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The Term ‘‘ mine risk education’’ refers to ‘‘activities which seek to reduce the risk of injury from mines and ERW by raising awareness and promoting behavioral change, including public information dissemination, education and training, and community mine action liaison’’.

Mine Action Components:

1. Demining
2. Victim Assistance (VA)
3. Mine Risk Education (MRE)
4. Advocacy
5. Stockpile Destruction

Item one Article (2) of the first moderate law of the confession of IRCS number (86) in 2001 illustrated the following:

IRCS is a humanitarian institution and adapted the international humanitarian law (IHL) and the other agreements ratified by the governments .

Also article (6) item (3) refer to:

Each state party in position to do social provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic integration, of mine victims and for mine awareness programs. Such assistance maybe provided inter alia through United Nations systems international regional or national organizations of institutions, The International committee of the Red Cross, National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and their international federation, Non-governmental organizations or on a bilateral bases.



IRAQI RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (IRCS) is a humanitarian society which is founded in 1932.

As a national society IRCS aims to reduce the suffering of the civilians during the war and peace.

(ERWA) is one of the programs that IRCS implemented, the program aims to decrease accidents resulting from Mines and UXOs by implementing an MRE campaigns in contaminated areas to urge the civilian to adopt more secure behavior towards ERW.

ERWA program activities are implemented in (15) province in Iraq except the three northern provinces, the activities included implementation of (lectures, galleries, workshops, plays, etc), distribution of ERWA materials like (posters, folders, snake and ladder, maze and T-shirts) distributed during the implementation of the activities.



There is a partnership between IRCS and ICRC in the field of ERWA in that matter ICRC presents its technical support in the field of capacity building in addition to limited financial support to implement some activities .

1.General objective of ERWA program

the program aims to decrease accidents resulting from Mines and UXOs by implementing an MRE campaigns in contaminated areas to urge the civilian to adopt more secure behavior towards ERW.

2. HQ Activities

a. Materials

ERWA Promotions have been received from ICRC. All the materials have been distributed according to the distribution plan edited by program management were all included branches received their portions of the materials. ICRC covered all the expenses of designing , printing , and transporting . promotion materials detailed below:

Snake	Coloring book	Coloring pencils
5000	12000	12000



b. Meetings

- By the presence of IRCS secretary general , assistant secretary general of technical affairs ,and the head of ERWA dept. a coordination meeting has been held , and in addition to the participants above the deputy head of delegation , ICRC / WeC coordinator, and WeC & Coop FO also participated in the meeting , during the meeting the final report of ICRC / EOD team has been submitted to the ICRC secretary general because their mission has been ended in Iraq . There were also mutual discussions and dialogues about the future of ERWA program in Iraq and the ways to develop it .
- Series of coordination and cooperation meetings have been held with ICRC to follow up ERWA activities implementation .
- Meetings have been held with the ministry of environment / DMA for preparing MoU between IRCS and the ministry of environment .
- A meeting has been held by UNICEF in Bagdad to discuss including ERWA subject in ministry of education curriculum and to review ERWA strategy of 2013-2015 .The representatives of IRCS , the ministry of environment and the ministry of education participated in the meeting .
- Participation in the conference of preparing the strategy of ERWA 2013-2015 that organized by ministry of environment / Basra / May 2012.
- The head of ERWA department participated with representatives of other organizations in a meeting organized by ministry of environment / DMA to discuss the mines action issue in Iraq
- On 11 - 15/ 3 / 2012 The head of ERWA dept. has participated in a workshop which organized by the ministry of sport and youth in Missan as lecturer . The workshop concerned in (Mine – MRE –VA –advocacy).
- Half annual meeting for ERWA BOs has been held during June 2012 . The annual meeting of revision has been also held during November 2012.

C. Reports

ERWA program management / HQ has issued 17 reports during 2012 that concerned with ERWA program activities (12 monthly reports) and (4 quarterly reports) in addition to the annual report of 2012 . All the reports above have been sent to ICRC and the ministry of environment / DMA There were also another technical reports concerned with the training courses, workshops, meetings and field visits that ERWA officers have participated in.

d. Joint field visits with ICRC

As a part of cooperation and coordination between IRCS and ICRC a field visit to Missan Branch has been implemented to deliver MRE session paralleled with ICRC / EOD team operations.

e. Monitoring

Monitoring visit has been implemented by ERWA FO to Missan Branch.

f. External participations

- Participation in the standing committees meeting of the Anti-personnel mine ban convention that held in Geneva in May /2012 where IRCS president delivered a speech on behalf of IFRC on this occasion.

