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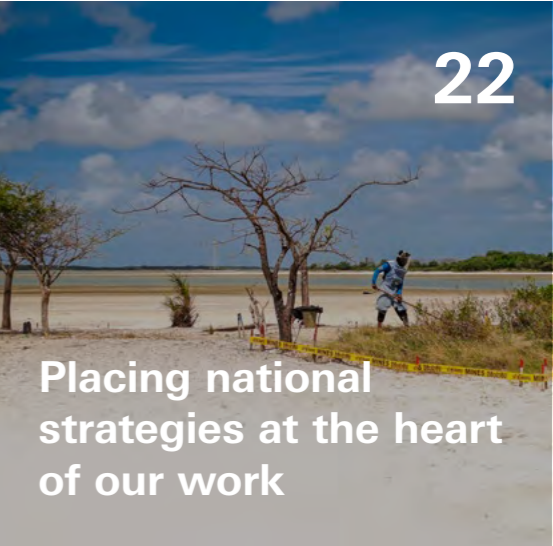
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enhancement



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driver of innovation



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FOREWORD

As we are publishing this report, the mine action community stands at a critical crossroads: needs are escalating, international norms are under pressure, and resources are stretched. In this difficult landscape, our collective efforts to mitigate risks of explosive ordnance are more vital than ever.

Across the globe, explosive ordnance continues to claim lives, obstruct humanitarian efforts, and hinder post-conflict recovery. An estimated 100 million people live under the threat of landmines and other explosive ordnance, with an increasing number of ongoing conflicts exacerbating the danger. According to the latest Landmine Monitor, the number of people killed or injured by landmines and explosive remnants of war has increased by 22% since 2022.

In 2024, the GICHD focused not only on sustaining support to affected countries but also on reinforcing the foundations of our sector: strong national ownership, robust standards and international norms, as well as lasting partnerships. We worked to ensure that local capacities are not only built but trusted and empowered, that innovation serves people, and that mine action remains an important pillar of humanitarian protection, peacebuilding, and development.

The new Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) action plan and related frameworks reminded us of the collective promise made decades ago: war has limits. Upholding that promise in today's world takes courage, creativity, and collaboration. At the GICHD, we remain deeply committed to providing technical expertise, convening power, and exerting leadership to translate our fundamental commitments into action.

2024 was also a year of progress for the GICHD. We supported States Parties to the APMBC to develop the new action plan—officially adopted at the Fifth Review Conference in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This plan sets a clear, forward-looking road map for the next five years, highlighting the importance of inclusivity and localization while capitalizing on over two decades of mine action experience.

We supported the launch and initial implementation of Ukraine's new National Mine Action Strategy 2024–2033, and we were honoured to assist the governments of Ukraine and Switzerland in organizing the Ukraine Mine Action Conference in Lausanne in October 2024.

The launch of the Innovation Hub was yet another defining moment, sparking fresh ideas and groundbreaking solutions to the complex challenges of mine action. Our ongoing commitment to research has led to continuous advancements, not only in technical aspects but also in addressing pressing global challenges, such as how to build climate resilience through mine action or how inclusive management of mine action data can support both the sector and affected communities.

In this Annual Report, you will find stories that bring this work to life—highlighting our capacity enhancement efforts, our push for innovation, regional collaboration (such as the convening event in the Pacific), our support for national strategies, and how we have continued to serve as bridge builders and convener in multilateral processes.

As we navigate the challenges ahead, we take strength from our global community of partners, donors, and colleagues—especially those working on the front lines of mine action. We also take inspiration from the adaptability and determination shown across the sector this year.

Together, we reaffirm our belief that safe futures are built step by step, through principled action, practical support, and shared purpose.

Thank you for being an essential part of that journey.

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Dr Barbara Haering
GICHD President



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Ambassador Tobias Privitelli
GICHD Director

THE GICHD

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1
Review achievements,
challenges and lessons learnt in
implementing Ukraine's National
Mine Action Strategy since June
2024

2
Analyse the evolving
mine action co-ordination
validate the strategy
direction and plan



EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE: an ongoing deadly global threat

Landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive ordnance (EO) threaten people every day in more than 60 countries and territories. Around the world, someone is killed or injured by these weapons about every hour. Survivors and their families struggle with the physical, psychological, social, and economic consequences of accidents.

During conflicts, explosive ordnance prevents people from accessing basic services and life-saving humanitarian aid. There are over 100 armed conflicts worldwide, many lasting years, killing, maiming and displacing people from their homes, and taking place in populated areas where explosive weapons have devastating effects beyond their intended targets.

Well after fighting stops, landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war are found along roads and borders, near homes and schools, and in other places where daily life continues. Unsafely and insecurely managed ammunition can lead to accidents, including explosions, injuries, and the spread of violence. This forces an estimated 100 million people to live at risk of an EO-related accident, especially when there is no alternative road to school, no access to medical care nearby, no safe land to farm.

HOW THE GICHD REDUCES THE RISK posed by explosive ordnance

The GICHD works to reduce risks that communities face from explosive ordnance—a term that describes ammunition and weapons containing explosives. Our work focuses on landmines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war, as well as conventional ammunition. As a humanitarian organization with 95 staff from 37 countries, the GICHD provides expertise and technical support to governments, international and regional organizations, NGOs, and companies in about 40 affected countries and territories, with the aim to develop and professionalize explosive ordnance risk reduction—i.e. mine action and ammunition management. The GICHD works for and with our partners, together striving to ensure that international norms and standards are adopted in national systems and translated into strategic actions to protect communities affected by explosive ordnance. This work saves lives, facilitates the safe return of displaced populations, supports gender equality and inclusion, and promotes humanitarian assistance and sustainable development.

