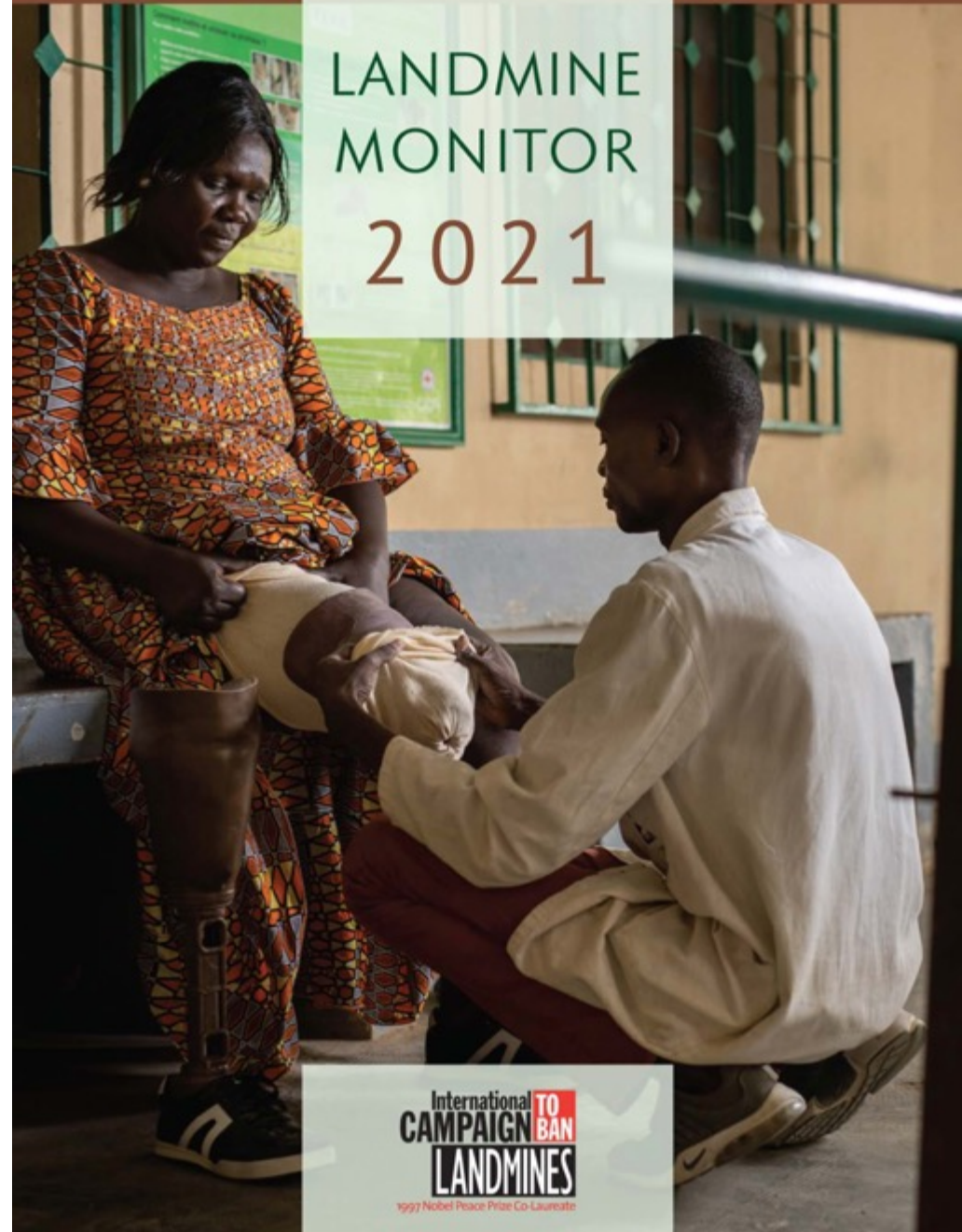


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Status & Universalization

- **164 States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty**; the Marshall Islands is the last signatory yet to ratify.
- At least **70 non-state armed groups (NSAGs)** have committed to halt using antipersonnel mines since 1997.
- **169 states voted in favor** of the annual UNGA resolution calling for universalization of the treaty:
 - 11 non-signatories voted in favor: Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Mongolia, Singapore
 - No countries voted against;
 - 17 abstained, including States Parties Palau and Zimbabwe.

