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MISSION

// Promoting enhanced human security in countries affected by landmines/ Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and other impacts from conflict. //

The mission of ITF is to enhance safety as well as to enable the recovery and development of conflict affected countries by addressing the immediate and long-term impact of mine/ERW and other hazards following armed violence. A human security approach is applied to all of the ITF interventions as it provides a dynamic and practical policy framework for addressing widespread and cross-cutting threats. This human security approach upholds the linkages between humanitarian mine action and surplus arms reduction, as well as the nexus between security and development. It also supports the development of essential preconditions, capabilities and capacities that pave the way to comprehensive development, and facilitate full national ownership and accountability in conflict affected countries.





STRATEGIC PILLARS

Humanitarian mine action and reduction of other at-risk weapons and ammunition are about human security and restoring to human dignity. These two disciplines should not be limited to immediate relief, but should also address reconstruction and development. They both pave the way to peace and stability, make conflict affected communities safer, and set the stage for post-conflict recovery and development. However, long-term impacts of mines/ERW and other explosive hazards on people and communities remain even after they are removed. Therefore, ITF identifies two main pillars of its work, which will better support the efforts in building community resilience, addressing immediate and long-term impact of mine/ERW, arms and ammunition in conflict affected communities.

STRATEGIC PILLAR I

Reducing threats from mines, explosive remnants of war and other at-risk weapons and ammunition.

STRATEGIC PILLAR II

Facilitating safe, long-term development and building resilience of conflict-affected communities.



COUNTRIES / AREAS OF ITF ACTIVITIES

SOUTH EAST EUROPE:

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Macedonia
Serbia
Kosovo*
Montenegro
Bulgaria

BALTIC STATES:

Lithuania

SOUTH CAUCASUS:

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Georgia

CENTRAL ASIA:

Tajikistan
Afghanistan
Kyrgyz Republic
Turkmenistan
Kazakhstan
Mongolia

MIDDLE EAST:

Gaza Strip
Jordan
Lebanon
Syria
Egypt
Iraq

OTHER REGIONS:

Cyprus
Cabo Verde
Colombia
Libya
Ukraine

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



FUNDRAISING

A total of **398,645,239.46 USD** of donations was entrusted to ITF for managing over **3,000** programs and projects;

29 countries, the European Union, the UN Development Program, the UN Mine Action Service, OPEC Fund for International Development, the Council of Europe Development Bank, over 10 local authorities in mine affected countries, 130 international and local public and private companies, non-governmental organizations and individuals have donated funds through ITF;

Low administrative costs;

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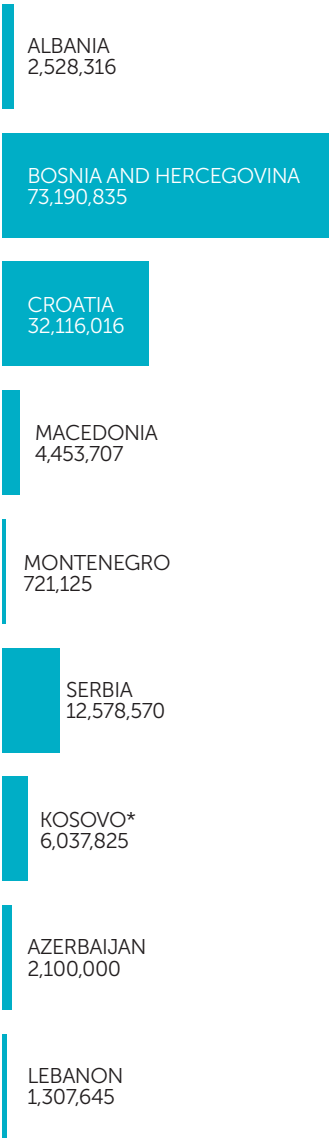
OVERVIEW OF ITF ACTIVITIES BY STRATEGIC PILLARS

