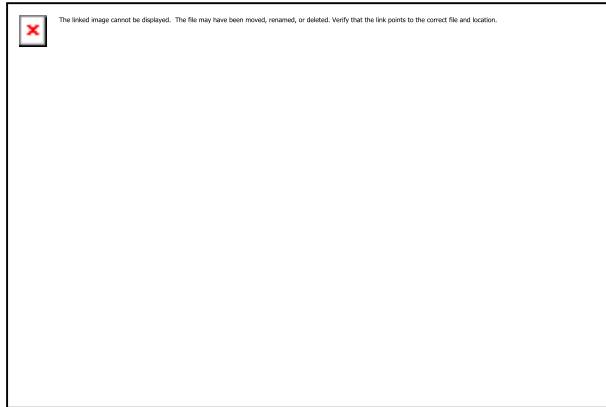


# Australia's Mine Action Activities

## 2010-2011



In Somalia, a young girl holds a  
mine risk education brochure.  
Photo: Noe Nielsen

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## Introduction

Landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war and conflict continue to be a significant barrier to development in many of the world's poorest countries. These devices kill and injure civilians long after war and conflict has ended and undermine the economic potential of affected areas. Reducing the devastating impact of these weapons and supporting people who have been affected by them is a humanitarian and a development imperative.

Australia remains firmly committed to mine action and meeting our international obligations as a state party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their destruction, as well as the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons. Australia is also a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and is working with partner countries to support its implementation.

Australia's *Mine Action Strategy for the Australian aid program 2010–2014* includes a \$100 million commitment to work towards a world free from landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war. The strategy builds on the \$175 million Australia contributed to mine action from 1998 to 2009.

Australia's mine action support includes survey and clearance activities, mine risk education, advocacy, and support to victims and their affected families and communities. We work with an extensive network of partners including other governments, United Nations bodies, implementing agencies, research and advocacy agencies, aid donors, civil society organisations, local communities, victims and people with disability.

Australia's mine action assistance is primarily delivered in heavily affected countries within our region. Country specific mine action assistance is complimented by Australia's support to global mine action efforts including in advocacy, monitoring and research.

In 2010–2011, Australia provided \$42.24 million in mine action assistance. This document summarises mine action activities funded by Australia from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, in line with the *Mine Action Strategy for the Australian aid program 2010–2014*. The mid-term review of the Mine Action Strategy will be undertaken during 2011-2012.

# Australia's Mine Action Assistance for Country Programs

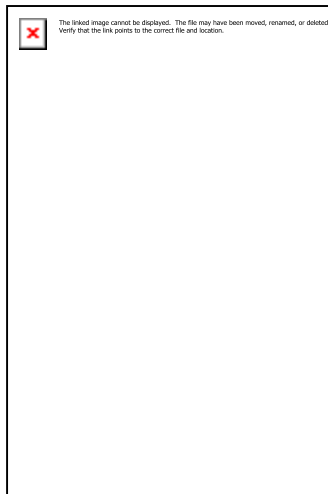
The following mine action activities were funded from Australia's country development programs.

## Afghanistan

### Support to Mine Action in Afghanistan 2011 to 2015

2010-2011 Contribution: \$10 million  
Total Contribution: \$20 million (2011 to 2015)  
Partner: United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan

Australia commenced a \$20 million partnership agreement with the UNMAS to support mine action in Afghanistan from 2011 to 2015. Australia's contribution will support the coordination and implementation of activities to meet the annual objectives set out by the Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan. This includes national capacity building, mine clearance, increased awareness of mine and explosive remnants of war within local populations, and improved services for mine victims and people with disability.



Mine clearance operations in Afghanistan.  
Photo: J Simpkin

## Cambodia

### Integrated Mine Action and Development in Banteay Meanchey

2010-2011 Contribution: \$663  
Total Contribution: \$3.1 million (2006 to 2010)  
Partner: ActionAID

A total of 6,889 people directly and in-directly benefitted from this initiative which resulted in the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance from 171.5 hectares of contaminated land. Of this, 159 hectares are now used for agricultural production, 7 hectares for housing and 6 hectares for road construction. The initiative also improved and safe access to water sources for 1,252 families. Over eighty per cent of community based groups and organisations (including community based demining clearance teams) were provided with on the job-training and have the capacity to manage integrated mine action activities.