60+
countries and territories are
affected by explosive ordnance

~ every hour
someone is killed or injured

100+ million
people live at risk from explosive
ordnance

THE GICHD IN NUMBERS

95
Staff members



58
Women

37
Men



37
Nationalities



29
Working languages



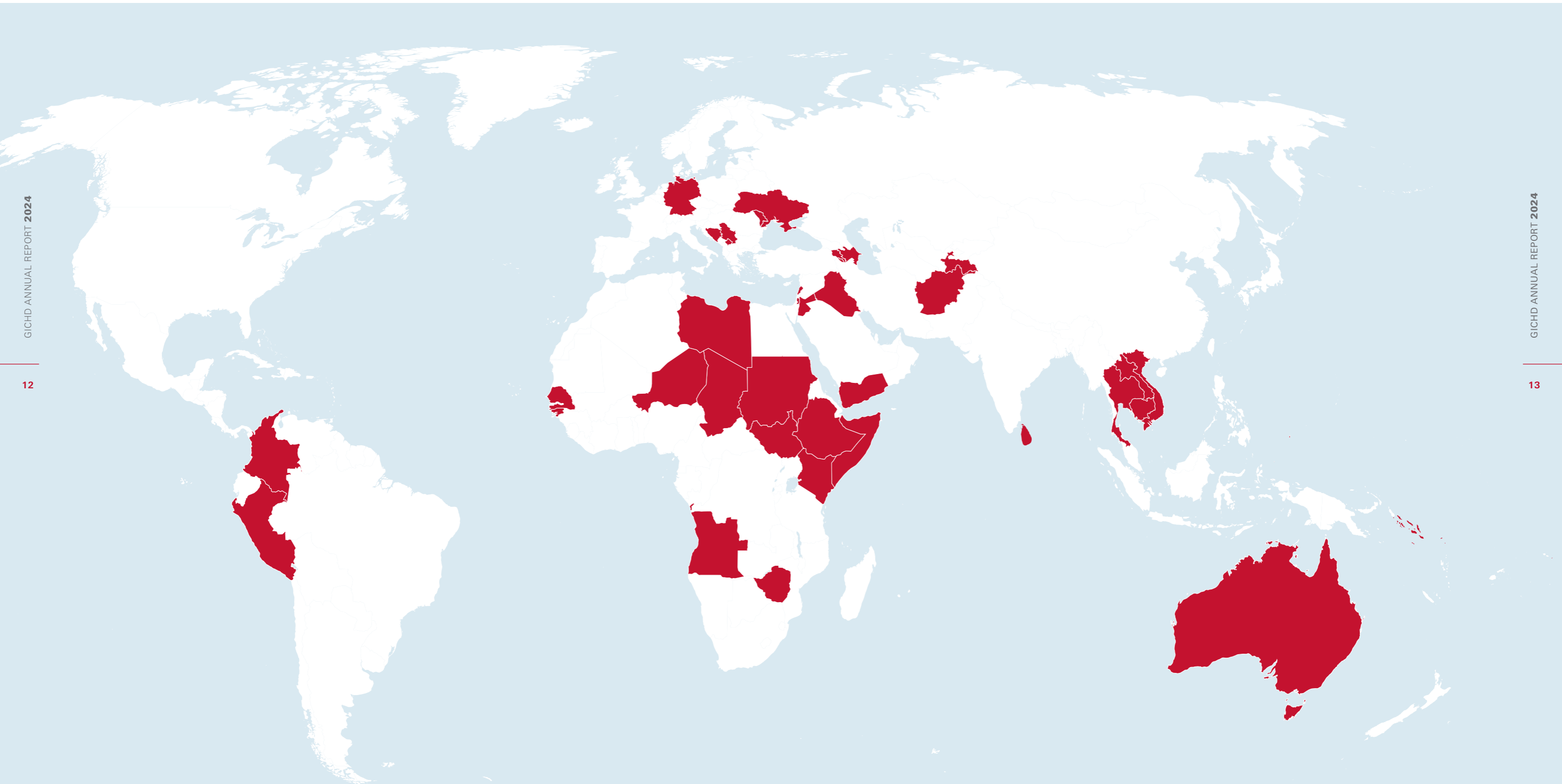
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Explosive remnants of war, Solomon Islands, 2024 © GICHD

**WE WORK WITH
AND FOR PARTNERS**
around the world

We share information, expertise, and training through long-term partnerships with national and local authorities, donors, the United Nations, other international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, operators, companies, and academia.

Our three Regional Cooperation Programmes promote dialogue, knowledge exchange and cooperation between explosive ordnance-affected states in the Middle East and North Africa; Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia; and the Sahel and West Africa regions.



2024 STORIES



TRAINING OF TRAINERS: multiplying the impact of capacity enhancement

At the heart of the GICHD’s mission lies a commitment to invest in local capacity that lasts—not just by transmitting technical knowledge, but by training our learners to teach others, multiply impact, and lead their own future. The Centre’s **Training of Trainers (ToT) model**—tailored to national authorities’ specific contexts—equips participants with both subject expertise and the instructional skills needed to pass that knowledge forward. This approach is further reinforced through ongoing mentoring, blended learning techniques, and easier access to resources—including new translations and interactive online courses that expand reach and inclusion.

In **Ukraine**, this commitment is embodied by Maksym, from the State Special Transport Service of Ukraine. Maksym quickly discovered that demining was a field where learning never stops. *“Deminers are constantly learning”,* he explains, *“since new types of ammunition emerge every day.”* This constant evolution of challenges kept him engaged.