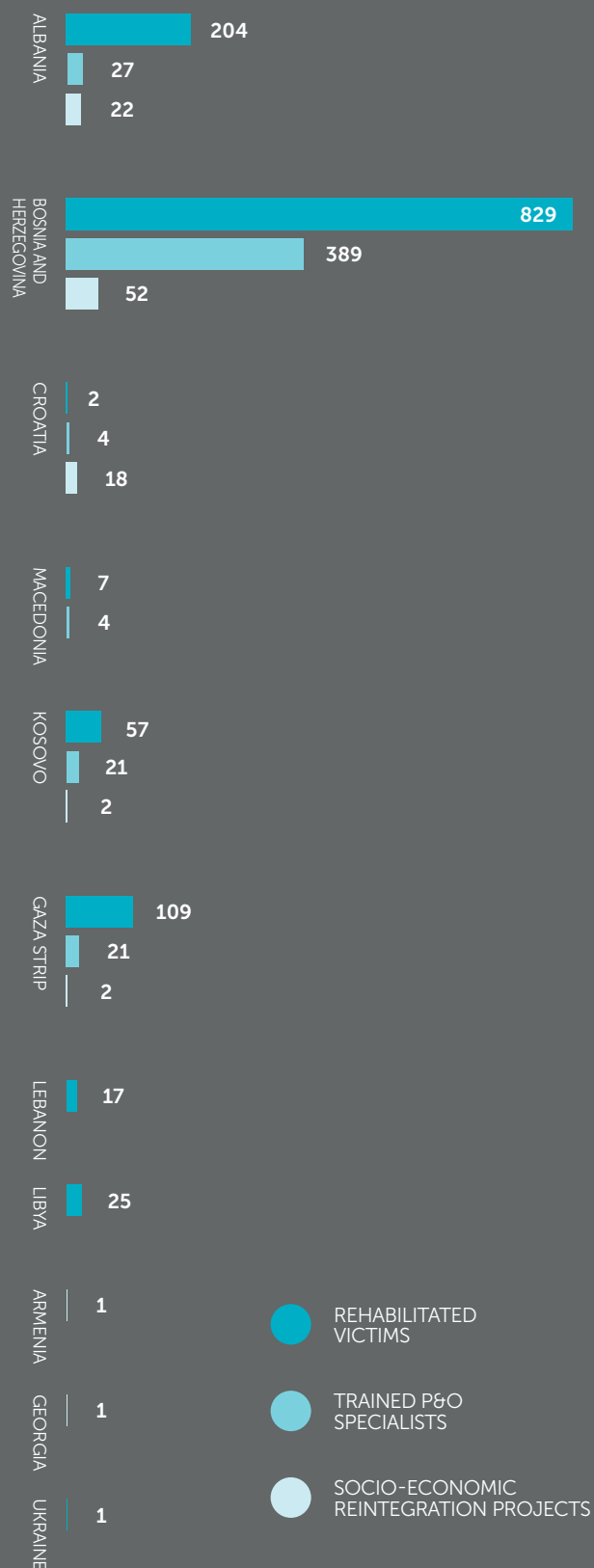
STRATEGIC PILLAR I

Reducing threats from mines, explosive remnants of war and other at-risk weapons and ammunition.

MINE AND UXO CLEARANCE

- Over **135 million** square meters of mine and UXO contaminated land has been cleared.
- **Three countries in the region of South East Europe** have already achieved mine impact free status – Macedonia (2006), Montenegro (2007) and Albania (2009).





MINE/UXO VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND RISK EDUCATION

- **1,251** mine survivors received rehabilitation treatment at the University Rehabilitation Institute Republic of Slovenia (URI Soča) and Rehabilitation Centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina/Lebanon.
- Over **54,000** people in mine affected countries in South East Europe directly received mine disability awareness messages on annual basis.
- Over **16,000** mine survivors and other disabled persons received psycho-social help through sports, peer support and other activities.
- Over **1,400** children mine survivors attended summer and winter rehabilitation camps.
- Over **880** mine survivors that were engaged in socio-economic programs received either economic assets, loans or scholarships.
- Around **440,000** school children and adults in mine contaminated areas received mine risk education (MRE) directly.
- Around **610,000** family members in these communities received MRE indirectly.
- 8 educational films for children and 4 MRE Public Education Campaigns have spread mine risk education and awareness messages throughout endangered communities.



CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING/REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Over **1,050** experts received training in the field of humanitarian demining, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and/or mine action management.
- ITF supported the work of Mine Action Centers in South East Europe (in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) and in South Caucasus (in Georgia).
- Support of regional Mine Detection Dog Center in Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Support of Regional Center for Underwater Demining in Bijela, Montenegro.
- Deployment of the Decision Support System for Mine Suspected Area Reduction in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.
- On-going project »Capacity Support of Libyan Center for Mine Action and Remnants of War in Securing and Eliminating Conventional Weapons in **Libya**«.
- On-going projects »Capacity Support to Mine Action Coordination and Transition in **Afghanistan**« and »Quality Assurance and Quality Control of Firing Ranges in **Afghanistan**«.
- Support and coordination of the **South East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council**.
- OSCE/ITF support the facilitation of Technical Cooperation on Explosive Hazards Response and Reduction among OSCE Central Asia participating states, including Afghanistan, since 2009.
- ITF participates as a member of a Steering Committee at the meetings of US Department of State initiative "**Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction**" – RASR.



CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION (CWD)

- On-going CWD projects in Croatia.
- On-going Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) Training in South East Europe.
- On-going destruction of obsolete ammunition and renovation of storage facilities in Kyrgyz Republic.
- On-going UXO hotspots clearance in Berat, Albania.
- On-going PSSM facility upgrade in Croatia.
- Completed UXO clearance project after ammunition depot explosion in Gerdec, Albania.
- Over one million people within Albania received small arms/light weapons (SA/LW) risk education.
- Capacity building of local Albanian NGOs to deliver SA/LW risk education programs.
- Completed UXO clearance project after ammunition depot explosion in Chelopechene, Bulgaria.
- Completed CWD projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Lithuania.

STRATEGIC PILLAR II

Facilitating safe, long-term development and building resilience of conflict-affected communities

- 160 children affected by political violence, instability and armed conflict in Ukraine received **psychosocial rehabilitation and treatment** at the Slovenian Red Cross Health and Youth Resort on the Slovenian coast.
- 29 Belarusian children that are suffering from the consequences of radiation following the 1986 nuclear accident in Chernobyl have benefited from **medical rehabilitation** at the Slovenian Red Cross Health and Youth Resort in Slovenia.
- ITF is addressing the needs of around 200 Syrian children refugees in Shatila refugee camp in Beirut, Lebanon, by providing them with **educational and psychosocial care** and attention that will enable them to overcome the sufferings and difficulties they have experienced during times of conflict and prolonged periods of being refugees.
- **Telemedicine and e-Health Program** for Cabo Verde was established and enables medical teleconsultations/ assistance to remote sites, continuous medical education, research and international cooperation virtually throughout all 9 inhabited islands of Cabo Verde and beyond.
- 5 rehabilitation specialists from Egypt have undergone **physical and medical rehabilitation (PMR) training** at URI Soča in Slovenia.
- ITF supports the **development of local rehabilitation capacities** and provides direct assistance to affected communities in Libya since 2011. ITF has conducted needs assessment mission of Libyan rehabilitation capacities, triaged possible patients, organized 2-week relief and psychosocial rehabilitation programme for a group of seven children and provided physical and psychosocial rehabilitation for 25 war wounded Libyans at URI Soča in Slovenia.





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