

## Linking Mine Action and Development (LMAD)

In many mine-affected countries, landmine and unexploded ordnance (UXO) contamination negatively impacts on post-conflict reconstruction and development, making it essential that mine action and development interventions are effectively coordinated at all levels – by donors, UN agencies, and development banks; by national and local governments in mine-affected states; and at the level of mine-affected communities.

In December 2006 the GICHD Linking Mine Action and Development LMAD project team was established with financial support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A background brief on the project is now available [here](#).

On the GICHD LMAD website an [LMAD Databank](#) containing links to a range of relevant reports, strategies and case studies will be available shortly. Additionally, a number of evaluations and reports relevant to the LMAD project are available in the new [Research and Evaluations Database](#).

A virtual practitioners' network on LMAD established in February, constitutes another part of the GICHD's work to strengthen the linkages between mine action and development. It is comprised of individuals with knowledge and experience of linking mine action to development cooperation.

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