Maksym has discovered that demining is not just about the technical side of things—it is about the people. *“You’re constantly on the move, communicating with new people, to find new required information that is not always available on the internet or in books”,* he adds. The true value came from

“**For me, the ToT course has been useful, because within the army we are still implementing the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) in units that are not specialized in explosive ordnance. In my unit, one of our responsibilities is transporting logistical cargo, including ammunition. So, there are definitely opportunities to train our team to handle the transport of ammunition and explosives while applying the IATG guidelines.**”

Claudia Vanini, Executive Officer (Second-in-Command) of the Army Transport Battalion of the Peruvian Army

the people who had worked in different situations, each with their own experiences and expertise. *“That’s why it’s good to have people from different organizations who have been in different places coming together”,* Maksym says. *“They can share their approaches and may have seen something that we haven’t.”*

Halfway around the world, the GICHD led a ToT course on ammunition management in **Peru**. Using GICHD training materials adapted to the Peruvian context and needs, 13 participants were trained as instructors in ammunition management through a ToT course on teaching methodologies. More than a third of them were women. In the following month, five of them had already trained 45 military cadets and 38 non-commissioned officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force under GICHD mentorship—proof that capacity, when nurtured locally, grows quickly and meaningfully.

From Ukraine to Peru, the GICHD’s evolving tools and innovative learning platforms ensure that knowledge does not just cross borders—it takes root, grows, and belongs to those who need it most.



Maksym successfully completed the ToT course, 2024 © GICHD

E-LEARNING PLATFORM

3,841 course completions
Ukraine **825**
Colombia **382**
Zimbabwe **308**
Iraq **197**
and Yemen **91**

Participants:
34% Women
65% Men

Course languages:
French **7.32%**
Ukrainian **9.55%**
Arabic **4.3%**
Spanish **8.33%**
English **70.5%**



IATG course delivered by newly trained instructor through AMAT ToT program, Chucarapi, Peru, October 2024 © GICHD

The GICHD as a DRIVER OF INNOVATION



GICHD Innovation Session on AI for Mine Action, October 2024 © Antoine Tardy/GICHD

Innovation in mine action and ammunition management is about more than emerging technologies. Innovation is about linking challenges on the ground and the people, ideas, tools, and methods that can address them. Whether it involves drones, data, or different ways of working, innovation begins by identifying actual needs and responding with solutions that are relevant, inclusive, and grounded in context.

While technology is a powerful tool, true innovation lies in how we creatively address challenges faced by countries affected by explosive ordnance, regardless of the specific technology or methodology needed. In 2024, the GICHD launched the **Innovation Hub**, which plays a central role in this vision. It provides a platform for knowledge-sharing, connecting academics, tech experts, and practitioners to collaborate on practical solutions based on concrete needs.

Artificial intelligence for mine action

"The most interesting innovation event I have attended within the sector for years" is how Russel Gasser, former European Commission Advisor on Mine Action Technologies, described the **Innovation Session on artificial intelligence (AI)**. The GICHD hosted this groundbreaking event, the first of its kind in the mine action sector, in October 2024 in Geneva. Over 100 AI experts and mine action practitioners exchanged on challenges of the sector and possible ways to introduce AI in solutions.

The event was a catalyst for several new funding proposals and projects within the sector, including a new project by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in South Sudan and one by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Mine Action Centre in Southeast Asia.

"The GICHD Innovation Hub is a fantastic and much-needed initiative to accelerate and scale innovation across the Mine Action sector. It creates space for collaboration, experimentation, and real impact. UNOPS PSC has been strongly encouraged and enabled by it, as it has formed the basis for a number of our advanced GIS and AI leveraged Mine Action projects. We hope to continue collaborating with the Hub to build on this momentum."

Rory Collins, Global Information Management and Analytics Advisor for UNOPS Peace and Security Cluster (PSC)

GICHD INNOVATION INNOVATION SESSION AI FOR MINE ACTION

DIVERSE PARTICIPATION IN THE AI SESSIONS FROM MINE ACTION AND OTHER SECTORS

31%

National mine action authorities, regional mine action entities, governments

9%

Donors, international organizations and others

13%

Tech providers

25%

Academia, research and technology organizations

22%

Mine action organizations, international and national non-governmental organizations

~100

organizations are part of the Innovation Hub

"AI is not a substitute for human expertise, but when integrated with the skills of mine action professionals, it can lead to faster, safer, and more effective operations in conflict-prone regions."

Rothna Buth, Executive Director of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC)

GICHD Innovation Session on AI for Mine Action, October 2024 © Antoine Tardy/GICHD

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

11 Pacific Island Nations represented at Regional Workshop

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

~ **3,000** items of EO removed and destroyed every year

1 NMAS revised in 2024

2 IM Workshops in 2024

IMSMA Core
launched in November 2024

IN PALAU

1 IM Workshop

1 Operational Assessment and Report

SUPPORTING THE PACIFIC REGION: World War II remnants halting present day developments

Eddie, chair of the Solomon Islands' Explosive Ordnance Clearance Association (SIEOCA), ensures that development projects move forward safely. As a private contractor, he is asked to inspect land before new developments to check for unexploded ordnance (UXO), like grenades or mortars, that has been buried for over 80 years, mostly from World War II.

"We are finding more and more... it's becoming more and more of an issue now," Eddie explains, pointing to how increasing infrastructure development and climate change adaptation practices are uncovering these hidden dangers.

