

Improving mine action information and coordination

Acquiring more and better information on the global landmine problem is essential to developing a better understanding of the magnitude of the problem and developing coherent priorities for deploying resources. Until recently, the landmine problem was defined according to a rough estimate of the number of mines in the ground around the world. We know now that such a measure is relatively meaningless as it tells us little about the social and economic impact of the threat of mines. Vast approximations of the number of landmine victims worldwide provide little guidance on where the areas of greatest need may be, the nature of the particular needs of landmine victims and the level of services available to meet their needs.



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Using data collected with GPS equipment, Mozambican surveyors complete a minefield survey report back at camp.