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#### SPOTLIGHT

##### Iraq and Syria

The explosive contamination left behind by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria continues to pose a significant threat to regional security and post-conflict recovery. What obstacles are organizations facing in Iraq and Syria, and what lessons learned can we pass on to the rest of the community? Are there measures we can take to ensure the humanitarian response maximizes the safety of those returning home? What kind of scenarios have humanitarian actors encountered and what questions do they raise for how we conduct future operations? Specific topics include technical and non-technical survey, targeted clearance, risk education, land release and risk management, training and equipping operators for C-IED efforts, and capacity building.

#### FEATURE

##### Incorporating IED Disposal into HMA

Modern conflicts and evolving warfare continue to widen the scope of HMA. What is the process for HMA organizations seeking to include improvised explosive devices (IED) into their areas of expertise?

As separate groups define IEDs differently, what steps can we take to ensure effective inter-organizational communication? This is increasingly important given the need for accurate risk assessment. How do we differentiate landmines from IEDs? How the weapons' means of construction, emplacement, and initiation factor into their definition? Does this matter for effective risk education? Regarding operations, do definitional differences impact risk assessment? How do HMA organizations factor this into training and equipping their operators? What materials and techniques have been successful in terms of educating the local populations? How do organizations navigate the risk of being perceived as taking sides in conflicts, and what lessons learned can we share with the broader community?

#### SPECIAL REPORT

##### Safe and Secure Management of Ammunition

Unplanned explosions at munitions sites worldwide, as well as the ongoing illicit proliferation of ammunition due to poor physical security stockpile management (PSSM) practices at arms depots, highlight the need for increased international cooperation to combat these threats. Is more widespread application of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) the solution? What can be done to make the IATG more user-friendly and applicable for States with limited resources and training? And how can organizations that conduct safe and secure management of ammunition translate their experience into lessons learned that serve the broader community?

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Risk education to children in northern Syria, 2015.  
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