What can I do to help?

Government and NGO representatives working on the landmines issue hear one question from Canadians more often than any other – What can I do to help? Mines Action Canada (MAC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) think they have an answer. Working together, MAC and DFAIT have established a fund to accept donations from Canadians who want to support Canadian Mine Action programs. Announced by Minister Axworthy on September 21, the Canadian Landmine Action Fund is jointly managed by MAC and DFAIT. Donations directly support the delivery of Canadian Mine Action programs in the field such as mine clearance and mine victim assistance. All donations are tax deductible.

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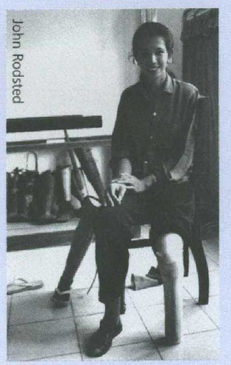
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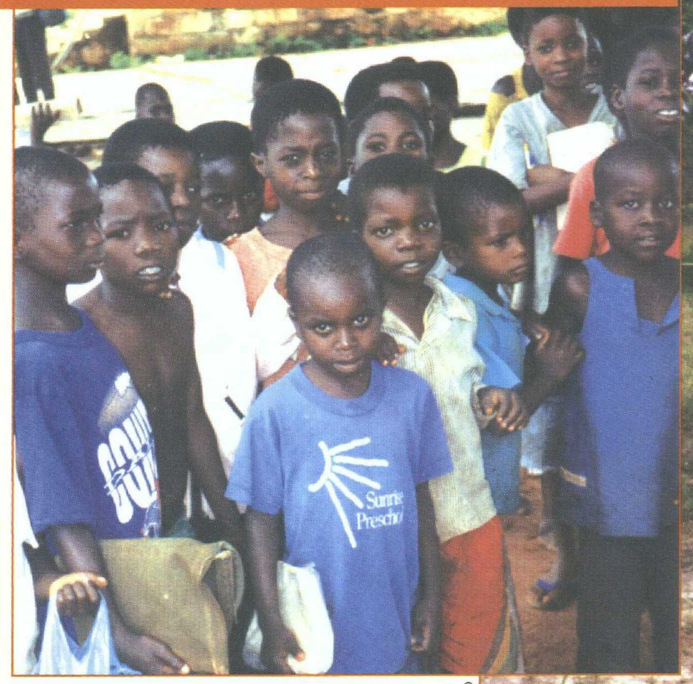
Canadian workers support mine action in Mozambique

In 1998, the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) committed $1.25 million to mine action in Mozambique through its Social Justice Fund, a fund financed through the collective bargaining process. With matching funds from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), a relationship between the CAW, CIDA and Cooperation Canada Mozambique (COCAMO) was formed to concentrate on mine action in one of the nations hardest hit by this international plague.

As of spring, 1999, the core projects within CAW's continued involvement in mine action in Mozambique include: proximity de-mining, survivor assistance, mine awareness, and advocacy through partnerships with NGOs. There has been significant progress in a number of these areas.

Proximity demining in Inhambane Province is on-going in collaboration with Handicap International (HI), and forms the largest component of the CAW's efforts in Mozambique. The innovative demining model used by HI stresses community involvement and participation.

Survivor assistance is also an integral part of what the CAW is attempting to achieve in Mozambique. Survivors need support on a variety of levels, not the least of which is provision of prostheses.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In collaboration with HI and the Mozambique Ministry of Social Welfare, COCAMO is supporting work being done in Nampula and Inhambane provinces with transit centres that provide prostheses and on-going support for survivors. Centres have been renovated to provide improved care; and transportation to and from the centres is available to survivors so they can access services. The Nampula Orthopaedic Centre has an improved exercise area and storage facility.

At the community level, COCAMO's network of local NGOs is working on a number of exciting initiatives, including mine awareness in Nampula, where a project using video and educational toys is bringing landmine awareness to community members, especially children.

As with all demining activities, post-clearance development is a major concern: once mines have been removed, communities require assistance to re-habilitate their living conditions. A study conducted in three communities in Nampula province helped to determine what they need in the aftermath of mine removal. The findings included construction of wells, school rehabilitation and small scale development projects to assist residents with a return to normalcy.

Although there is an enormous amount still to be done, the CAW, in partnership with COCAMO and CIDA, has made huge strides in the global effort to ban landmines – and to assist in the restoration of communities that have suffered from their proliferation.

— *Mike O'Connor, COCAMO*

Above left: Mozambican children waiting for mine awareness workshop

Above right: A deminer in Imhambane province displays his tools.