



A Norwegian People's Aid deminer clearing land near Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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*International Standards for Mine Action* and major studies by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oslo's International Peace Research Institute (PRIO) on the socio-economics of mine clearance.

Canada's contributions to the global effort to clear mined areas in 2000 continued to support a range of activities.

## **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The CIDA five-year, \$10 million Integrated Country Program for Bosnia and Herzegovina provided:

- \$120,000, as part of a multi-year, \$1.7 million contribution to the UNDP for institutional support to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre and Entity Mine Action Centres. Canada's contribution will enhance the capacity and sustainability of the mine action centres by developing technical, safety and training standards, preparing local staff to take over the duties of international advisors and upgrading the centres' communication infrastructure.
- \$680,000, as part of a multi-year, \$1.3 million contribution to the Canadian International Demining Corps for the training and deployment of mine detection dogs and their handlers. The dogs

and their handlers have been successfully trained and accredited to Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre standards and are now working in the field with the Entity Army, Bosnian mine clearance NGO Akcija Protiv Mina and Civil Protection mine clearance teams.

- \$400,000, as part of a multi-year, \$1.1 million contribution to Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) for the training, equipment and deployment of a 29-person manual demining team in the Sarajevo Canton. As part of the larger NPA demining operation in the region, the team funded by Canada located, cleared and destroyed landmines and unexploded ordnance in and around the heavily mined Sarajevo area.
- \$450,000, as part of a three-year, \$1.9 million contribution, to provide insurance coverage for all 550 Entity Armed Forces and SFOR Engineer Branch deminers in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The contribution also enabled Entity Army mine detection dog teams to purchase their own dedicated vehicles.

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