

# Country Wide Plan to Address UXO Concerns

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**Amman, Jordan** NATO is sponsoring a project to address UXO concerns across the country of Jordan. The first phase of the project (planning and logistics) began last month. Jordan's UXO problem dates back to 1970 when a civil war broke out in the country. UXO is suspected to be scattered throughout the country but authorities believe the bulk of suspected UXO is concentrated in the north around Ajloun and North Shuneh in the Jordan Valley.

Over the past three years alone, 28 injuries and 12 deaths linked to UXO have been reported. The majority of the injuries and deaths were linked to scrap metal recycling incidents where citizens were illegally removing scrap metal from ranges for recycling purposes. Other incidents involved civilians supposedly unknowingly entering into military ranges during active maneuver activities.

Actual UXO removal work will not begin until approximately a year and half from now during subsequent phases of the project.