

Cambodia

In 1998, the Cambodia Mine Incident Report, which pools data from UNICEF, the Red Cross and NGOs working in the region, reported 1249 confirmed new landmine casualties. Most directly affected are those living along the Thai-Cambodian border. With limited land available for resettlement of those displaced by conflict, there is extreme pressure to utilize all available land, even in regions heavily contaminated by landmines and other explosives.

Through TCCP, CIDA is supporting two projects to assist Cambodian landmine survivors, both currently in start-up mode. World Vision Canada received \$250,000 to work with local partners to expand vocational rehabilitation options in rural communities, with a particular focus on women survivors. The project also supports a vocational rehabilitation training centre to help victims develop the technical skills they need to find a new livelihood.

The Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD) received \$90,000 for a project aimed at developing locally-based peer counselling programs to support reintegration of landmine survivors into the community. This funding will also contribute to the development of legislative guidelines covering disabled access to public buildings and programs in Cambodia.

Central America

In an effort to support the peace process in Central America and aid in post-conflict reconstruction, the Canadian government worked with Mexico and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to develop a program of landmine victim assistance for Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. CIDA has allocated \$3.5 million over five years for this project, of which \$500,000 was disbursed in 1998-99. The program will help build sustainable, indigenous, rural rehabilitation services and aid prosthetic/orthotic development in regional centres. It will also develop a socio-economic reintegration program for victims.

In 1998-99, negotiations between Canada,



Kol Ly, 17, lost one of her legs in a landmine accident in 1995 while collecting firewood near her home. Through a World Vision program now supported by the Canadian Landmine Fund, Kol Ly received a prosthetic leg, rehabilitation therapy, sewing skills training, and a small business loan. She now makes and sells clothing to local people.

Mexico and PAHO resulted in an agreement to ensure field coordination of the program which will include using the services of the Queen's University International Centre for Advanced Community-Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) as the Canadian implementing agency. The effects of Hurricane Mitch delayed the start of this project, however, project planning did begin in January 1999.

To aid the peace-building process in Guatemala, Canada and Israel have undertaken an initiative that will focus on community rehabilitation of landmine victims. Canada is providing support, mainly for victims' physical and social needs, through the Canadian implementing agency, Queen's University's ICACBR. The Israeli partner, the Development Study Centre, is focussing primarily on economic and vocational rehabilitation of the disabled. A joint assessment mission to the region in