### Community Strengthening and Gender Mainstreaming in Integrated Mine Action

2010-2011 Contribution: \$3,937  
Total Contribution: \$3.1 million (2006 to 2010)  
Partner: World Vision and International Women's Development Agency

Landmine and unexploded ordnance accidents reduced by 28 per cent from 2006 to 2009 in the project area. The completion survey indicated a 48 per cent reduction in risky activities and 94 per cent indicating an understanding of mine risks. The initiative was also successful in ensuring 100 per cent of the targeted beneficiaries were aware of disability rights and all people with disabilities are now aware of the support services available to them. The Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority has identified and addressed gender issues in several sector-wide documents, including its 2008 Road Map and 2007-08 Gender Action Plan; and has proposed mechanisms for mainstreaming gender into the National Mine Action Strategy 2010-2020.



Former Khmer Rouge Soldier Aki-Ra has dedicated his life to ridding his country of landmines.

Photo: AusAID

## **Chad**

### **Emergency Response Mine Risk Education in Eastern Chad**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1 million  
Total Contribution: \$1 million  
Partner: United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)  
United Nations Mission in Central African Republic and Chad

Australian funding is supporting the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic and Chad to raise awareness and increase knowledge about the dangers of explosive remnants of war in local communities in eastern Chad. It is also used to coordinate and expand community-based mine risk education activities through new and existing networks.

## **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

### **Victim Assistance in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$2.28 million  
Total Contribution: \$2.28 million (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: Handicap International

Australia's support is being used to provide referral services to mine victims and other people with disability via local partners in the two most affected areas of Uganda (Western and Northern) and neighbouring areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, (Ituri and North Kivu), strengthen psychosocial and livelihoods services for victims and people with disability in Ituri district, western Uganda and northern Uganda, conduct risk education activities in affected areas via local partners, improve coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels to support inclusive development initiatives for victims and people with disability, and conduct needs assessments in the Great Lakes region focussing on refugees and internally displaced person camps when necessary.

## **Egypt**

### **Mine Action to Support National Development Plan of the North West Coast**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$500,000  
Total Contribution: \$500,000  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The contribution will assist in the clearance of mines, victim assistance and mine risk reduction in the North West Coast region.

## **Ethiopia**

### **Mine Action in the Tigray, Afar and Somali Regions**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1 million  
Total Contribution: \$1 million  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
Ethiopian Mine Action Office

Australia's funding to UNDP and the Ethiopian Mine Action Office is supporting them to undertake integrated mine clearance activities and provide mine risk education and community liaison sessions to people living close to areas where clearance operations are taking place. It is also helping to improve operational productivity through practical training and experience, in addressing mine and unexploded ordnance problems countrywide, especially in mine-affected areas. It also helping to develop the Ethiopian Mine Action Office's Information Management System for Mine Action and train national staff on the effective management this information management system for effective strategic and operational planning and reporting.

## **Iraq**

### **Protecting Children from Injuries Related to Landmines and other Explosives**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$500,000  
Total Contribution: \$1 million (2010 to 2011)  
Partner: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Australia's support is enhancing the capacity of national and regional mine action decision makers to plan, manage, implement and integrate mine risk education into the National Mine Action Strategy and the National Development Plan of Iraq. Funding has enabled the provision of mine risk education to trainers, teachers, health workers, boys, girls and community members to reduce the number of people affected by mine and explosive remnants of war. The project has supported the development, production and dissemination of information and materials to at risk population on the risks and threats of mines and other explosive weapons and safe behaviours. Progress was made in establishing and implementing a national mechanism for victims' surveillance in order to enhance assistance and reintegration of mine victims and survivors.

### **Mine Action Operational Capacity Development**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$2.5 million  
Total Contribution: \$5 million (2010 to 2012)  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Australia's contribution is developing and enhancing national operational capacity for clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance in Iraq. Achievements during the year included successfully training Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams, clearance of 3,389,759 square meters of land, reporting of 108 danger-areas and survey and marking of

2,448,600 square meters of land. Mine risk education activities promoting safe behaviours were conducted in 70 communities and 3,549 farms.

## **Jordan**

### **Northern Border Mine Clearance Project**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$250,000  
Total Contribution: \$1.25 million (2009 to 2011)  
Partner: National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation

Australia's contribution is providing monitoring and quality assurance of mine action activities in the Northern Border demining project. A total of 120 quality assurance visits were carried out during the year.

