U.S. Conventional Weapons Destruction Program

Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)

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History

- Established in 1993, with a focus on Mine Action
- Coordinated multi-agency effort
  - Department of State
  - Department of Defense
  - U.S. Agency for International Development
- Over $2.2 billion in assistance to over 90 countries
Mission Statements

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE:** To create a more secure, democratic, and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the International Community.

**BUREAU OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS:** To integrate diplomacy and military power to foster a stable and secure international environment hospitable to American Values and Interests.

**OFFICE OF WEAPONS REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT:** To reduce the harmful world-wide effects of at-risk, illicitly proliferated, and indiscriminately used conventional weapons of war.
Assistance Focus

Small Arms/Light Weapons

Landmines

Ammunition

MANPADS

Unexploded Ordnance
Explosive Remnants of War

- UXO can remain dangerous for decades after conflict.
- Abandoned ordnance can detonate or fall into the wrong hands.
- ERW can be rigged to create booby traps and improvised explosive devises.
Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles

- Risk of unplanned explosions
- Risk of illicit trade and use
- Explosives for IEDs
Improvised Explosive Devices

- Easy to construct
- Easy to disguise
- Extremely effective
- Counter-IED is not the same as HMA
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STRATEGIC GOALS

- Enhance regional security by reducing at-risk, illicitly proliferated, or indiscriminately used conventional weapons.
- Increase civilian security by protecting lives and property.
- Promote U.S. foreign policy interests.
Key Priorities

- Respond to grave humanitarian emergencies arising from ERW contamination.
- Secure and reduce at-risk MANPADS and other light stand-off weapons.
- Clear legacy U.S.-origin munitions, especially from Southeast Asia and the Pacific.
- Reduce the risk of illicit trafficking of arms and ammunition that threaten peaceful, democratic transitions.
- Alleviate human suffering from explosive remnants of war.
## PM/WRA Active CWD Programs

### Africa
- Angola*
- Chad
- DRC
- Great Lakes Region
- Libya*
- Mozambique
- Niger*
- Sahel/Maghreb Regional **
- Senegal
- Somalia*
- South Sudan*
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

### East Asia and The Pacific
- Cambodia*
- Laos
- Vietnam
- Burma
- Palau
- Solomon Islands

### Central and South East Asia
- Afghanistan*
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan*

### Europe
- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan*
- Bosnia*
- Bulgaria*
- Croatia*
- Kosovo
- Georgia*
- RASR*
- Serbia*
- Ukraine

### Latin America
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Honduras

### Middle East
- Iraq
- Jordan*
- Lebanon
- Middle East Regional **
- Syria
- West Bank
- Yemen*

- HMA (ERW)
- SALW / PSSM
- MANPADS

41 Country Programs / 4 Regional Programs

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Questions?

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