

Nicaragua

In the wake of Hurricane Mitch last November, Nicaragua saw years of painstaking work in clearing landmines washed away as flooding and mudslides displaced previously located and marked minefields.

Canada contributed \$100,000 to enable the OAS to conduct the first assessment of Mitch's impact on landmine clearance work. This funding also contributed to replacing essential surveying and demining equipment lost during the disaster.

To address the broader demining needs along the Nicaragua-Honduras border, Canada announced a two-year contribution of \$1 million. Norway is also contributing \$1 million to the project, which is being managed by the OAS. Canadian funding for this work is being released over two years from 1999 to 2001.

Jordan

In response to Jordan's decision to sign the Ottawa Convention, Israel, Jordan, Canada and Norway agreed to implement a four-party mine action assistance program. Canada participated in a joint exploratory mission in July 1998 and provided \$285,000 in equipment and training for the project.

Canada is contributing to renewed mapping and demining work in Nicaragua, essential in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch.

Yemen

To assist in Yemen's demining efforts, CIDA released \$1.5 million to the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS). This funding enabled UNMAS to carry out a national level one survey. The results of this survey are helping Yemen set national priorities for land clearance. DFAIT's Mine Ban Initiatives Program (MBIP) also provided Yemen with \$107,000 to procure demining protective gear. The Canadian NGO ADRA/Canada is the agency purchasing the equipment.

Chad

In Chad, our contribution of \$100,000 to the newly-established Mine Action Centre provided database equipment and the staff to operate it. This will permit Chad to conduct a national level one survey of its mine problem, develop maps and set priorities for mine clearance.

Croatia

Canada's contribution of \$100,000 to the Croatian Mine Action Centre will assist in the important task of quality control, ensuring that cleared land meets the UN humanitarian demining standard of 99.6%. Specially trained dogs are used in mine detection in Croatia, and Canada's support will be used to maintain dogs and handlers.