## **Lao PDR**

### **Reducing Unexploded Ordnance Risk and Improving Livelihoods of Ethnic Communities in Sekong Province**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$323,000  
Total Contribution: \$3.02 million (2007 to 2012)  
Partner: CARE

This program is addressing the vulnerability of 20 poor ethnic villages affected by large-scale unexploded ordnance (UXO) contamination in two districts of Sekong Province. It incorporates UXO clearance, community-based planning and land use allocation, mine risk education, and small scale rural development initiatives to enhance livelihood security. During 2010-2011, 21 sites totalling 39 hectares of land were cleared benefiting 2,291 people (of which 1,096 were women). Participating villages also benefited from livelihood enhancement activities such as peanut planting, seed collection and coffee nurseries, and improved access to markets and clean water systems.

### **Integrated UXO Action in Khammouane Province**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$352,000  
Total Contribution: \$1.94 million (2009 to 2014)  
Partner: World Vision

The program is creating an enabling environment for poverty reduction and livelihood security in 24 villages in Mahaxay District, Khammouane province affected by unexploded ordnance. The ultimate outcome of the activity will be strengthened capacity of vulnerable communities to mitigate and manage livelihood risks of food insecurity and UXO. In 2010-2011, 10 sites, totalling 97 hectares of land, were cleared, benefiting 4478 people. Participating communities also benefited from livelihood enhancement activities including improved access to markets and clean water and agricultural production opportunities.



## Support to Quality Management of the UXO Sector in Laos

2010-11 Contribution: \$1.25 million  
Total Contribution: \$2.5 million (2009 to 2011)  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

This assistance has supported the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) to take a leadership role on the Convention on Cluster Munitions. It also assisted the Lao PDR to preside over the Convention on Cluster Munitions in its first year and to host the First Meeting of States Parties in November 2010 in Vientiane. Australia is also supporting the National Regulatory Authority and UXO Lao to improve sector planning, priority-setting and quality assurance of clearance. Under the Lao presidency, more than 100 nations agreed on an action plan to turn legal obligations in the Convention on Cluster Munitions into concrete actions. In other achievements, 16 Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Clearance Team Leaders were assessed and quality control and safety clearance was conducted for 114 cleared sites.

## Local Rehabilitation Services for People with Disability in Lao PDR

2010-2011 Contribution: \$200,000  
Total Contribution: \$600,000 (2010 to 2013)  
Partner: COPE

Australia's support will ensure continuation of essential rehabilitation services for people with disability in the Lao PDR. It will provide ongoing capacity building in clinical rehabilitation skills, meet essential costs for patients and materials, upgrade facilities to meet increasing demand for services and improve access to services through outreach clinical referral.



*A man being waiting to be fitted with a prosthesis in Laos.  
Photo: Connor Ashleigh for AusAID*

## **Support to Clearance Operations of the Lao National Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Program**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$2.5 million  
Total Contribution: \$2.5 million  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Australia's contribution will support the Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Program (UXO Lao) to manage and implement UXO clearance and risk education in Laos. The support will increase the safety and well-being of people living in UXO-impacted communities and increase the amount of safe land available for food production and other socio-economic development activities. It will provide ongoing support for UXO Lao's internal quality assurance and control mobile teams to ensure clearance standards are continually met in accordance with the National UXO Mine Action Standards. Clearance of at least 5,000 hectares of land in the nine most UXO affected provinces is planned.

## **Lebanon**

### **Battle area clearance in Southern Lebanon**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$500,000  
Total Contribution: \$1 million (2010 to 2011)  
Partner: Mines Advisory Group

Australia's funding has helped clear unexploded ordnance and cluster munitions in southern Lebanon. During the year, 100,000 square meters of agricultural land was cleared.

### **Battle area clearance in Southern Lebanon**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$300,000  
Total Contribution: \$300,000  
Partner: Norwegian Peoples Aid

Through battle area clearance, this initiative has enabled 20,000 community members able to access previously contaminated land.

## **Sri Lanka**

### **Mine Clearance for Resettlement in Northern Sri Lanka**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$750,000  
Total Contribution: \$750,000  
Partner: The HALO Trust

This initiative supports emergency mine surveys and clearance activities in selected areas in the Kilinochchi and Jaffna districts. Over an 11 month period to end July 2011, Australian funded teams cleared 764,991 square meters of minefields through manual and mechanical demining methods. The project has identified, surveyed and marked 99 minefields with a total hazardous area of 5,191,276 square meters.