▶ A landmine charge fashioned from a large pickle jar in Tal Afar, Iraq.

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Use

- From mid-2020–October 2021, **confirmed new use by the government forces of Myanmar** (state not party).
- **NSAGs use in at least six countries:** Afghanistan, Colombia, India, Myanmar, Nigeria, and Pakistan.
- As yet, **unconfirmed allegations of sporadic mine use by NSAGs in a dozen countries:** Cameroon, Egypt, Niger, Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, and Venezuela,
- Unconfirmed indications of new mine use during the **conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh** in 2020.

MAG team provides an explosive ordnance risk education session in an IDP camp, in Nigeria.

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Stockpiles and Mines Retained

- States Parties have destroyed more than **55 million stockpiled antipersonnel mines**, incl. 106,500+ in 2020.
- **Sri Lanka** completed the destruction of its landmine stockpile in 2021.
- **Greece** and **Ukraine** have missed their deadlines to complete destruction of their stockpiles, and possess a combined total of approx. 3.6 million antipersonnel mines.
- **63 States Parties** have reported that they retain a combined total of more than 135,000 antipersonnel mines for training and research purposes.

NPA deminer marking out a contaminated zone in Iraq.
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Production

- 12 states as landmine producers: China, Cuba, **India**, **Iran**, **Myanmar**, North Korea, **Pakistan**, **Russia**, Singapore, South Korea, US, and Vietnam.

[In **brown**=likely to be actively producing]

- **NSAGs produced improvised landmines** in: Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Yemen.
- Antipersonnel mines are prohibited regardless of whether they were assembled in a factory or improvised from locally-available materials.

Remains of a car near Qbuq village, in Tal Afar, Iraq. The rocks painted red indicate this is an uncleared area.

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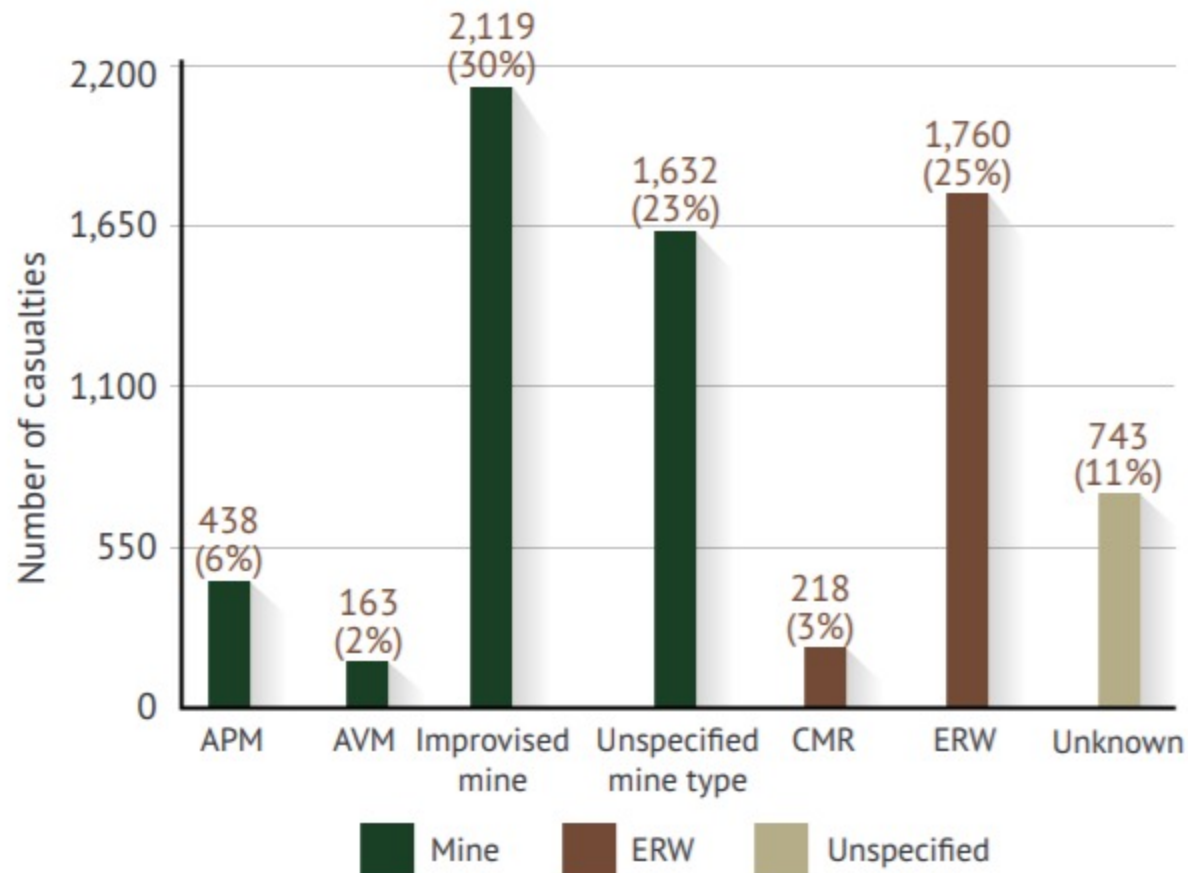
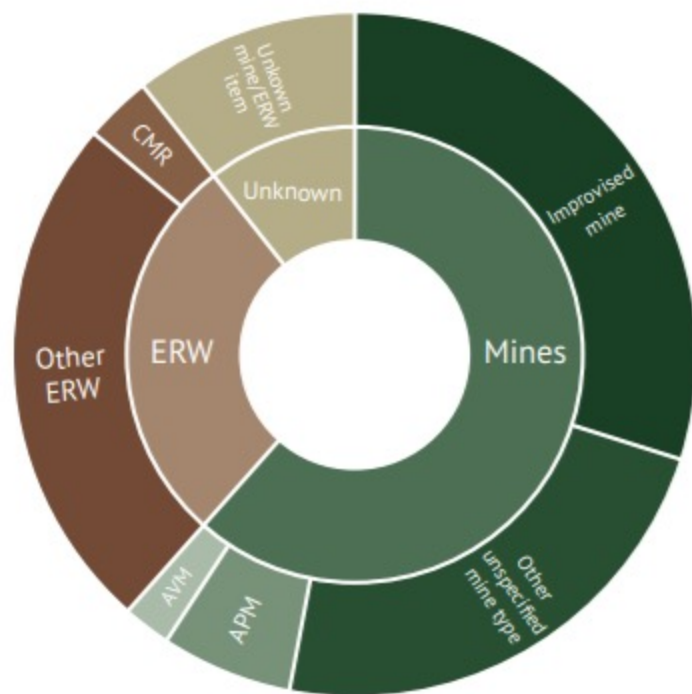
Casualties

