



Gathering information from community members about the location and impact of mines as part of Level One Socio-Economic Impact Surveys in Mozambique (top) and Cambodia (bottom).

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Canada understands that mine action information and coordination initiatives are important components of our global efforts to address the landmine problem. To this end, Canada supported a variety of these projects in fiscal year 2000.

Surveys

Through the CIDA multi-year \$4.9 million Landmine Development Program for Cambodia, \$1.7 million was provided for the Level One Socio-Economic Impact Survey of Cambodia 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* (IMSMA) standard.

As part of the CIDA Integrated Country Program for Mozambique (\$2.8 million in fiscal year 2000), \$600,000 was disbursed to the Canadian International Demining Corps for completion of Mozambique's Level One Socio-Economic Impact Survey. Survey data have now been transferred into the National Institute for Demining's IMSMA database and are being shared with and



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used by mine action operators and development stakeholders in the country.

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$156,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation for the completion of a Level One Socio-Economic Impact Survey in Thailand. Carried out by Norwegian People's Aid under the auspices of the Washington, D.C.-based Survey Action Center, initial stages of the survey found that landmine contamination in Thailand was more extensive than previously expected. Canada's contribution funded the extension of the survey and the completion of its final phase. Survey results have allowed the newly-formed Thailand Mine Action Centre to establish an effective mine clearance program.