- Participation in the twelfth meeting of states parties to the convention on the prohibition of the use , stocking ,production , and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction / Geneva /December 2012 .
Dr. Yassin Ahmed Abbas IRCS president delivered a speech on behalf of the international federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent.



2. Branches Activities

a. Reports Issuing

160 monthly reports have been issued by ERWA units officers . All the reports have been unified by the program management / HQ and on that base the monthly , quarterly , and annual reports of 2012 have been issued .

b.MRE Lectures

(580) lectures have been delivered by BOs. And volunteers in different governorates .

c. Materials

ERWA materials distributed during the implementation of ERWA activities (7941posters, 20366 folders, 9892 Snake& Ladder, 5290 maze, 6571 time table, 12608 coloring book, 5914 pocket calendar and 330 T-Shirt) distributed.

d. International day of mines awareness

For the anniversary of International Day of ERW (4 April) , many celebrations achieved by Thi qar- Neneva- Babil –Najaf - Kirkuk-Karbala - Wassit- and Baghdad) branches.

e. Training courses

ERWA units officers implemented series of training courses for ERWA program volunteers , these courses have been implemented by (Wassit-Diwaniya- Baghdad- Kirkuk-Diyala - Thi qar-Missan –Najaf) .

f. Sticking and Distribution Campaigns

(102) posters sticking campaigns have been implemented by ERWA units officers in different governorates .



g. Billboards

ERWA unit officers in Wassit and Kirkuk , handed a proposal for making ,designing, and erecting billboards, where (24) billboards erected in the contaminated areas (14) in Wassit and (10) in Kirkuk.

h. Warning Signs

Ten warning signs have been erected in Wassit Branch.

i. Community Liaison

By the cooperation of the civil defence directorate, (17) clearness operations launched in Wassit Branch , ERWA units supported the civil defence by informing them about dangerous areas , initiating first aid team and implementing MRE campaigns in parallel with the clearness process.

j. Exhibitions

ERWA officers units in(Missan , Najaf , Wassit , Diwaniya , Baghdad , Mothanna , Diyala ,Anbar , Karbala ,and Neneva branches) implemented photos exhibition about ERWA .

k. Plays

Three plays (on ERW and the safe behavior when face them) implemented by ERWA units officers in (Missan, Babil, and Baghdad governorates).

l. Scout camps

Four scout camps have been implemented on ERWA, (2) in Baghdad , (1) in Wassit ,and (1) in Al-Mothanna .

m. ERWA victims registration program

IRCS participated actively in the success of ERW victims registration program that implemented by ministry of environment / DMA in Wassit and Thiqr Branches .



n. IRCS/DMA Campaigns

Many ERWA campaigns have been implemented by ERWA unit officers in the governorates in cooperation with ministry of environment/ DMA.

o. Participation with Other Departments

ERWA units in the branches participated in implementing (203) activities with other departments.

p. Other activities

Sport activities, printing T-Shirts , wall charts , Symposium , and Radio program .





Statistic of ERWA activities , distributed materials and beneficiaries / 2012

NO	Branch	The Activity		Other activities	Distributed Materials							Beneficiaries.		
		Lecture	Sticking & distribution		Poster	Folder	Snake	Maze	Time table	Coloring book	Pocket calendar	T-Shirt	Male	Female
1.	Thiqr	54	2	✚	412	2669	389	45	0	1128	0	0	2350	674
2.	Missan	38	7		507	782	1000	221	1108	1201	1800	30	2724	1490
3.	Babil	39	0		294	1150	657	79	280	1209	355	0	2190	1331
4.	Najaf	28	8		681	728	210	30	0	315	0	0	1030	478
5.	Wassit	36	30		944	3342	1943	0	1419	1659	853	0	4085	2035
6.	Diwaniya	72	2		530	746	533	483	207	886	112	300	2091	856
7.	Baghdad	50	0		1042	2117	982	2778	1526	980	0	0	1197	920
8.	Mothanna	25	0		135	648	640	400	20	1073	0	0	1723	1173
9.	Kirkuk	73	2		903	1945	406	0	0	458	0	0	1815	1408
10.	Diyala	41	11		777	1460	413	404	330	756	70	0	1299	1148
11.	Neneva	40	16		1008	2260	1060	90	795	800	970	0	3755	2270
12.	Basra	23	15		182	1843	735	405	475	1075	1233	0	1351	1144
13.	Anbar	35	5		352	391	924	355	120	682	57	0	980	435
14.	Karbala	26	4		174	285	0	0	291	386	464	0	421	398
Total		580	102	203	7941	20366	9892	5290	6571	12608	5914	330	27011	15760