Moreover, the amount of unexploded ordnance remains on land and in the sea is unknown, which not only is a threat to public health, safety, and the environment, but also hinders economic development and climate change adaptation plans. One of Eddie's recent experiences highlights the severity of the problem: *"Two months ago, I got involved with a contractor who was upgrading our international airport... I went in there and did some search, and I found a UXO, just five meters from the runway,"* he recalls. The life-threatening problem of unexploded ordnance, like bombs, shells and other munitions, is becoming worse as new development projects and rising sea levels are bringing people more in contact with them.

Eddie's work shows the need for better regulation and national mine action standards. *"We need training. Because the standards require us to be certified"* he adds, pointing out the lack of formal qualifications for many employees of local contractors. At the request of the Solomon Islands' Ministry for Police, National Security and Correctional Services, the GICHD has supported the development of national mine action standards, and the implementation of the information management system IMSMA Core, an important step toward improving safety and coordination.

Eddie believes that implementing and following these standards will benefit both the community and the people working to clear away UXO.

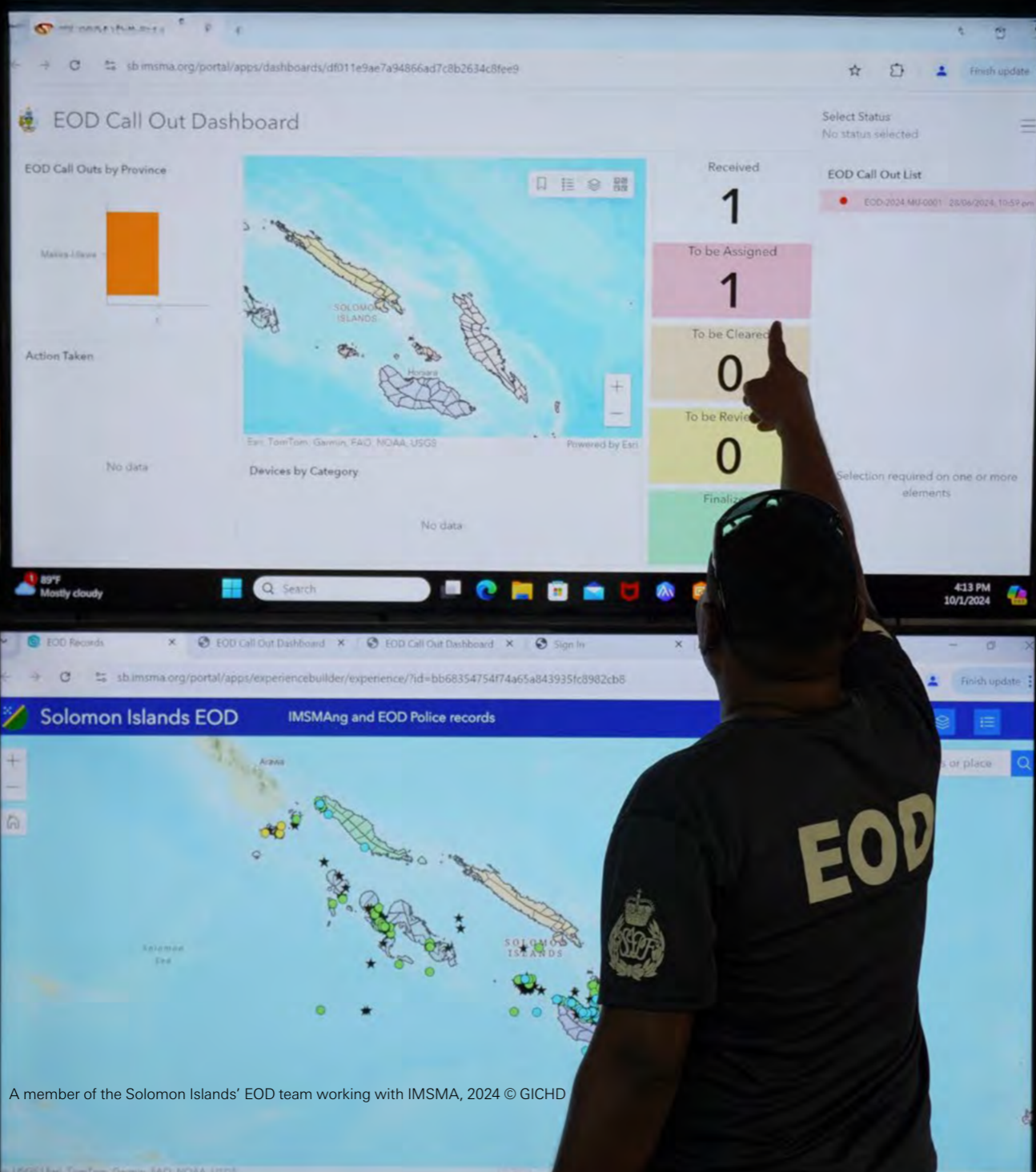


"Whatever we are doing is to reduce the risk," he says. For Eddie and many others in the Pacific, addressing explosive ordnance is not just about clearing land and sea, it is about ensuring a safer and more sustainable future across the region.

Eddie was one of 51 participants from 11 Pacific Island nations at the *Regional Workshop on Explosive Ordnance Risk Reduction* in Brisbane, Australia, hosted by the GICHD in September 2024. The workshop aimed to boost regional cooperation and identify the tools, training, and support needed to reduce the growing risks.

“One challenge that we face is how to deal with UXO. Having UXO-contaminated land will not help us progress with our development aspirations.”

Karen Galokale, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Police, National Security, and Correctional Service, Solomon Islands



A member of the Solomon Islands' EOD team working with IMSMA, 2024 © GICHD

PLACING NATIONAL STRATEGIES at the heart of our work

Strong national strategies are most effective when developed consultatively, engaging not only mine action and ammunition management authorities, but also government ministries, national and international operators, and the broader UN and international community. This inclusive approach identifies opportunities and challenges, ensuring that strategies address the needs and priorities on the ground.