### **Emergency Survey and Mine Clearance**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1.5 million  
Total Contribution: \$1.5 million  
Partner: Swiss Foundation for Mine Action

This initiative supports emergency mine surveys and clearance in selected areas in the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts. The Swiss Foundation for Mine Action Community Liaison Teams also work in support of deminers to organise mine risk awareness programs to complement demining activities. Australian funded teams released 332,690 square meters of land through mechanical and manual clearance operations. This facilitated a safe environment for 35,913 people to return to their lands and resume livelihood activities.

### **Mine Action Survey and Clearance in Support of Internally Displaced People and Livelihood Development in Northern Sri Lanka**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1.5 million  
Total Contribution: \$1.5 million  
Partner: Mines Advisory Group

This initiative supports mine surveys and clearance in selected areas in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts. It also involves community liaison and mine risk awareness activities to complement demining activities. The initiative has supported the release of 5 square kilometres of land in the Northern Province through its manual clearance and mechanical assets.

### **UNDP Support to Mine Action Project**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$750,000  
Total Contribution: \$750,000 (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

This initiative supports demining coordination and quality assurance through the placement of technical advisers to the Sri Lanka National Mine Action Centre. The Technical Advisers ensure quality procedures are adhered to and certify mine clearance tasks of all demining agencies as a pre-requisite for the release of land for safe resettlement.

### **Mine Action Survey and Clearance in Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1.6 million  
Total Contribution: \$750,000 (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: Mines Advisory Group

This initiative benefits some 10,000 people in prioritised resettlement areas in Mullaitivu. The initiative is building the Government of Sri Lanka's capacity to maintain mechanised demining (including flails used for clearance provided by Australia). Community liaison teams released 2.67 square kilometres of land in the Northern Province. In the Eastern Province, community liaison teams carried out surveys of 440,149 square meters of suspected contaminated land reported releasing 435,059 square meters of this land as safe for use. Through the mechanical maintenance component of the project, the MAG has established a stock of spare parts for flails, and plans are underway to establish a

maintenance workshop and conduct training in the repair and maintenance of mechanical assets.

### **Emergency Mine Survey and Clearance in Support of Return & Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Sri Lanka**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$900,000  
Total Contribution: \$900,000 (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: Danish Demining Group

This initiative supports emergency mine clearance and survey through the operations of three Mine Detector Teams to release up to 200,000 square meters of land benefitting some 7,000 people in the Kilinochchi and Jaffna districts. Australian funded teams cleared 17,584 square meters of minefield through manual and mechanical demining methods. This project also identified, surveyed and marked a total hazardous area of 6,190 square meters.

### **Demining Using Metal Detectors in Mullativu and Kilinochchi Districts**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$500,000  
Total Contribution: \$500,000 (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony

The initiative aims to clear around 285,000 square meters of land benefitting 5,411 people in the Kilinochchi district. The initiative has so far cleared 5,759 square meters of land. The salt production complex (once it resumes operations) will employ some 1,500 people. This project has trained and deployed an all-female 15 member manual demining team, equipped with state of the art metal detectors.

### **UNICEF Support to Mine Risk Education, Victim Assistance and Advocacy in Sri Lanka**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$500,000  
Total Contribution: \$500,000 (2011 to 2012)  
Partner: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

This initiative is building the capacity of service providers to improve planning and coordination in national mine risk education activities including technical inputs for training, standardisation and quality assurance of mine risk education activities. Australian funding for mine risk education has contributed to the number of casualties in mine related incidents dropping from 47 in 2010 to 14 in the first half of 2011.

## **Uganda**

### **Uganda Mine Clearance**

2010-2011 Contribution:	\$1.9 million
Total Contribution:	\$1.9 million (2011 to 2012)
Partner:	Danish Demining Group

Australia's funding will help clear Uganda of its remaining landmines. Australia's support will be used to develop technical and management capacity of the Uganda Mine Action Centre through the provision of technical advisory, information management systems and logistics support and deploy 120 demining staff to clear mines and carry out all logistics provisions to enable effective operations in remote environment.

