



**Organization of
American States**

**Comprehensive Action
against Antipersonnel Mines
Assistance for
Control of Arms and Munitions**

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The OAS in Focus

AICMA

- Chartered in 1948
- 35 independent American states
- Pillars
 - Democracy
 - Human rights
 - Security
 - Development.
- Mandates from OAS General Assembly
- Funding
 - Member state quotas for core political functions
 - Donor contributions for specific programas and projects





A regional approach to mine action that works

AICMA

Since 1991:

- *Over 200,000 landmines cleared*
- *More than a million stockpiled mines destroyed*
- *Over a million people in more than 1,500 affected communities educated about mine risks*
- *1,500 landmine victims assisted*

Guatemala
1997 - 2005

Nicaragua
1993 - 2010

Colombia
Start - 2005

Ecuador
Start - 2001

Peru
Start - 2001

Chile
Start - 2004

Honduras
1995 - 2004

Costa Rica
1996 - 2002

Suriname
2005

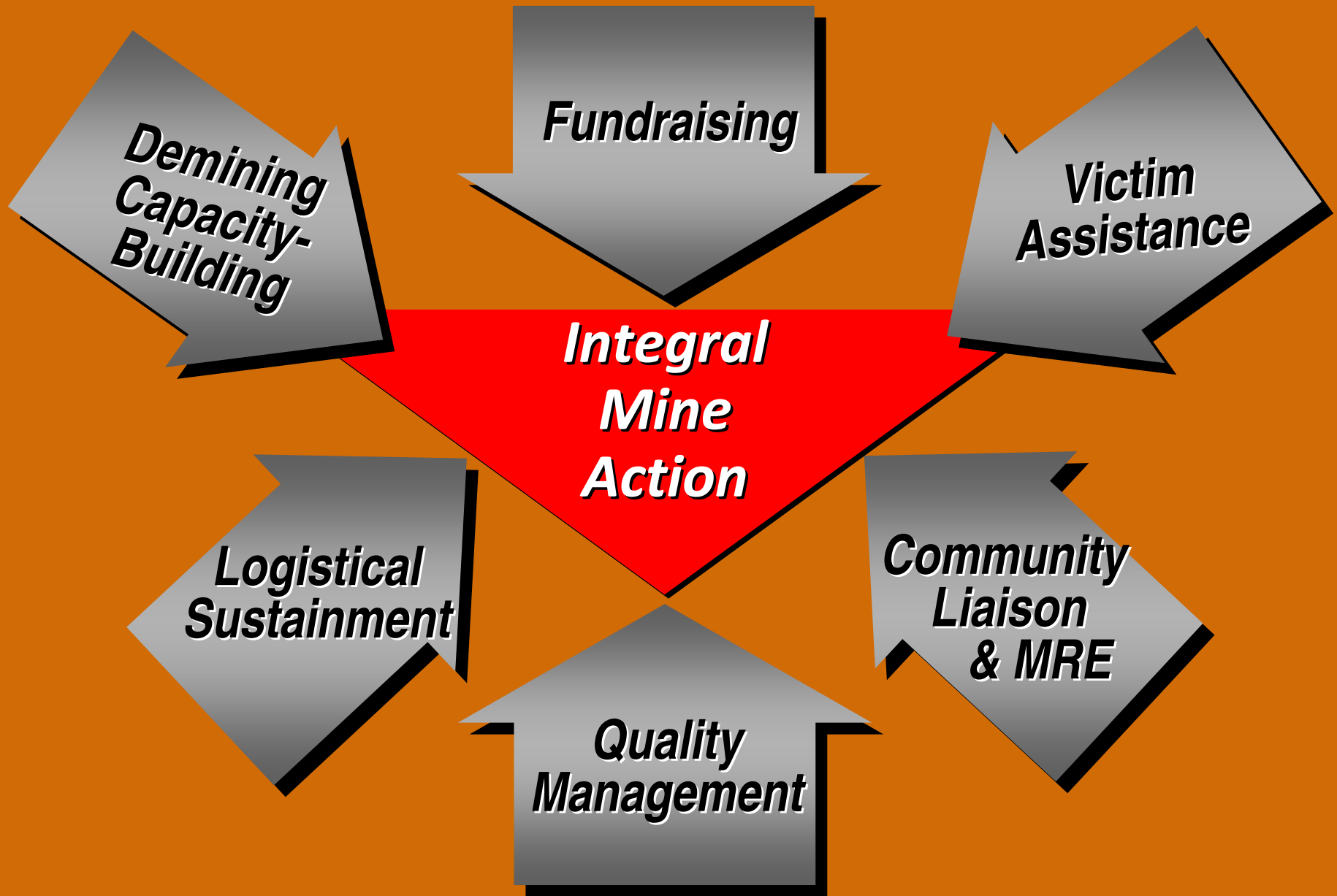
Argentina
2003 (stockpiles)

“Convert the Americas into the world’s first antipersonnel-landmine-free zone.” - OAS General Assembly Resolution 2630, June 2011



Mine Action Support

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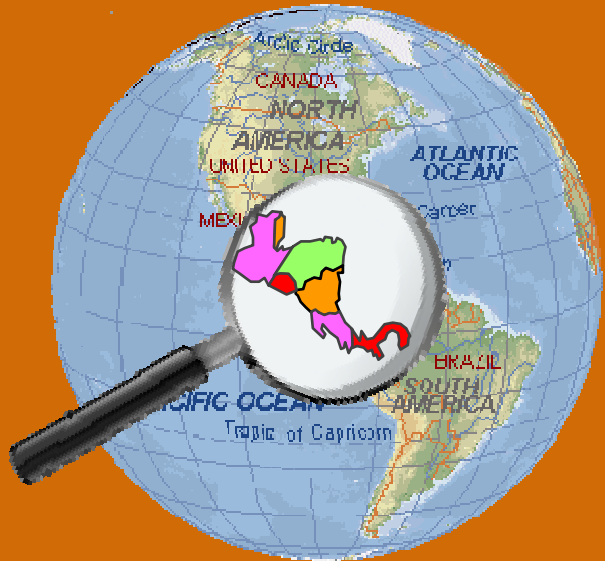
Control of Arms, Munitions and Explosives

AICMA

- Based on Inter-american Convention (CIFTA)
- Offshoot from mine action successes
- Agreements with six Central American governments
- OAS assistance and capabilities
 - EOD training
 - Mobile SALW destruction capacity
 - Destruction of expired, deteriorating and excess munitions
 - Abandoned munitions clearance and area remediation
 - Assistance with physical security, stockpile management and transport
 - Marking / tracing equipment



Results 2007-2012



- **Guatemala**
 - 634 T ammunition destroyed
 - 2,091 SALW destroyed
 - 1 storage site remediated
- **El Salvador**
 - 1 storage site in remediation
 - 2,078 SALW for destruction in Sep 12
- **Honduras**
 - 20 T small caliber ammunition destroyed
 - 3,000 SALW for destruction in Jan 13
- **Nicaragua**
 - 946 T ammunition destroyed
 - 82 hectares of farmland cleared of AXO
- **Costa Rica**
 - 32 T ammunition/pyrotechnics destroyed
 - 1,609 SALW destroyed