Through this collective effort strategies become more than just frameworks. They are holistic, grounded in national realities, aligned with local priorities, and designed for long-term success. They are the key avenue through which international commitments and obligations become localized.

In 2024, the GICHD continued to support affected countries throughout this process with strategic advice and technical expertise. Through workshops and good practice sharing, the GICHD assisted countries throughout the strategic planning process from Libya and Yemen, just at the beginning of their strategy journeys, to Sri Lanka, now implementing its mine action completion strategy.

Sri Lanka's path to a mine-free future: a story of national ownership and strategy

When Sri Lanka's 30-year civil conflict ended in 2009, landmines remained a threat in people's everyday lives, especially in the north and east of the country.

"We used to have 212 casualties every year", recalls Mr. M.M. Nayeemudeen, National Director for Mine Action. "Now it's almost zero."

With support from the GICHD and international donors, Sri Lanka developed a clear, locally driven mine action strategy.

"With the GICHD's help, we created a strong national strategy for 2023–2027 and built a transparent information system through IMSMA. That made all the difference. People now feel safe; their livelihoods have improved. Parents can go to work without fearing for their children", he says.

Now Sri Lanka has a completion strategy, meaning it is nearing the final stages of mine action work. Its mine action programme serves as a model of national ownership, transparency, and collaboration.

"We are ready to share our success and best practices. If our story can save even one life in another country, we'll be very happy."

Libya: the beginning of the strategy journey

Libya faces a significant challenge due to widespread contamination by explosive remnants of war and mines. In 2024, the Libya Mine Action Centre (LibMAC) requested the GICHD's support. After a baseline assessment was conducted, a workshop brought together LibMAC and various stakeholders in Tunis for the first time. This event fostered relationships and laid the groundwork for future collaboration. The main outcome—a context-specific theory of change—will guide the development of Libya's mine action strategy.



Strategy stakeholder workshop, Libya mine action programme, Tunis, 2024 © GICHD

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Strategies reviewed in Peru, Moldova
- 1

Strategy developed in Peru
- 3

Strategies launched in Kosovo, South Sudan, Ukraine
- 3

Strategies implemented in Germany (GFFO), Sri Lanka, Ukraine
- 1

Strategic planning process started in Libya
- 1

baseline assessment on operational capacity in Libya



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Mr. M.M. Nayeemudeen, National Director for Mine Action

A deminer clearing in a coastal area, Sri Lanka, 2024 © GICHD



From national to international: **FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS**

The GICHD supports mine action and ammunition management at the national, regional, and international levels, often acting as a bridge builder between high-level multilateral processes, regional and national systems, and evolving realities on the ground. This allows the Centre to be a trusted convener, bringing stakeholders to the table—national authorities, operators, researchers, donors, international organizations—to further strengthen the sector and ultimately make this world a safer place.

A road map for the future: the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan

In 2024, the GICHD made significant technical and strategic contributions to shape the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan at the Fifth Review Conference of the APMBC. This five-year plan sets priorities to guide the implementation of the Convention until 2029. It not only strengthens global commitments but also links mine action to broader goals like food security, gender equality, and environmental sustainability.

The Centre's long-standing commitment to EO risk education (EORE) led to a milestone decision. From now on, EORE will be part of discussions on States Parties' progress under Article 5, which sets out the obligations to find and clear anti-personnel mines in their territories. The GICHD also made a strong case to keep inclusive language in the Action Plan, which was upheld despite differing State positions.

A global summit for mine action practitioners

Over 600 participants from around the world came to Geneva to exchange expertise and to collaborate on best practices at the 27th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers (NDM-UN), co-organized by the GICHD and the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS), in April 2024. In addition to unpacking topics from innovation to reducing harm to civilians, an entire day focused on bringing together National Mine Action Directors for peer learning, prioritizing and exchange, which does not happen at this scale at any other meeting.

“It's important that we don't forget the problems from countries that had conflicts decades ago, with this meeting we can refocus but also reaffirm that mine action is important and saves lives, so that we can keep focus and funding to execute our activities.”

Eva Veble, Global Special Advisor at Norwegian People's Aid and NDM-UN participant.

From commitments to action: regional dialogues on the Global Framework for Ammunition

In 2024, the GICHD provided technical expertise and strategic insights to a series of informal regional meetings convened by UNODA to advance the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management (GFA). Held across four regions—Latin America, West Africa, East Africa, and the Asia-Pacific—these meetings unpacked the GFA's 15 objectives and facilitated early exchanges on regional and national implementation. The Centre supported these efforts by delivering technical presentations, moderating breakout discussions, and helping to identify key gaps, challenges, and areas for international cooperation. This reinforced the Centre's trusted role in promoting safe, secure, and sustainable ammunition management, and set the stage for the Preparatory Meeting of States in 2025.

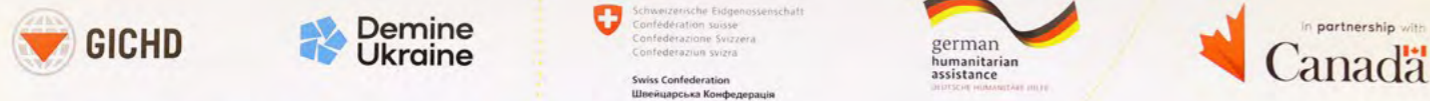
Coordination for stronger mine action in Ukraine

The 2024 Ukraine Mine Action Donor Coordination Workshop in Kyiv, co-hosted by the GICHD and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, brought together representatives from more than 50 countries and organizations to align donor contributions with Ukraine’s national mine action priorities. Participants reaffirmed that continued collaboration, lean and efficient processes, and continued commitments by all stakeholders are essential to achieve the goal of bringing back 80% of mine contaminated land to productive use in Ukraine within the next decade. The meeting set the stage for the Ukraine Mine Action Conference in Lausanne in October 2024. The GICHD also supported the development of Ukraine’s National Mine Action Strategy and action plan, which were formally launched in 2024.