### **Victim Assistance in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

2010-2011 Contribution:	\$2.28 million
Total Contribution:	\$2.28 million (2011 to 2012)
Partner:	Handicap International

As already reported under assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Australia's support is being used to provide referral services to mine victims and other people with disability via local partners in the two most affected areas of Uganda (western and northern) and neighbouring areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Ituri and North Kivu) and will strengthen psychosocial and livelihoods services for victims and other persons with disabilities in these areas. It will also allow for risk education activities in affected areas via local partners to be conducted, improving coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels to support inclusive development initiatives for victims and people with disability, as well as needs assessments to be conducted in the Great Lakes region focussing on refugees and internally displaced persons camps when necessary.

## Spotlight on Australia’s Mine Action Assistance in Southern Lebanon

Australian support is making a difference in Lebanon, where two AusAID-funded teams are removing cluster munitions from valuable agricultural land.

In 2006, southern Lebanon was bombarded with more than four million cluster munitions as a result of the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. Cluster munitions remain both a significant cause of death and injury and a hindrance to development in the Middle East. The huge failure rate of the cluster munitions dropped on southern Lebanon—it is estimated that about one million did not detonate—means they cause an ongoing indiscriminate threat to civilians, including children, lock up valuable agricultural land and remain a constant reminder of Lebanon’s troubled past.

During 2010-2011, Australia funded two mine clearance teams through Norwegian People’s Aid and the Mines Advisory Group. The teams work in areas identified as highest threat by the Regional Mine Action Centre. The work is painstaking and dangerous. Morale in the team must remain high so that safety procedures are followed at all times.

In addition to the punishing terrain, the teams must conduct sub-surface clearance, which involves prodding and digging small areas at a time. Although hazardous areas can be mapped, items may have shifted in the years since the bombardment. Every signal received from the metal detectors must be investigated and treated as a potential deadly hazard.

Lebanon is a state party of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and Australia’s support is assisting Lebanon to meet its obligations under the Convention to clear and destroy cluster munitions. Australia also committed funding to assist Lebanon in hosting the Second Meeting of State Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, held in Beirut in September 2011. It is hoped that Lebanon will be free of cluster munitions by 2015.



Searching for hazards.  
Photo: Norwegian People’s Aid

## Spotlight on Australia's Mine Action Assistance in Sri Lanka



Nesan in front of his recently re-opened shop.

Source: AusAID

Nesan and his family were forced to leave their village in northern Sri Lanka three years ago because of the civil conflict which ended in May 2009. They were finally able to return in July 2010 thanks to mine clearance work funded by Australia.

On their return, Nesan and his family, including two daughters, found their house irreparably damaged in the fighting and the paddy fields still fenced off due to mine contamination. Until their displacement, Nesan was cultivating six acres of rented paddy land. He also had a small shop in the village which provided additional income. Nesan was able to restart his shop using a loan and money he obtained by pawning jewellery. He says this was made possible by emergency mine clearance work by the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), a UK-based mine action NGO, supported by Australia.

“Because of the great work MAG has done, my family and I were able to return to our home and restart my shop. I especially thank them for clearing my shop”, says Nesan.

Nesan added that two days after his family returned, the school and the local church were also released and MAG had provided mine risk awareness briefings which are critical to ensure villagers remain safe.

After uncovering 1,260 anti-personnel landmines, Nesan's village was cleared of mines and 142 families have now returned. Clearance work will continue to clear the paddy fields surrounding the village.

Demining remains a critical first step in enabling displaced people to return to their homes. Around two-thirds of Sri Lanka's Northern Province contains areas contaminated by mines and unexploded ordnance. This prevents resettlement and constrains economic and social opportunities.

In October 2009, the Australian Government announced a new five-year, \$20 million initiative to accelerate the pace of demining in Sri Lanka. Australia's funding has expanded Sri Lanka's mine clearance capacity by providing clearance equipment and deploying additional demining teams. Australian funding for mine-risk education has contributed to comparatively low death and injury rates caused by mines or explosive ordnance. Australia works with the Sri Lankan Government's Humanitarian Demining Unit and several local and international demining agencies.

## **Australia's Mine Action Assistance for Global Mine Action Programs**

The following mine action initiatives were funded from Australia's global mine action program.

### **Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$4 million  
Total Contribution: \$4 million  
Partner: United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

Australia contributed \$4 million through the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for mine action initiatives. The funding was directed to support mine action programs in southern Sudan, Libya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea Bissau and Tajikistan.

