

mine action program in Abkhazia, including survey and mine marking activities. Canada's contribution supports ongoing survey work, the operation and deployment of two mine marking teams and the continued operation of the specialist explosive ordnance disposal section.

In **Yugoslavia**, Canada contributed funds, through the Danube Commission, for the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance in an effort to reopen the Danube waterway.

Canada played an important role in the UN-coordinated Mine Action Program in Kosovo, widely recognized as a resounding success. In the process, nearly 45,000 mines and unexploded ordnance were destroyed and over 30 million square metres of land were effectively cleared.

In **Macedonia**, Canada contributed funds for the provision of protective equipment and related training in an effort to expand mine clearance operations. Canada also provided funds for the purchase of mine detectors to support mine clearance operations in **Belarus**.



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"Each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control" - Ottawa Convention, Article 5.1

Mine Risk Education

Canada supports mine risk education programs that help people living in affected areas modify dangerous behaviour that could lead to mine accidents. These programs engage people in learning about the dangers of mines, using educational techniques appropriate to culture, age, literacy levels and other factors. Mine awareness programs also help to identify where mines are laid, aiding mine clearance efforts.

In **Georgia**, Canada supported the operation of three mine awareness teams in addition to the production and broad distribution of school supplies bearing mine awareness messages through HALO Trust.