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- Enhancing the national demining institute's landmines database: Hardware and software has been installed to support the cutting-edge Information Management System for Mine Action, developed by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.
- Providing Canadian technical expertise: Canadian Forces mine action specialists were deployed to serve with the UNDP's Accelerated Demining Programme (ADP) in Mozambique in April 1999. This deployment consisted of three people for one year. After the flooding in Mozambique, two members of the Canadian Forces were extended for an additional three months until July 2000.

CIDA's Tapping Canadian Creativity Program disbursed \$333,000 to the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) and Co-operation Canada-Mozambique for their mine action program in Mozambique as part of a multi-year, \$1.25 million commitment. This project includes proximity demining and post-clearance community development activities. CIDA's financial assistance is matched by the CAW.

Nicaragua

Through CIDA's integrated country program for the Americas, Canada disbursed \$1 million to the Organization of American States' Unit for the Promotion of Democracy (OAS/UPD) Demining Program in Nicaragua. Canada and Norway are funding this two-year program to strengthen mine clearance efforts on Nicaragua's northern border, along what is known as Operational Front #4. Canada's funding covered field expenses including protective clothing, food for the deminers, vehicle maintenance, insurance and administrative costs for field offices in rural areas.

Peru-Ecuador

Canada disbursed \$400,000 through CIDA to allow the OAS/UPD to coordinate and execute Phase II of its demining operations on the Peru-Ecuador border. Canada's contribution financed detection, protection and clearance equipment and logistical support for the demining of the Tiwinza region. A \$300,000 Canadian contribution to the OAS/UPD in 1998 facilitated the creation of the OAS Voluntary Fund for Mine Action in Peru/Ecuador.

Soldiers from the Army of Nicaragua complete an OAS/ Inter-American Defence Board mine clearance course.