



# **Ethiopia's Article 5 Extension Request**

## **2026-2030 Mine Clearance & Land Release Program**

**Third Extension Request under Anti-Personnel Mine Ban  
Convention**

# The Challenge: Contamination Overview

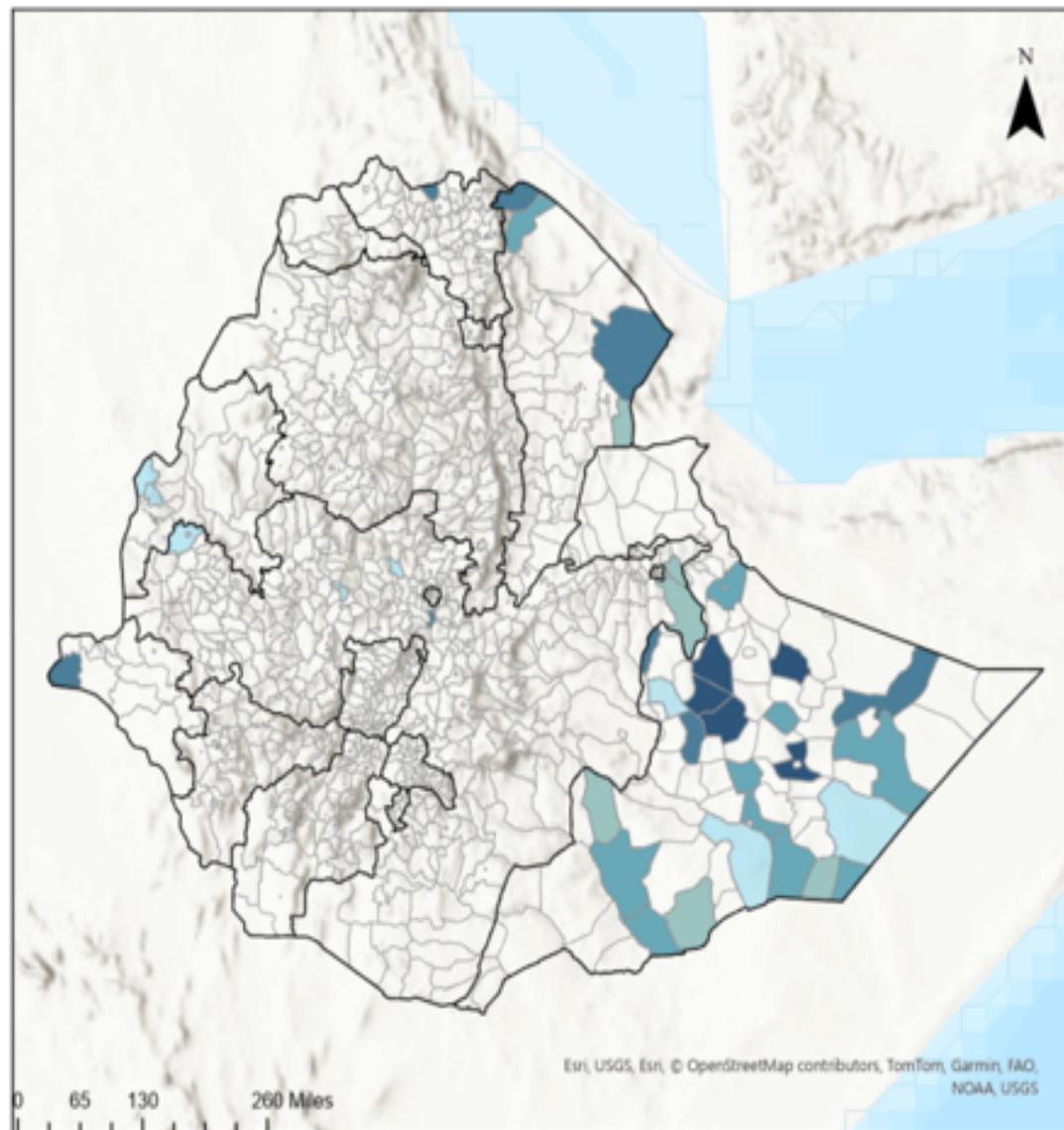
- **Current Status (November 2025):**
  - **Total Hazardous Areas: 147**
  - **Total Contaminated Area: 125 Million m<sup>2</sup>**
  - **Confirmed Areas: 27 (3.4M m<sup>2</sup>)**
  - **Suspected Areas: 120 (121.7M m<sup>2</sup>)**

