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The Humanitarian and Developmental Impact of Anti-vehicle Mines



Nimroz province, Afghanistan (photo credit MACCA)

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Study rational



- Increasing awareness of the issue through collaboration with partners in the field
- Lack of comprehensive studies



General findings

- Humanitarian impact: casualties
- Short-term impact: delivery of humanitarian assistance and resettlement
- Long-term impact: effect often increases over time as a countries develop



Legal framework

- Limited legal restrictions on the use of anti-vehicle mines
- Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW; 1980)
 - Amended Protocol II (1996)
- Principles of International Humanitarian Law



Angola (photo credit HALO Trust)

Political discussions

- Long-standing issue on the international agenda
- Efforts to further restrict use of anti-vehicle mines between 2000 and 2006
- Revival of discussion in the CCW in 2012



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Recommendations



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Further regulations needed to comply with IHL

Ensure detectability

Disaggregation of data collection



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