

Quick Facts: Landmines and Africa, Kenya, Sudan

Information on landmines and sub-Saharan Africa for journalists at the Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

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Landmines and Africa

- **47 out of the 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa have joined the Mine Ban Treaty.**
- **Ethiopia** is a signatory to the Treaty and still needs to complete its ratification process in order to become a member state. **Somalia** has not yet come on board.
- There are **23 mine- and unexploded ordnance (UXO)- affected countries in the region**, plus Somaliland; and Angola is one of the world's most mine-polluted countries.
- **Great progress** is being made in clearing minefields in some countries e.g. Mozambique and Yemen.
- However, there are **enormous challenges in other countries, particularly where landmines are still being laid** e.g. in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda where non-state actors have planted mines in recent years.
- Last year **21 countries reported mine injuries or deaths due to landmines and UXO**. In some countries, the number of landmine victims went down last year, e.g. in Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Senegal but in others the number increased, e.g. in Burundi and Sudan.
- In any case the **overall number of landmine survivors continues to increase**. Ethiopia, for example, has identified an overall figure of 7,275 survivors.
- **Many survivors struggle to gain assistance**, including to basic emergency treatment as well as programmes for their socio-economic reintegration e.g. in Angola less than 30% of the population has access to healthcare and there are few facilities for mine survivors.
- Go to the Landmine Monitor Website to see the Report 2004 [Executive Summary](#) and [full report](#).

Kenya

- Kenya is a **member of the Mine Ban Treaty**.
- It is **not mine-affected**, no longer stockpiles antipersonnel mines and never produced or exported the weapon. It does have a significant UXO problem, however.
- The government agreed to host **the Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World** as a show of solidarity with mine-affected neighbours on the continent.
- Landmine victims are treated, including at an International Committee of the Red Cross hospital near the border with Sudan.

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Sudan

- Sudan is **heavily mine-affected**, following extensive landmine use throughout the 20-year civil conflict and alleged ongoing use by government forces and rebel groups.
- There have been **no reports of use in the current crisis in Darfur**, though the situation there seriously threatens the peace process, including agreement not to use landmines.
- Sudan became a **Mine Ban Treaty member state** in 2004.
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