✚ **Other activities** : Participation with other Departments + Plays + Scout camps + Exhibition + Celebration International day of mines awareness + Erecting warning signs and billboards + Training courses + MRE campaigns + Sport activities + Workshops + Wall charts + Symposium + Radio program + Community liaison + cleanness operations

Targeted Groups / 2012

No	Branch	Children (6-12) years		Youth (13-18) years		Adults(over 18 years)	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Female
1	Thiqr	1398	491	100	65	852	118
2	Missan	1378	1320	1002	135	364	15
3	Babil	1283	815	315	228	572	308
4	Najaf	401	234	185	100	444	144
5	Wassit	1462	995	1214	490	1409	550
6	Diwaniya	1180	334	579	353	332	169
7	Basra	50	101	566	756	735	287
8	Baghdad	585	397	207	259	405	264
9	Mothanna	1008	878	395	215	320	80
10	Kirkuk	395	568	471	278	806	705
11	Diyala	358	388	391	339	550	421
12	Neneva	1065	805	1035	920	1655	545
13	Anbar	677	327	217	63	86	45
14	Karbala	222	249	27	55	172	94
Total		11462	7902	6704	4256	8702	3745
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The technical percentage of achievement in HQ and Branches according to the Annual Plan /2012

No	Branch	Technical ratio
1	HQ	100%
2	Baghdad	100%
3	Mothanna	100%
4	Missan	100%
5	Diwanniya	100%
6	Najaf	100%
7	Babil	100%
8	Thiqar	83.8%
9	Karbala	80%
10	Wassit	75%
11	Neneva	66.6%
12	Basra	62.5%
13	Diyala	50%
14	Kirkuk	50%
15	Anbar	50%
Total		81.2%

3. The reasons behind the low rates of technical achievement in some branches

a. Diyala branch

the delay of the completion of the request of some advances from HQ.

b. Neneva branch

- The rejection of one of the activities that included in the annual plan of 2012 by HQ.
- The cancelation of one of the activities (play) because the play casts apologized for non – implementation of the play (MRE play) in the last minute .

c . Anbar branch

ERWA unit officer in the branch resigned.

d. Kirkuk branch

Some activities did not implement because of the security situation in the governorate .

e. Basra branch

ERWA unit officer in the branch resigned.



4. Comparison between the total activities of 2011 and the total activities of 2012

Lectures		Distributed promotions		Other activities		Beneficiaries.	
443	2011	47859	2011	189	2011	32534	2011
580	2012	68912	2012	203	2012	42711	2012

- Increase the implementation of lectures .
- Increase MRE materials (distributed materials) .
- Increase in the number of beneficiaries .
- Increase other activities implementation .

6. SWOT

a. Strength

- In general, ERWA program is accepted by different categories as ERW are considered as a real threat that faces the population communities.
- Wide network staff, BOs and AVs.
- Obvious coordination with civil defence and ministry of environment/ DMA.
- Obvious coordination with the other departments/IRCS.

b. Weakness

- Some ERWA officers has resigned in some branches (Basra , Diwaniya ,and Anbar) and by the end of 2012 new BOs have been appointed in the branches of (Basra and Anbar) and we are in the process to occupy the vacant position in Diwaniya.
- lack of the needed equipments for some of the BOs is observed (Cameras and Computers).
- Need for professional training courses.

c. Opportunities

- To become a leading agency in MRE issue.
- Improve cooperation with other relevant Organizations NGOs and GOs.

d. Threats

- Deterioration in security situation in some places in some governorates (limited).

7. Future plans

- Planning to include VA issue in the IRCS activities
- Focusing on the contaminated areas during the MRE activities .
- Organizing a specific training courses.
- The coordination with the directorate of mine action (DMA) as it is the official authority in the mine action field.
- Keep on coordinating with the Civil Defence Directorate.

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