"The GICHD plays a crucial role in collaborating with the Ukrainian authorities to enhance the framework conditions, processes, and the exchange of information between national and international actors, thereby increasing demining capacities. Ultimately, this benefits the people living here," stresses Ambassador Simon Geissbühler, former head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs’ Peace and Human Rights Division.

“ The help from our partners plays an essential role in our ability to effectively address the challenges in mine action. Long-term cooperation at both the strategic and tactical levels is crucial for our shared successes. ”

Yulia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine, about the importance of cooperation at the 2024 Ukraine Mine Action Donor Coordination Workshop, co-hosted by the GICHD.



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DONOR COORDINATION WORKSHOP
#DemineUkraine



Ukraine Mine Action Donor Coordination Workshop, Kyiv, Ukraine, 2024 © GICHD



2024 GICHD EVENTS IN NUMBERS

1,842
participants

32%
women

62%
national organizations

63
events

68%
men

78%
EO-affected countries

27th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and UN Advisers (NDM-UN), 2024 © GICHD

2024 RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL

RESULTS in a nutshell



Multilateral processes are informed by evidence and supported by expert advice

7 multilateral processes supported to develop and implement legal and political commitments
APMBC, ATT, CCM, CCW: Amended Protocol II, NDM, RECSA, UN Programme of Action (PoA) on SALW

6 extension requests reflecting the GICHD's inputs
3 CCM (Chad, Germany, Lao PDR), 3 APMBC (Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Serbia)

20 interventions in official meetings
8 statements; 7 presentations in plenary sessions/side events; 5 side events organized (APMBC, Fifth Review Conference)

At least 36 references to the GICHD's substantive support; 9 references to logistical support



National responses are framed by strategies, regulated by up-to-date standards, and enabled by information management

2 strategies reviewed
Moldova, Peru

1 strategy developed
Peru

3 strategies launched
Kosovo, South Sudan, Ukraine

3 strategies implemented
Germany (GFFO), Sri Lanka, Ukraine

5 IMAS revised; 2 IMAS developed

5 NMAS revised
Somalia, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands

4 NMAS developed
Ukraine

1 country established an IM capacity
Libya

2 new countries/territories established a well-functioning IM system
Solomon Islands, Somalia



Operations are implemented safely, effectively, and efficiently

3 countries/territories supported to improve operational capacity
Moldova, Peru, Ukraine

1 organization developed a work plan in relation to the GFA
Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA)

1 baseline assessment on operational capacity
Libya

1 work plan developed to support capacity enhancement
Libya



Gender and diversity are mainstreamed, and equality and inclusion promoted in explosive ordnance risk reduction

4 countries supported with establishing a well-functioning GD capacity
Libya, South Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen

5 countries; 5 partners implemented GD mainstreaming with the GICHD's support
Mauritania, Somalia, South Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen; Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq-NGO, NPA-Bosnia-Herzegovina, NPA-Vietnam, HI-Yemen

The GICHD organized 63 events, with a total of 1,842 participants

32% representation of women

62% representation of local and/or national organizations

78% representation of people from affected countries/territories



The impact of explosive ordnance risk reduction is enhanced through connections with global agendas

5 countries/territories connected EO risk reduction and global agendas in national strategies with the GICHD's support
Germany, Kosovo, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Ukraine

3 regions connected EO risk reduction and global agendas
MENA, West and Central Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean

8 interventions in thematic discussions to strengthen links between EO risk reduction and global agendas

2 studies linking EO risk reduction with global agendas developed or published
Climate resilience priority-setting methodology, Mine action in border areas

PUBLICATIONS, DIGITAL PLATFORMS, AND TOOLS

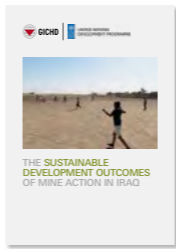
The research, publications, and online resources produced and maintained by the GICHD each year in multiple languages are a key component of its support for explosive ordnance risk reduction. These resources compile examples of good practice, support advisory missions, and training courses, and give national authorities, operators, and other partners the tools they need to reduce the risks posed by explosive ordnance.



LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

launched in 2024

All publications are available at www.gichd.org/resources/publications



The sustainable development outcomes of mine action in Iraq



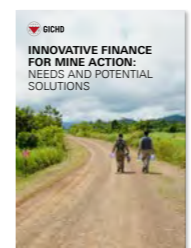
Explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sector mapping and needs analysis



Inclusive data management in the mine action sector



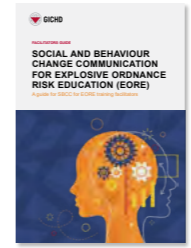
Mapping of the explosive ordnance risk education sector in Ukraine



Innovative financing for mine action



GICHD insights series on the Fifth Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention



