

one survey and geo-spatial mapping and providing survey equipment.

In southern Africa, the International Development Research Centre is building regional research capacity on mine action with \$95,000 in funding from Canada.

Globally, additional high-quality mine action information will be provided by the Landmine Monitor initiative, a civil society-based global reporting network which monitors the implementation of the AP Mine Ban Convention as well as progress in mine action generally. Canada supports Landmine Monitor through its Mine Monitoring Program, as described above.

Improvements in mine action information

also stem from the rapid growth in the number of mine action institutions dedicated to the management of national mine action activities. As of May 1999, there were Mine Action Centres (MACs) in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Cambodia, Croatia, Somalia and Thailand. There are a further 11 significant national demining programs in Angola, Azerbaijan, Chad, Guatemala, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua and Yemen. In 1998-99, Canada provided core-funding to the Bosnia-Herzegovina Mine Action Centre, funding for management training and technical advisors at the Cambodia Mine Action Centre, and support for a level one survey by Chad's national demining centre.



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The Mine Action Investments database, to be Internet accessible in late 1999, is the result of collaboration between Canada and UNMAS to improve information sharing on mine action donor activities. This database will assist UNMAS in its important coordination role and provide fast and public access to mine action information.