



**REDUCING RISK FROM EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE  
MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFE**

# THE IMPACT OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE

Long after conflicts have ended, explosive ordnance continue to kill, injure and impact the daily life of affected communities.

Today, over 60 states and territories are contaminated by landmines, cluster munitions, unexploded and abandoned explosive ordnance. Many regions also face risks of accidental explosions and illicit diversion from poorly managed ammunition stockpiles.

Despite significant efforts over the past two decades to limit the impact of explosive ordnance, recent armed conflicts have caused a sharp rise in the number of casualties, although many accidents go unreported, especially in conflict areas. A new, more complex contamination, that includes improvised explosive devices (IEDs), has a severe impact on civilians and infrastructure.

## 60 STATES AND TERRITORIES CONTAMINATED



## CASUALTIES

- Over 5,800 casualties caused by landmines, particularly those of improvised nature, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war reported in 2019.
- 80% of mine victims are civilians, of which 43% children. Men and boys represent 85% of all casualties for which the sex was known.
- 30 accidental ammunition stockpile explosions reported in 2019. Average of 748 casualties per year reported between 1979 and 2019.

Around

16

casualties per day



## EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT

- Access to livelihoods and key services
- Displacement and resettlement of internally displaced persons and refugees
- Environment
- Reconstruction and development
- Delivery of humanitarian aid



# OUR RESPONSE

The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) is an internationally renowned and well trusted centre of expertise and knowledge, operating in line with humanitarian principles.

The GICHD works towards reducing risk to communities caused by explosive ordnance, with a focus on landmines, cluster munitions and ammunition stockpiles.

We help national authorities, international and regional organisations, NGOs and commercial operators to develop and professionalise mine action and ammunition management. The GICHD supports around 40 affected states and territories every year.



## ADVICE AND TRAINING

Field support to develop national capacities and national ownership of programmes



## DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION

Facilitating the exchange of good practice and regional cooperation between affected countries



## KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

Technical and policy research to develop or adapt concepts, methods and tools for mine action and ammunition management operations



## NORMS AND STANDARDS

Support for the development and implementation of standardisation processes and of instruments of international humanitarian law

# OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE



## **NATIONAL STRATEGIES**

Supporting states to develop, resource, implement and monitor national mine action and ammunition management strategies in accordance with good practice.

## **MINE ACTION STANDARDS**

Developing and disseminating International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) to promote a common approach to the conduct of operations. Enabling states to have and meet national standards according to IMAS.

## **AMMUNITION TECHNICAL GUIDELINES**

Disseminating International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) to states to promote their practical application and uptake in national standards development.

## **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Enabling states and other partners to collect and use quality information in support of their programming and operational management.

## **LAND RELEASE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY**

Enabling states and other partners to follow good practice in land release through non-technical survey, technical survey and clearance activities, to achieve safety and cost efficiency.

## POLICY

Contributing to informed normative and policy processes at the international level.

Ensuring mine action and ammunition management are embedded firmly into broader agendas such as those relating to humanitarian action, peace, security and sustainable development.

## INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Providing expertise and logistical support for the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

## COOPERATION

Facilitating the exchange of good practice between affected countries in local languages to strengthen dialogue and cooperation in mine action and ammunition management.

## GENDER AND DIVERSITY

Supporting states and other partners to mainstream gender and diversity in all areas of mine action and ammunition management to ensure better results.

## RISK EDUCATION

Raising the profile of explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) and supporting states and other partners to improve the effectiveness and relevance of EORE.





# OUR IMPACT



National mine action and ammunition management programmes are safer, more efficient, cost-effective and sustainable.



States implement more effectively relevant international treaties, instruments and technical guidelines.



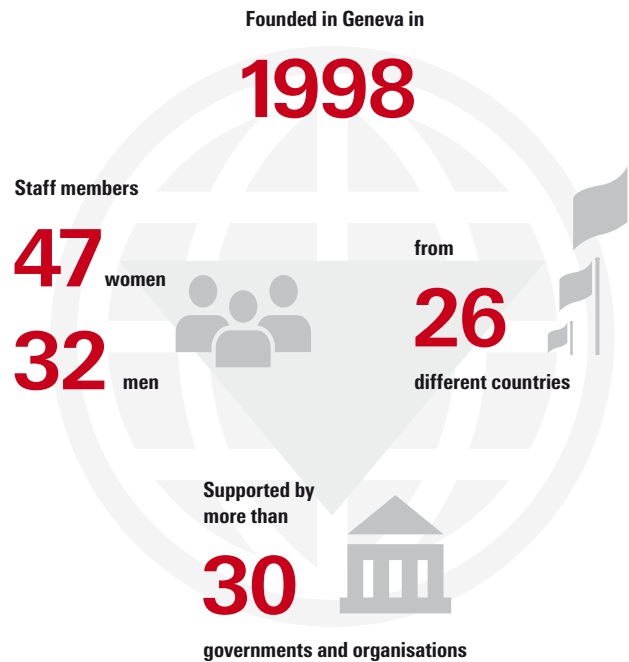
Explosive ordnance-related casualties, accidental explosions of ammunition stockpiles and diversion of ammunition and explosives are prevented. Affected communities are safer.



Land, housing and infrastructure are returned to communities, enhancing sustainable livelihoods.

States and societies are more stable, inclusive, and gender equality is improved.

# THE GICHD



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International Mine Action Standards  
[mineactionstandards.org](http://mineactionstandards.org)

Together Against Mines campaign  
[togetheragainstmynes.org](http://togetheragainstmynes.org)



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