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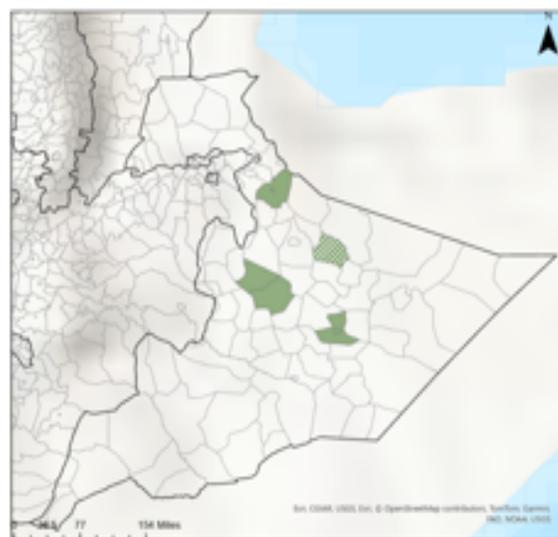
## Regional Distribution:

Region	Hazardous Areas	Contaminated Area	% of Total
Somali	95	118.8M m <sup>2</sup>	94.90%
Afar	14	3.7M m <sup>2</sup>	2.90%
Oromia	13	1.1M m <sup>2</sup>	0.90%
Tigray	3	0.7M m <sup>2</sup>	0.60%
Gambella	20	0.8M m <sup>2</sup>	0.60%
Benishangul-Gumuz	2	0.05M m <sup>2</sup>	0.04%

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024 AND 2025



- Land release operations in the Somali region enabled the releasing of over 600 million square meters of land
- In support of Mine Action operations in Northern Ethiopia and legacy minefield clearance 6 INGOs were accredited
- 16 task orders have been issued permitting 5 organizations to operate in Afar and Tigray



## Legend

-  Partially released woreda
-  Fully released woredas
-  Region
-  Woreda

# Why Extension is Needed: Impeding Circumstances

## Root Causes of Deadline Extension:

- **Conflict & Security**

- Years of prolonged conflicts
- COVID-19 pandemic disruption
- Tigray & Afar conflicts (2020-2025)
- Security-restricted access

- **Operational Challenges:**

- Insufficient funding (USD 27.8M unfunded)
- Limited trained personnel
- Inadequate contamination baseline data
- Remote minefields in difficult terrain
- Climatic constraints (rainy seasons)

# Strategy & Approach: Three- Pronged Plan

## Pillar 1: New Contamination Survey (2026-2027)

- Tigray & Afar surveys
- Establish baseline
- Deploy 7 multi-task teams
- Budget: USD 8.6M

## Pillar 2: Legacy Land Release (2026-2030)

- Focus: Somali Region
- 118.8M m<sup>2</sup> phased release
- 4 manual mine teams
- Budget: USD 17.6M

## Pillar 3: Border Clearance & EOD (2026-2030)

- Eritrea border operations
- Urgent EOD response
- Rapid deployment teams
- Budget: Included in P1&P2

# Financial Requirements & Funding

- **Total Budget:** USD 30.9 Million
  - **International Donations:** USD 27.8M (90%) – CURRENTLY UNFUNDED
  - **Ethiopian State Budget:** USD 3.1M (10%) – COMMITTED
- **Budget Profile:** USD 13.3M (2026-27 surveys) + USD 17.6M (2026-30 legacy release)

Budget Allocation		
Category	Amount (Million USD)	% of Total
Multi-Task Teams & Clearance Operations	\$20.9	68%
Survey & Spot EOD	\$3.2	10%
Equipment & Maintenance	\$3.0	9%
Capacity Building	\$1.8	6%
Victim Assistance	\$0.6	2%
Risk Education (EORE)	\$0.6	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30.9M</b>	<b>100%</b>