### **Special Mine Action Appeal**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$2.5 million  
Total Contribution: \$2.5 million  
Partner: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

This funding supports activities within two ICRC programs; the preventative mine action/weapon contamination program which includes data gathering, mine risk reduction, education activities, surveys and clearance activities; and the physical rehabilitation program for mine victims.

### **Mine Action Research, Evaluation and Mine Ban Convention Advocacy**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$1.1 million  
Total Contribution: \$2.3 million (2010 to 2013)  
Partner: Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

This funding supported the work of the GICHD to undertake research and evaluation in mine action. It also supported the work of the Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit including the sponsorship fund, the victim assistance program and produced a victim assistance guide. Australia's contribution supported work to improve the links between mine action and development in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. The funding will also contribute to research into land release and gender and mine action.



### Special Fund for People with Disability

2010-2011 Contribution:	\$1 million
Total Contribution:	\$4 million (2011 to 2014)
Partner:	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Australian funding supported the International Committee for Red Cross's Special Fund for people with disability. The fund provides physical rehabilitation services in low-income countries and emergency assistance and protection to those affected by conflict and complex emergencies. Maintaining and increasing access to quality rehabilitation services is a priority. The contribution includes an allocation of \$250,000 to support rehabilitation services in Vietnam.

### Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitoring, Reporting and Advocacy

2010-2011 Contribution:	\$450,000
Total Contribution:	\$1.35 million (2011 to 2013)
Partner:	International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition

Australia's funding is supporting the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munitions Coalition to develop and publish annual editions of the *Landmine Monitor* and the *Cluster Munition Monitor*. These reports outline the global landmine and cluster munition problem, including the use, production, transfer and stockpile of landmines and cluster munitions. The reports track the number of new landmine and cluster munitions casualties and record progress in mine clearance, mine risk education and victim assistance. Australia's contribution also supports activities to encourage and assist countries to become state parties to the Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

### Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action

2010-2011 Contribution:	\$300,000
Total Contribution:	\$900,000 (over 2011 to 2013)
Partner:	United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

Australia's funding supported the global activities of the UNMAS to fulfil its focal point and coordination role within the UN and broader mine action community. Through its headquarters in New York and liaison office in Geneva, UNMAS supported programming in 10 countries and initiated new programmes to address the mine and explosive remnant of war threat in Libya and Cote d'Ivoire. Continued advocacy efforts, global communications and outreach, threat assessment and monitoring, and donor liaison activities were also supported by Australia's contribution to UNMAS.

### **Mine Clearance and Capacity Building for Government (CMAA)**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$200,000  
Total Contribution: \$200,000  
Partner: Cambodia Mine Action Authority and the United Nations Development Program

Australia's contribution will assist the Government of Cambodia to serve as host and president of the Eleventh Meeting of the State Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The meeting will be held in Phnom Penh 28 November to 2 December 2011.

### **Reducing the Threat and Impact of Landmines**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$209,000  
Total Contribution: \$627,000 (2011 to 2013)  
Partner: Geneva Call

Many of the users of anti-personnel landmines are armed non-state actors operating within internal armed conflicts, often in opposition to States. Geneva Call engage with armed non-state actors in Asia, including Afghanistan, Burma, India, and the Philippines to encourage them to sign and adhere to a Deed of Commitment banning anti-personnel mines. This Deed mirrors the obligations of the Mine Ban Convention and is proving an effective compliment to the Convention in reducing the use of and harm caused by anti-personnel mines. Australia's assistance has enabled Geneva Call to progress and open dialogue with additional armed non-state actions, ensure obligations of the Deed of Commitment are effectively disseminated and report on the humanitarian impact of landmines.

### **Mine Victim Assistance to Vulnerable Families in Azerbaijan**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$50,000  
Total Contribution: \$50,000  
Partner: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society

The project is intended to improve the socio-economic situation of extremely vulnerable families. Australia's funding is enabling families to who have lost one of their bread-winners in a mine accident to establish small-scale income generation activities.

### **Explosive Remnants of War Clearance and Medical Rehabilitation Support to Georgia**

2010-2011 Contribution: \$50,000  
Total Contribution: \$50,000  
Partner: NATO

Australia's contribution to the Georgia Partnership of Peace Trust Fund Project is helping to develop and enhance Georgia's explosive ordnance disposal capacity and establish a physical rehabilitation centre.