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Laos

CIDA contributed \$150,000 to the UNDP Trust Fund for UXO Lao to help promote the Ottawa Convention in Laos and assist with landmine and UXO clearance. This brings Canada's total two-year contribution to \$355,000. The funding was used to develop national capacity to manage a mine action program, to reduce the number of civilian UXO casualties and to increase the amount of land available for food production and other development activities.



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Moldova

Moldova, which ratified the Convention in mid-2000, received a contribution of \$120,000 from Canada through CIDA's Multilateral Institutions Program. Ten mine clearance personal protection suits and helmets manufactured by Med-Eng Systems of Ottawa were given to the Republic of Moldova's army engineers. Representatives of DND and Med-Eng travelled to Moldova to provide training on the use of the suits and their impact on mine clearance drills.

Mozambique

Canada has committed \$10 million to support mine action in Mozambique over a five year period. Canadian assistance will provide the country with a sound basis for planning national demining and setting priorities for economic recovery, and will assist victims and promote mine awareness.

In fiscal year 1999, approximately \$1.7 million was disbursed to support surveys, mapping and database development, including:

- Conducting a national Level One Socio-Economic Impact Survey: This initiative began in March 1998, with the Canadian International Demining Corps serving as the implementing agency. Progress in fiscal year 1999 included commencing field surveying, improving the quality of minefield surveying and reporting, and training surveyors in the use of global positioning system (GPS) equipment.
- Producing maps to facilitate mine action: The integration of geographic information system (GIS) hardware and software has allowed minefield locations to be presented in more sophisticated map formats.

Canadian Forces Master Warrant Officer Luc Lorrain demonstrates GPS survey equipment in the field in Mozambique.