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Scouts of Colombia participate in role playing and games that teach about the effects of landmine use.

Canada also provided approximately \$60,000 through DFAIT's Research and Policy Development Program to CIETcanada for the evaluation of mine awareness programming in Angola. The evaluation focussed on children's knowledge about landmines and risk-taking behaviour around mines.

Conducted in Huila and Uige provinces, the evaluation found that mine awareness materials and messages transmitted information about the danger of mines and standard mine markings and signs, but did not encourage 'mine smart' behaviour among children. It also found that educational

materials were often difficult to understand for anyone without formal education and recommended ways that awareness programs could be fine-tuned to suit the needs of children and decrease risk. As a result, UNICEF Angola is reviewing its approach to mine awareness education strategies.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

CIDA has made a \$580,000, four-year commitment to a World Bank implemented mine awareness project in Bosnia and Herzegovina from sources other than the Canadian Landmine Fund. This funding has supported the delivery of 560 mine awareness education sessions, and the distribution of mine awareness posters and handbooks in 118 municipalities.

Colombia

DFAIT's Mine Ban Initiatives Program disbursed \$100,000 to UNICEF Colombia for a mine awareness program implemented in cooperation with the Scouts of Colombia, the Kiwanis Foundation and the Colombian Red Cross. Using role playing and games, the program raised awareness among children and youth about the dramatic effects of the use of landmines.

Mozambique

When unprecedented flooding ravaged Mozambique in early 2000, Canada responded with a contribution of \$500,000 in emergency mine action assistance. Part of this contribution was designed to support mine awareness activities to prevent an increase in the number of landmine accidents when displaced populations returned to their communities after the flooding.

As part of a multi-year, \$1.25 million commitment, Canada disbursed \$333,000 in fiscal year 1999 to an innovative project in Mozambique. With the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) matching Canada's contribution, the Canadian NGO Cooperation Canada-Mozambique has been able to carry out an integrated mine action program that includes a mine awareness component.