

A HALO Trust deminer clearing a lane in lower Gali, Abkhazia, Georgia.



Bulgaria

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$65,000 to the Canadian International Demining Corps to procure 15 protective mine clearance suits for the Bulgarian Army and to provide training on their use. The equipment and training, purchased from Med-Eng Systems Inc. of Ottawa, helped the Bulgarian military to field experienced and trained deminers to work in the region.

Cambodia

Through the CIDA \$4.9 million Landmine Development Program for Cambodia, \$1.7 million was provided for the National Level One Socio-Economic Survey being carried out by Burlington, Ontario-based GeoSpatial International Inc. As of March 31, 2001, 28% of all villages in Cambodia had been surveyed, quality assured and entered in the central database. The survey is being conducted to international standards and the database is consistent with the *Information Management System for Mine Action* standard.

Croatia

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$50,000 to the Canadian International Demining Corps to help establish a training program for mine detection dog teams in Croatia. Undertaken with Croatian NGO Pas U Humanitarnom Djelovanju (PHD) and the Croatia Mine

Action Centre, the training program has been integrated into CIDC and CIDA mine detection dog programs already operating in the region.

Ethiopia and Eritrea

The CIDA Multilateral Institutions Program provided \$200,000 to the United Nations Mine Action Service for the establishment of a mine action program in the Ethiopia/Eritrea Temporary Security Zone. The program established a Mine Action Co-ordination Centre, conducted an emergency survey and did emergency mine clearance work.

Through the same program, \$600,000 was provided to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): \$400,000 to support the Government of Ethiopia in developing and strengthening national capacity for planning, co-ordinating, managing and implementing all mine action activities in the country, including area surveys, database development and mine/UXO clearance; and \$200,000 to support a national mine action program in Eritrea, aimed at strengthening national capabilities for planning, coordinating, managing and implementing the full range of mine action activities in Eritrea.

Georgia

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$50,000 to the British NGO HALO Trust for its integrated mine action program in Abkhazia, Georgia, including survey and mine marking activities. Canada's contribution supported ongoing survey work, the operation and deployment of two mine marking teams and the continued operation of the specialist explosive ordnance disposal section.

Honduras

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$190,000 to the OAS for mine clearance in Honduras. Coordinated by the OAS Assistance Program for Demining in Central America, in conjunction with the Inter-American Defense Board and the Honduran Army, the final module of the country's mine clearance program is scheduled to wind up in the department of