

- In Afghanistan, the casualty rate in 1999 was less than half the 1993 rate.
- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, there has been a steady decline in the number of new mine victims, from a high of 625 in 1996 to 94 in 1999.
- In Cambodia, there were one-third as many new mine victims in 1999 as there were in 1996.
- In Mozambique, 60 new casualties were recorded in 1999 – down from 133 in 1998.
- In Croatia, 50 new landmine victims were recorded in 1999, a reduction of 36% compared to 1998.

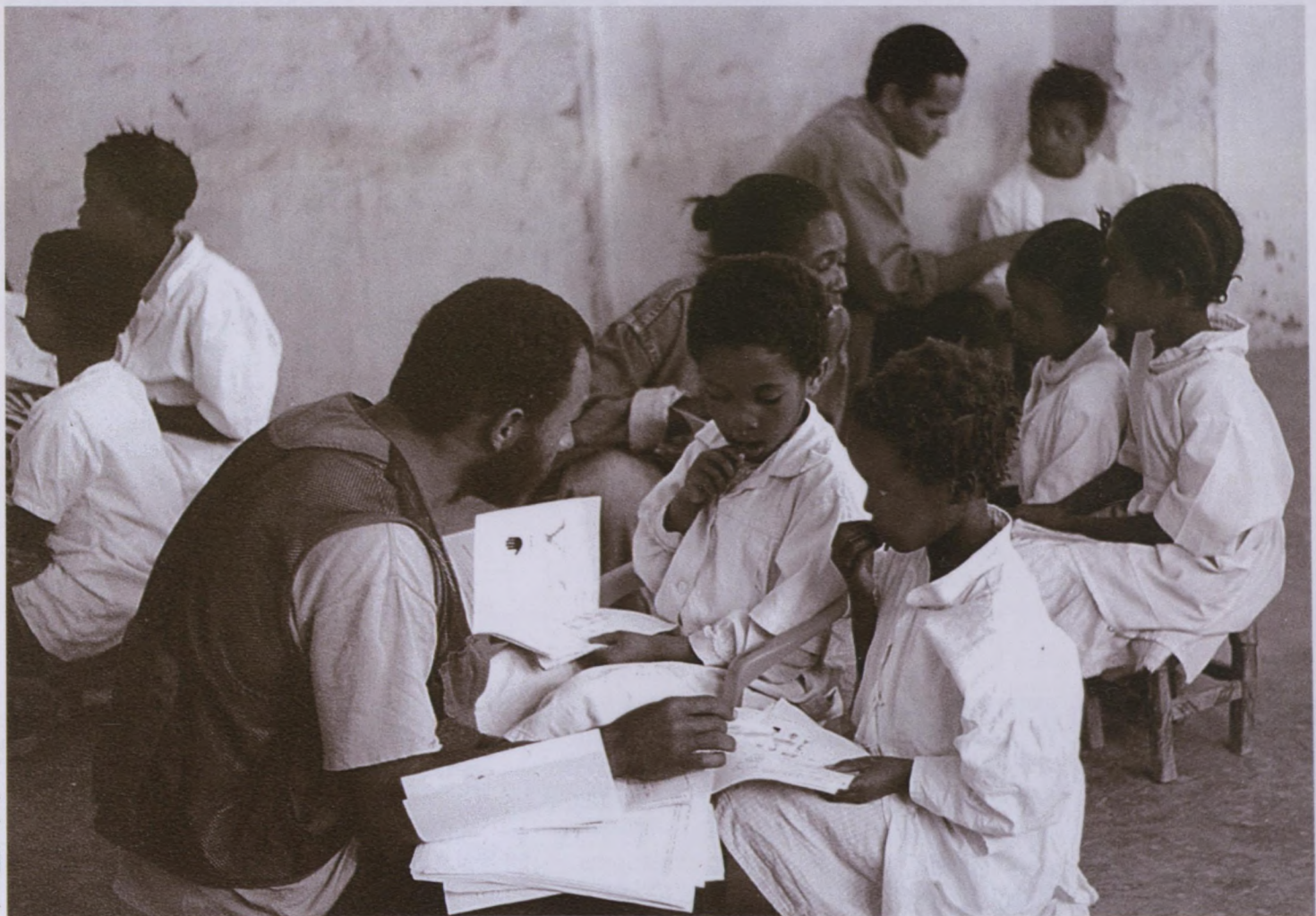
In spite of the progress that has been made, the ongoing human suffering caused by AP mines compels Canada to continue to support efforts that will further reduce landmine casualty rates. To this end, Canada supports mine awareness educa-

tion programs in a number of countries, as well as initiatives to evaluate mine awareness programming to ensure its effectiveness.

Angola

Through CIDA's Tapping Canadian Creativity Program, Canada contributed \$250,000 in fiscal year 1999 to UNICEF Canada for mine awareness education in Angola. Canada's support to date for this program now totals \$500,000 as part of a \$750,000, three-year commitment. Working with four local NGOs, UNICEF delivered mine awareness messages at the community level using theatre, puppet shows, posters, wooden mine dummies, traditional songs and dances. The project targeted primary and secondary school-aged children in four provincial capitals and aimed to improve capacity within Angola to disseminate appropriate information on the dangers of landmines.

In every case where comprehensive mine awareness education is being delivered, casualty rates are declining.



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