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Occupied Palestinian Territory

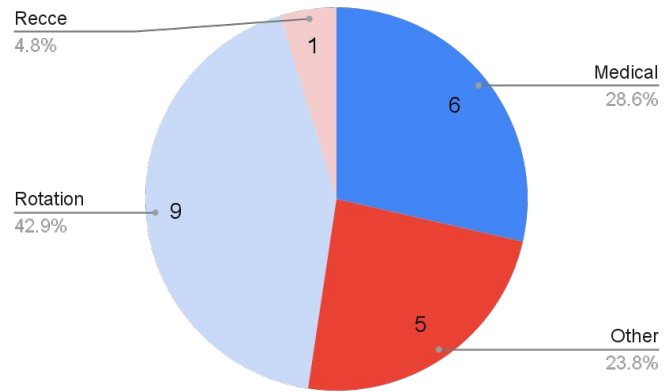
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Type of convoys and missions served

Requesting Agency	# of Convoys
OCHA	13
WHO	3
UNDSS	2
UNOPS	1
Total	19

In April, the security situation deteriorated. This meant that UNMAS presence was requested on all interagency missions, as a key risk mitigation measure for humanitarians.



Seven missions included assessments to evaluate the EO threat at key infrastructure. UNMAS assessed four shelters, two hospitals and one road, enabling people to access the lifesaving support they need.

EORE Facilitator Training



UNMAS trained humanitarian partner personnel in risk education delivery, thereby streamlining lifesaving messaging into wider humanitarian services, and reaching more civilians.

Casualties reported in April (WHO)

Killed	2,019
Injured	3,508
Total	5,527

of EO per Governorates



Reported Confirmed EOs

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Response in 2025 to date

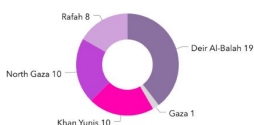
During the January-March ceasefire, EHA requests surged. However, these were halted with the re-escalation of hostilities in March. The threat caused by this re-escalation meant that UNMAS presence was needed on all interagency missions, shifting the focus of operations.

Threat since 7 Oct 2023

Reported Confirmed EOs

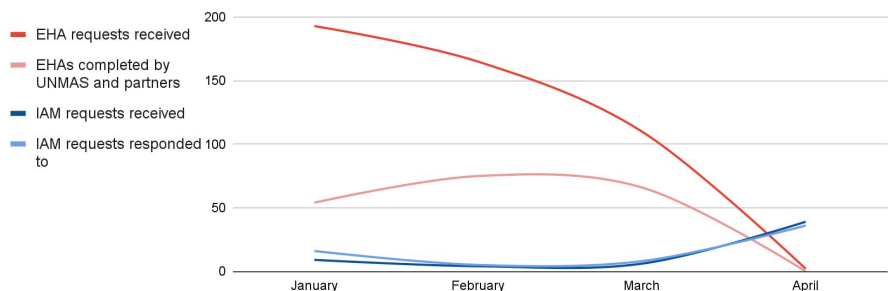
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of EO per Governorates



EO victims since Oct 2023

Killed	26
Injured	171
Total	197



Operational response in 2025



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In Focus:

UN convoys and missions do not move in Gaza during this time without UNMAS presence. Via the interagency missions in April, UNMAS enabled OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNDSS, UNICEF and UNOPS activities. Some highlights include:

- Facilitating the evacuation of a three-generation family of 25 from an area of high kinetic activity in Rafah. The family included 17 children and two injured people, who were able to get the medical response they needed and be sheltered in temporary camps
- Enabling the RC/HC to visit sites including hospitals and camps throughout Gaza
- Supporting all UN rotations, enabling humanitarian personnel to enter and leave Gaza safely

UNMAS also maintained a presence in Gaza city for **29 days** in April as part of the Mission Support Team. This provided rapid response EOD support to humanitarian organizations operating throughout northern Gaza.



UNMAS supports the evacuation of a family in Rafah, April 2025.



UNMAS reces a site to relocate fuel in response to an evacuation notice. Rafah, April 2025



EORE:

While in-person EORE activities were suspended in April, UNMAS implementing partner, Palestinian Organization for Development, developed and implemented a social media campaign sharing key messaging about the EO threat to civilians in Gaza. Despite a challenging operational environment, UNMAS partners found ways to continue delivering lifesaving information to conflict-affected people.

Through collaboration with partners and donors, UNMAS remains committed to safeguarding civilian lives and securing a safer future for communities in OPT. **UNMAS OPT** appeals to donors to continue supporting our work in providing a mine action response in Gaza and the West Bank. Invitations to provide further information about UNMAS requirements are welcome.



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