- 2020, the **sixth year in a row** with exceptionally high numbers of recorded casualties.
- Monitor recorded at least **7,073 mine/ERW casualties** in 2020: 2,492 killed; 4,561 injured; 20 casualties unknown.
- **Civilians represented 80%** of all mine/ERW casualties where their status was known.
- **Children accounted for half** of all civilian casualties where the age was known.
- **Men and boys** represented 85% of all casualties for which the sex was known.
- **Improvised mines** caused most casualties with at least 2,119 recorded.

Beneficiary of PRODECO, EU-funded development and demining project in the mine contaminated regions of Borku and Ennedi.

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Casualties by type of mine/ERW in 2020



Note: APM=antipersonnel mines; AVM=antivehicle mines; CMR=cluster munition remnants; and ERW=explosive remnants of war.

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Contamination

- **At least 60 states/areas contaminated by mines:**
 - 33 States Parties that declared clearance obligations;
 - 22 states not party and 5 other areas.
- In addition:
 - **4 States Parties** have known or suspected residual contamination;
 - **5 States Parties** need to provide information on suspected or known contamination by improvised mines.



Deminers during a refresher training after COVID-19
standdown in South Lebanon.

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Risk Education

- **26 States Parties** reported providing risk education to affected populations in 2020.
- **None of the States Parties** that submitted a request to extend their clearance deadlines in 2021 included costed and detailed multiyear plans for risk education.
- Risk education has been **greatly impacted by pandemic** in 2020.
 - States Parties and operators adapted to the changing circumstances by implementing and expanding online methods.
- **Risk groups:**
 - Adult men = primary risk group;
 - Children = key risk group (mostly from ERW);
 - Women and girls = key role in promoting safe behavior among their families and communities.

School children in Juba, South Sudan, are educated by DCA about the risk of mines.

