Introduction: Making A Difference

For millions of people around the world, the threat of landmines is a daily reality, as children walk to school, farmers tend their fields, and other innocent civilians face the risk that their next step may be their last.

<sup>&</sup>quot;...Determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, that kill or maim hundreds of people every week, mostly innocent and defenceless civilians and especially children, obstruct economic development and reconstruction, inhibit the repatriation of refugees and internally displaced persons, and have other severe consequences for years after emplacement..." - Ottawa Convention: Preamble