



With the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross, a theatre troupe in Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina presents a version of *Little Red Riding Hood* adapted to deliver mine awareness messages.

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Laos

As part of a three-year, \$505,000 contribution, the CIDA Multilateral Institutions Program provided \$150,000 to the UNDP Trust Fund for UXO LAO in support of Laos' national mine action program, which includes mine awareness education. UXO LAO's mine awareness program raises awareness among rural communities of the continued dangers of unexploded ordnance (UXO) and educates villagers on ways to minimize the hazard. With the support of Canada's \$205,000 contribution made during the previous fiscal year, community awareness teams brought their message to 746 villages and briefed more than 175,000 people.

Lebanon

The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$200,000 to the United Nations Mine Action Service to set-up and administer the Southern Lebanon Mine Action Coordination Cell. The Coordination Cell monitors and organizes all mine related activities in Southern Lebanon, including a detailed assessment of the landmine/UXO problem in the area, the establishment of a comprehensive mine action database and the delivery of mine awareness education.

Yemen

The CIDA Multilateral Institutions Program provided \$59,000, as part of a two-year \$150,000 contribution to the UNDP for its strategic mine action plan for Yemen. Following up on the Level One Socio-Economic Survey completed in 2000 (which Canada supported with 1.5 million in previous fiscal years), the plan is aimed at building capacity in Yemen for mine awareness, mine marking, mine clearance and victim assistance, targeting the most seriously affected communities identified through the survey.

International Committee of the Red Cross

As part of a two-year, \$600,000 contribution from the CIDA Multilateral Institutions Program, \$300,000 was provided to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Mine Action Appeal 1998-2003 for Victim Assistance and Mine Awareness. The ICRC assisted 30 mine-affected countries in 2000. Mine awareness programs were carried out in 18 countries, including Afghanistan, Lebanon and Bosnia and Herzegovina.