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Clearance

- States Parties reported clearance of at least **146km² and destruction of +135,500 antipersonnel mines in 2020** (compared to 156km² cleared and +122,000 in 2019).
- **Chile and UK** have completed clearance of all mined areas in 2020.
- Mine clearance was suspended in several countries and areas due to COVID-19 related restrictions in 2020.
- **Seven States Parties requested extensions** to their clearance deadlines in 2021:

Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia, and Turkey

Landmine clearance in Rambusi village in the shadows of mount Sinjar, Iraq.
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Progress to 2025

- 33 States Parties have declared having clearance obligations under the Mine Ban Treaty:
 - **24 States Parties have deadlines** to meet their Article 5 clearance obligations **before or no later than 2025**;
 - **Seven States Parties have deadlines after 2025**;
 - **Eritrea** has been in violation of the treaty since its Article 5 deadline expired in December 2020;
 - **Only Croatia, Oman, Palestine, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, and Zimbabwe appear to be on target** to meet their clearance deadlines.

Women receive explosive ordnance risk education lessons in an IDP camp in Maiduguri, Nigeria.

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Victim Assistance

- **34 States Parties** with significant numbers of mine victims.
- Only **14 States Parties** had **victim assistance relevant plans in place**.
- Significant gaps in access to employment, training, and other income-generation support activities.
- **Healthcare and rehabilitation activities faced increasing challenges** in accessibility, coordination of services, and supply of materials.

Patients during rehabilitation sessions inside Kandahar Rehabilitation Centre, Afghanistan

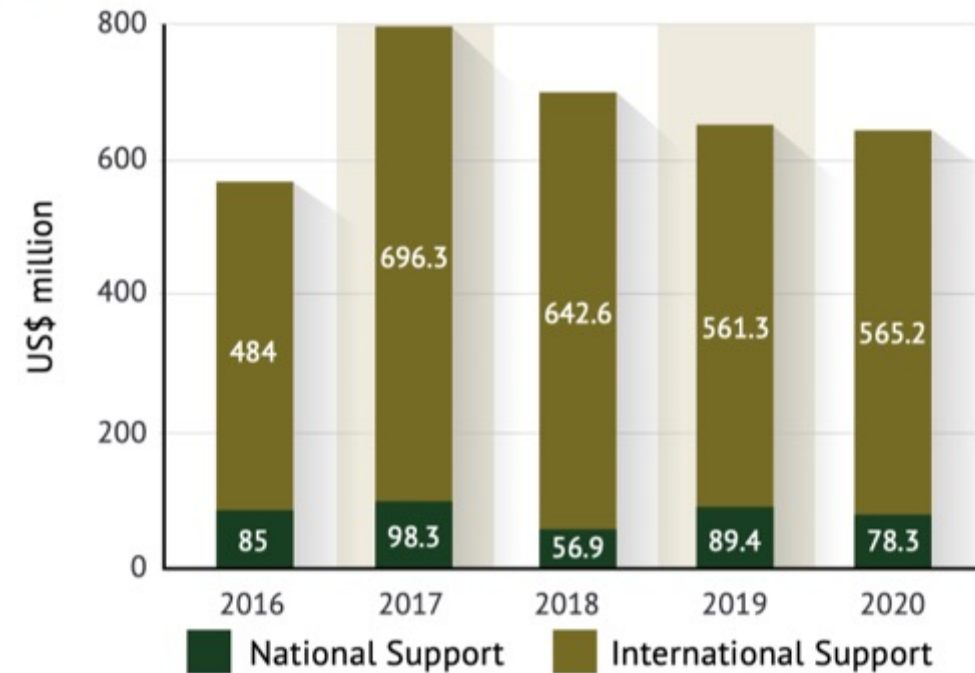
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Support for Mine Action

- Approx. **US\$643.5 million** in *global* support in 2020.
- 33 donors contributed **\$565.2 million** in *international* support – decrease of \$3.9 million from 2019.
 - Top 5 mine action donors—US, EU, Germany, Japan, Norway—contributed over \$426.1 million (77%);
 - Top 5 recipient states—Iraq, Lao PDR, Afghanistan, Colombia, Croatia—received \$252.8 million (45%).
- 14 affected states reported providing **\$78.3 million** in national support— decrease of \$11.1 million from 2019 (12%).



NPA deminer searches a contaminated agricultural field in Ha Trung Village, Vietnam.

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Mine warning sign marking a contaminated area amidst a forest
in in Zavidovici municipality, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
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