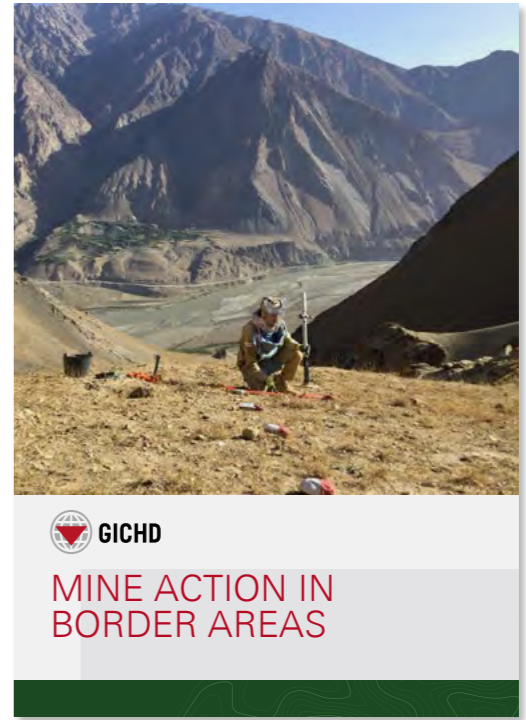
Social and Behaviour Change Communication Toolkit



EORE Game Changers

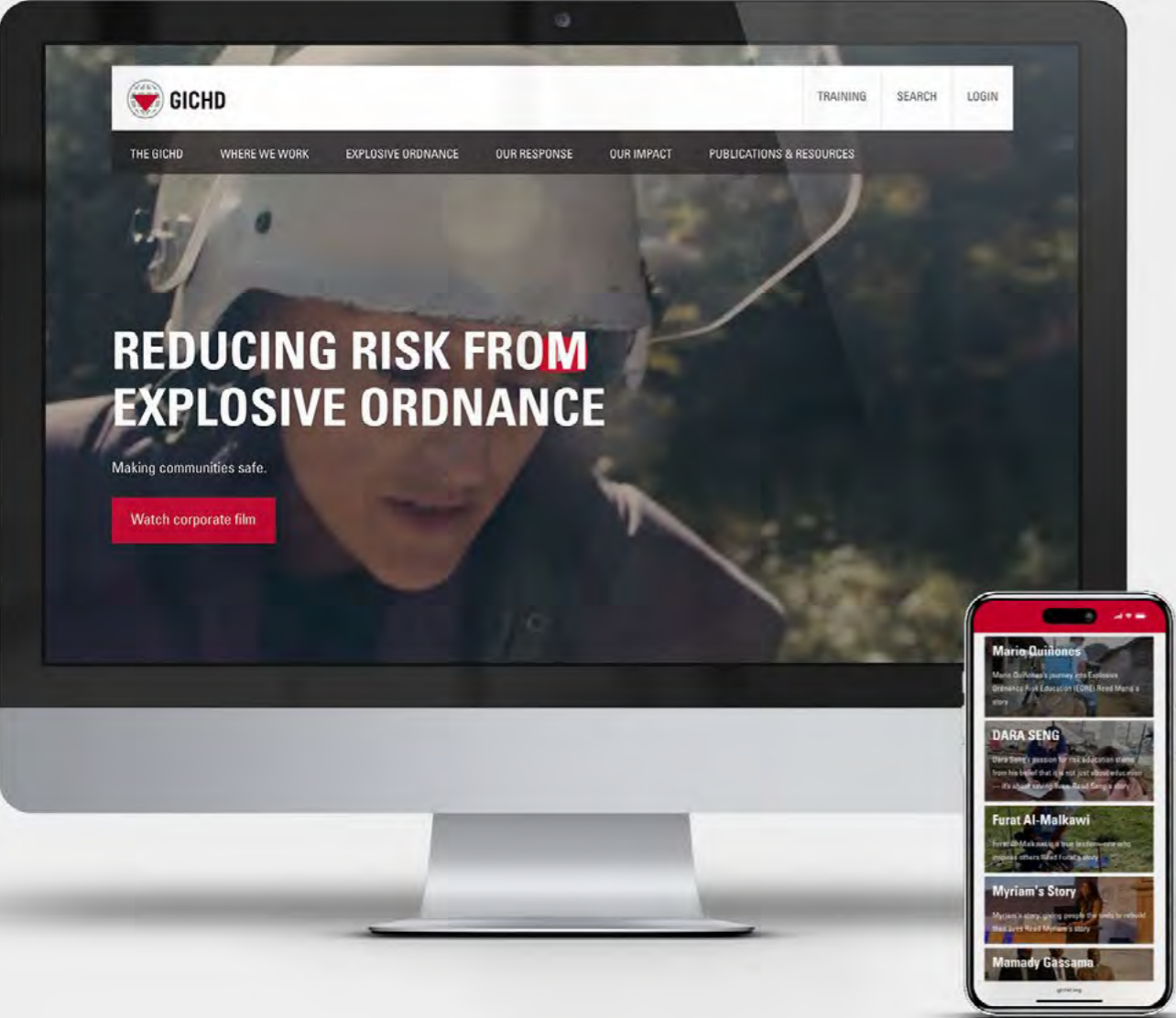


Innovation Conference 2023 Report



Mine action in border areas

DIGITAL PLATFORMS and Tools



Websites launched in 2024

- [EORE Stories](#)
- [SBCC microsite](#)
- [Innovation sessions web page in 2024](#)
- [4 April Campaign web page](#)
- [GICHD insights and statements web page relevant to APMBC implementation](#)
- [Border study interactive map and web page](#)

