

children, including mine identification and safe behaviours. Canada's contribution was unique because it was the only country able to deploy female mine specialists to Afghanistan. Canada's Department of National Defence (DND) sent four successive teams of three women and nine men to train the local population in mine awareness. The Canadian women taught local women and trained them to train other women, thereby making a special contribution that was appreciated by the Afghani people.

- **Angola:** Canada was the first donor to support de-mining in Angola. It also encouraged other donors to contribute to the program. CIDA has provided \$1.72 million since 1993-94 to the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (UNDHA) for de-mining in Angola. Activities include establishment of national institutions to plan and co-ordinate long-term de-mining programs as well as to provide training for Angolan nationals; mine avoidance, which involves awareness, mine surveying and locating; and mine clearance for priority areas to facilitate demobilization, resettlement of displaced persons, delivery of humanitarian assistance and resumption of food production.
- **Cambodia:** Since 1993-94, Canadian assistance to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) has totalled \$6.25 million, with CIDA's contribution amounting to \$2.25 million. CIDA and DND worked together to provide funding and technical experts. DND personnel have educated local communities, particularly the women, about mine awareness and trained them to educate others. CMAC's goal is to create an environment where Cambodians can go about their lives free from the threat of mines, and where reconstruction and development can take place safely. This involves helping Cambodians to develop their own de-mining capacity in order to reduce mine-related casualties and so that they can clear the lands for resettlement and agricultural production.
- **Organization of American States:** Canada has made a financial contribution of \$4 million to the Organization of American States, a portion of which has been reserved for de-mining activities in Central America.
- **International Committee of the Red Cross:** Canadian assistance through the Canadian office of the International Committee of the Red Cross has also been significant. Funding for two Canadian prostheticians to train local health care staff in Georgia and Afghanistan (\$150 000) came from a general program contribution of \$2 million, as has funding for awareness raising on issues related to mining. CIDA has also supported clinics, prosthetic services and rehabilitation activities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan and the Somali camp on the Kenya-Somalia border, from a total contribution of \$6.4 million in 1995 and \$1.05 million in 1996.