

## Delivering on hope

The challenges of meeting the goals of the Ottawa Convention are formidable: its aims are nothing short of the eradication of these weapons and the rebuilding of lives and communities shattered by their use. Yet the AP Mine Ban Convention, and the cooperative action of all its signatories, represent the best hope yet of dealing comprehensively with this crisis and delivering a new measure of security to the lives of millions.

The benchmarks described above are

essential to achieving the goals set out in the AP Mine Ban Convention and serve as the framework for this report. The range of Canadian programming in the first year of the Landmine Fund is reported in relation to how each initiative contributes to the realization of these objectives. As Canada's efforts are intrinsically linked to the coordinated global struggle against landmines, each section begins with a perspective on global progress by these measures and situates Canada's contributions in the international context.

*Working the fields in Battambang province, Cambodia. This land, recently reclaimed, lies near an existing minefield.*

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