# LAND RELEASE PROJECT: MILESTONES



**2026**

- Deploy survey teams in Tigray & Afar
- Release 838K–1.1M m<sup>2</sup> in secondary regions
- Begin legacy land release in Somali (target: 35.7M m<sup>2</sup>)
- Reach 227,000+ beneficiaries with risk education



**2027**

- Submit Updated Work Plan (December 31, 2027)
- Complete baseline surveys in Tigray & Afar
- Advance legacy land release in Somali (cumulative: 85.1M m<sup>2</sup>)



**2028–2030**

- Final clearance
- Border clearance (where access permits)
- Achieve 100% release of all 147 areas by December 31, 2030

## LONG-TERM BENEFITS

**Reduced Civilian Casualties**

**Restored Access to Agricultural  
Lands**

**Enhanced Humanitarian Delivery**

**Freedom of Movement**

Thank You



Madam President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

**SLIDE 1: Title Slide – "Ethiopia's Article 5 Extension Request 2026-2030"**

Good morning. Ethiopia requests a five-year extension under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention to achieve a mine-free status by 31 December 2030. Since 2020, over 930 million square meters of land have been released, yet 147 hazardous areas spanning 125 million square meters persist across six regions. Today, I outline the challenges necessitating this extension and our detailed plan to complete clearance. Thank you.

**SLIDE 2: The Challenge – Contamination Overview**

As of November 2025, 147 hazardous areas totaling 125 million m<sup>2</sup> remain contaminated: 27 confirmed (accounting 3.4 million m<sup>2</sup>) and 120 suspected ( accounting for 121.7 million m<sup>2</sup>). in terms of both suspected and contaminated areas Somali Region holds 95 areas, Gambella 20, Afar 14, Oromia 13, Tigray 3, and Benishangul-Gumuz 2. This vast challenge demands a robust plan, backed by international support, to achieve completion by 2030.

**SLIDE 3: Why Extension is Needed – Impeding Circumstances**

Despite prolonged conflicts, including the recent northern conflict from 2020-2022, and COVID-19 disruptions, Ethiopia has made significant progress, releasing over 600 million m<sup>2</sup> in the Somali Region in 2024 alone. We anticipate the funding gap which is 27.8 million USD will be covered through international partnerships. While challenging terrains and rainy seasons pose hurdles, our strategic plan harnesses these conditions to ensure a mine-free Ethiopia by 2030.

**SLIDE 4: Strategy & Approach – Three-Pronged Plan**

Our strategy comprises three pillars. **Pillar 1:** New Contamination Survey (from 2026-2027). We aim to survey Tigray and Afar regions to establish a contamination baseline using 7 multi-task teams. **Pillar 2:** Legacy Land Release (goes through 2026-2030) . We target 118.8 million m<sup>2</sup> in Somali Region with 8 manual teams for safe, steady release, assisted by mechanical assets and MDDs. **Pillar 3:** Border Clearance & EOD spot task that will be done concurrently (2026-2030). We aim to clear the Eritrea border minefields and handle urgent life-saving responses. We also aim to deliver risk education for over 470,000 people, victim assistance, and national staff training throughout.

#### **SLIDE 5: Financial Requirements, Funding, Critical Risks & Mitigation**

Ethiopia's five-year mine action plan requires 30.9 million USD with distribution to land release 20.9 million USD , emergency EOD spot task 3.2 million USD , equipment 3 million USD, capacity building and EORE 1.8M USD, and victim assistance 600,000 USD. The Government commits 10% of the required amount. Key success factors include phased implementation with diplomatic coordination for security and access around boarder areas, flexible work planning to accommodate new contamination discoveries (with plans regularly being updated), and strategic capacity-building partnerships and donors funding.

#### **SLIDE 6: Expected Outcomes**

In 2026, Ethiopia deploys survey teams in Tigray and Afar, to release up to 1.1M m<sup>2</sup> and in Somali region targeting 35.7 million m<sup>2</sup>. By end-2027, the updated work plan is submitted with Tigray/Afar surveys completed and cumulatively including Somali region land release reaching 85.1 million m<sup>2</sup>. By 31 December 2030, final clearance concludes with all 147 areas released, enabling reduced civilian casualties, agricultural resumption, humanitarian access, and community mobility