GICHD Websites

- [GICHD main website](#)
- [GICHD online training platform](#)
- [Ammunition Management Activity Platform \(A-MAP\)](#)
- [Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System \(AAMVS\)](#)
- [Ammunition Inventory Management System \(AIMS\): Application installation on demand.](#)
- [Bâtisseurs de Paix competition](#)
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- [The Collaborative ORDNance data repository \(CORD\)](#)
- [Digitalized IATG](#)
- [Equipment catalogue](#)
- [Explosive ordnance risk education project](#)
- [GDEI Donor Resources](#)
- [Gender and Mine Action Programme](#)
- [The GICHD Arab Regional Cooperation Programme \(ARCP\) Gender Focal Point Capacity Development Programme 2020–2022](#)
- [GICHD podcasts](#)
- [IATG Comprehensive Training Package](#)
- [IMSMA Core](#)
- [Lasting Footprints](#)
- [Life of Mine](#)
- [Mine Action Central Repository of Accidents \(Macra\)](#)
- [Multi-Year Impact Reports](#)
- [Risk management digital resource](#)
- [Together Against Mines campaign](#)
- [A VR experience \(Home after War\)](#)
- [Women in Kosovo web page](#)

Other Platforms Hosted/Managed

- [Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention \(APMBC\)](#)
- [Convention on Cluster Munitions \(CCM\)](#)
- [International Mine Action Standards \(IMAS\)](#)
- [Maison de la paix Gender and Diversity Hub](#)
- [International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and UN Advisers](#)

Social Media

- Facebook**
[@gichd](#)
26,349 followers
- X**
[@thegichd](#) [@theAMATeam](#)
5,122 followers 983 followers
- Instagram**
[@thegichd](#)
1,883 followers
- LinkedIn**
[gichd](#)
24,443 followers
- Youtube**
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1,274 subscribers

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

GOVERNANCE structure

The GICHD is subject to Swiss law. It is directly supervised by the Swiss Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations (Autorité fédérale de surveillance des fondations), which is a section of the Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs. The GICHD Foundation's powers are exercised by, or are under the authority of, the Council of Foundation and the Director of the GICHD.

The Council of Foundation is the GICHD's governing body. It defines the Centre's general direction, supervises its activities and decides how to allocate its resources. Serving alongside the President, Dr Barbara Haering, who was re-elected for another two-year mandate in December 2024, are 25 Council of Foundation members. The Bureau of the Council of Foundation, composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and three delegates from the Council of Foundation, manages the Foundation's current affairs, unless otherwise delegated to the Director.

In addition to the governance bodies, the Advisory Board and the Advisory Council of the Ammunition

Management Advisory Team provide advice to the Director on the strategy and programmes of the GICHD. Both advisory entities consist of groups of practitioners and representatives of states and organizations involved in mine action, human security and ammunition management.

The Director is appointed by the Council of Foundation and is responsible for the Centre's operational, financial, and administrative management under the strategic guidance of the Council of Foundation.

An external auditor reviews the Centre's financial reports and ensures their compliance with Swiss law. Mazars SA was appointed by the Council of Foundation as the external auditor for the 2024 fiscal year. The GICHD's annual financial statements are subject to a voluntary ordinary statutory audit as per a decision by the GICHD's Council of Foundation. The audit is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and Swiss auditing standards.

COUNCIL of Foundation

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Dr Barbara Haering, President of the Council of Foundation

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Mr Ivor Fung, Chief, Conventional Arms Branch.

UNITED NATIONS MINE ACTION SERVICE
Ms Ilene Cohn, Director of UNMAS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ambassador Bruce Turner, Permanent Representative of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

VIETNAM
Ambassador Phan Dung Mai, Permanent Representative of Vietnam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.



The Council of Foundation with outgoing Director, Ambassador Stefano Toscano, and current Director, Ambassador Tobias Privitelli, 2023 © GICHD

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Organization (NSPA, NATO)



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Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

statement

CONTRIBUTIONS	20,748,186
Activities / contributions deferred from previous year	-
Activities / contributions deferred to next year	(115,106)
In-kind contributions	397,977
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE ALLOCATION TO RESERVE	21,031,057
Allocation to unrestricted fund private donors reserve	(152,041)
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER ALLOCATION TO RESERVE	20,879,016
FINANCIAL INCOME	342,903
NON-OPERATING INCOME	14,986
TOTAL REVENUES	21,236,905

Personnel expenses	13,415,067
Travel costs	1,118,864
Professional fees	2,135,382
Publications and outreach	192,355
ICT and furniture	797,924
Events	1,779,760
Administrative and other running costs	1,103,954
In-kind expenditures	397,977
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES	20,941,283
Depreciation of fixed assets	15,858
FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES	244,158
NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES	35,606
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,236,905



Report of the statutory auditor to the Council of Foundation of Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, Geneva

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (the Foundation) which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, the statement of income and expenditures, the statement of changes in capital, the statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In accordance with Swiss GAAP RPC 21, the information in the performance report is not subject to the obligation of examination of auditors.

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP RPC and comply with Swiss law and the foundation statutes.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Council of the Foundation is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements, and our auditor's reports thereon. The annual and performance reports will be made available to us after the date of this report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.



Council of the Foundation's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Council of Foundation is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, which give a true and fair view in accordance with Swiss GAAP RPC and the provisions of Swiss law, and for such internal control as the Council of the Foundation determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council of Foundation is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Council of Foundation either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on EXPERTsuisse's website at: <https://www.expertsuisse.ch/en/audit-report>. This description forms an integral part of our report.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with Art. 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and SA-CH 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of the financial statements according to the instructions of the Council of Foundation.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Forvis Mazars SA

Jean-Marc Jenny

May 27, 2025

Qualified Electronic Signature by SwissID

Jean-Marc Jenny
Licensed audit expert
(Auditor in charge)

Florian Charpentier

May 27, 2025

Qualified Electronic Signature by SwissID

Florian Charpentier

Geneva, May 27, 2025

Attachment

- Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditures, statement of changes in capital, the statement of cash flow and notes)



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