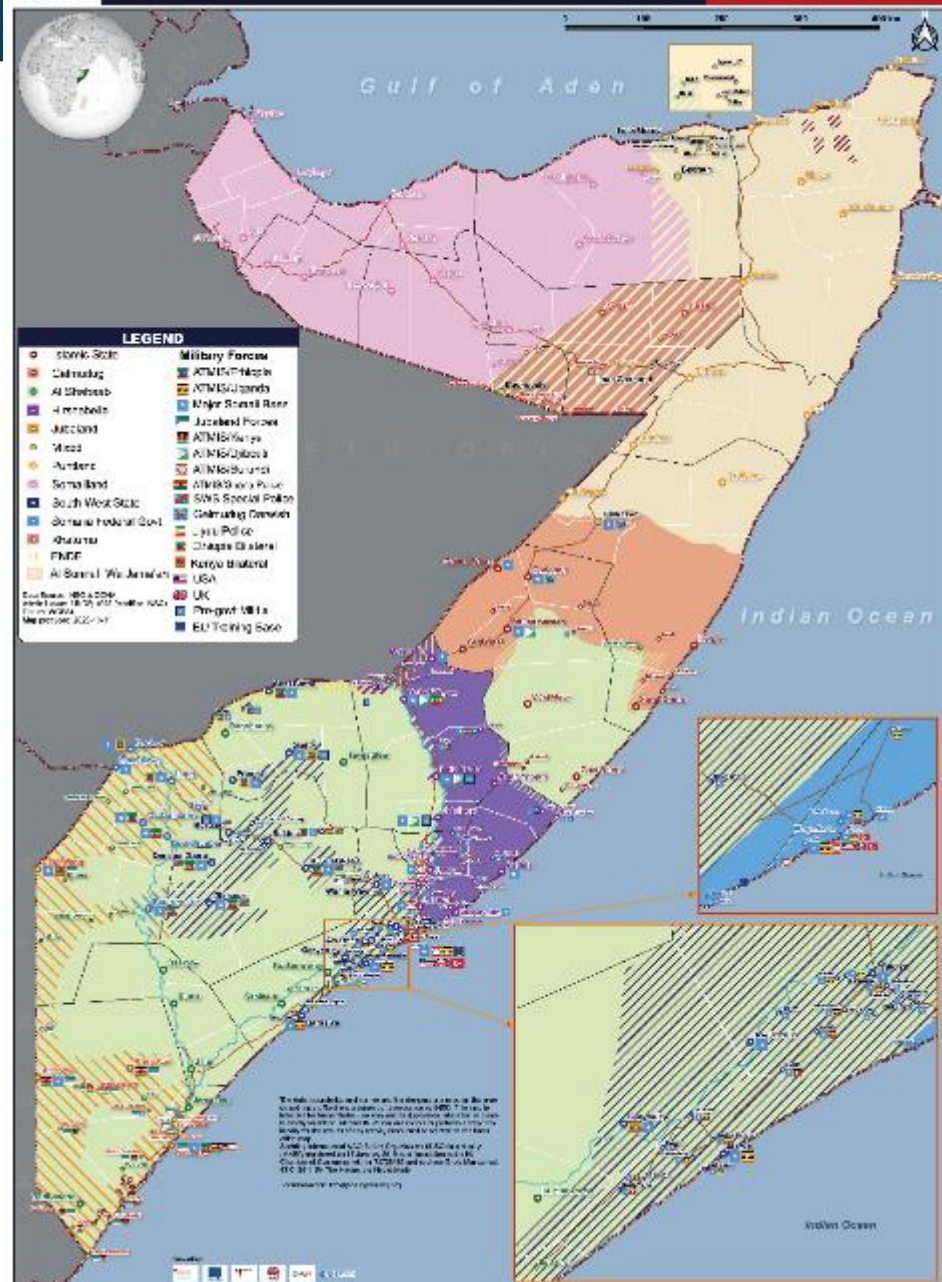
Gender and Diversity



HALO has implemented policies to improve the recruitment and retention of female staff, including generous maternity leave and a childcare stipend incentive to facilitate access to employment. Community liaison teams are made up of both male and female staff, and sessions are tailored to the needs of different groups. HALO understands the complex dynamics of clan affiliation and other competing social dynamics and works hard to address these sensitively.



Ongoing Challenges



Security: ATMIS and SNA is making progress, but there are still large areas of the country controlled by Al-Shabaab. ATMIS withdrawal 2023-24

Clan conflict and political unrest in some areas can also delay or restrict operation. Conflict and clan-sensitive considerations restrict movement of teams across clan boundaries

Climate challenges: drought, and now heavy flooding has displaced populations and can affect operations

HALO Somalia Strategic Plan (2024-2027)



An increase in staff, with continued focus on training, retention and staff wellbeing. Increased donor funding and improved security, allows a sustainable growth in operational teams



Continued community liaison work, EORE and liaison with local and national administrations and security services, fosters acceptance and improved security for HALO across Somalia



Improved security and continued support from donors allows NTS in other States, as well as EORE and manual activities. A regional approach to the Horn of Africa supports cross-border activities



Improvements to data collection and sharing, as well as capacity development with SEMA. Continued close relationship with government, communities and NMAA.





Questions?

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