

Mine Action Support Group Donor Update – Canada – April 2013

In 1998, Canada established dedicated funding for mine action through the Canadian Landmine Fund, initially at \$100M for five years. In 2003, the fund was renewed with a further \$72M over five years. The fund sunset in 2008, and both the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) incorporated mine action into their regular budgets. Since 1999, Canada has contributed more than \$390M to mine action initiatives.

Within DFAIT, support for mine action has been provided through the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START). The mandate for START expired on 31 March 2013, and the Department is still determining the status of the program. Once renewal has been confirmed, it will be communicated to partners.

CIDA is currently supporting a victim assistance project in Colombia in the amount of \$2.9M, implemented through Handicap International. CIDA has also provided \$10M to support mine clearance activities in Cambodia. The project is being implemented through the UNDP, and activities are expected to continue until 2015.