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FOREWORD

As 2021 ended we began to recover and regather following the global shock and suffering wrought by two years of the COVID-19 pandemic...only to be thrust into the violent chaos of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the indiscriminate attacks on civilians, two months later. This is however, only the most recent instance in a wave of more frequent, protracted and violent conflicts taking place often in urban settings – in Yemen, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia – where civilians are victim to the disproportionate and inhuman impact of landmines, cluster munitions, and other explosive remnants of war.

As part of the humanitarian disarmament community, we are left asking what happens next? What is to be done? Perhaps it is too early to glimpse the implications of this latest breach of humanitarian law and humanitarianism, though I would dare to say that there is no “going back to normal”.

In this time of uncertainty, if we are to succeed as a community of likeminded civil society, governmental and intergovernmental mine action practitioners, it will be by sticking together **in solidarity**. In looking back at 2021, we must look forward with an eye towards urgent action, in order to successfully overcome new challenges and avail of the opportunities lying ahead of us.

The landmine and cluster munition survivor networks at the core of our global coalition are a great example of what can be and has been achieved through solidarity in the face of immense challenges. The unfailing engagement, leadership and perseverance shown by survivor networks from Afghanistan to Cambodia, from Colombia to Senegal, Iraq to Uganda and beyond, is a beacon for the international mine action community.

Lastly, I would like to applaud the Implementation Support units, of the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions, respectively, for their hard work in 2021 as in previous years. And I want to thank all of the governmental and private donors, for their ongoing trust in and support for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition.



Hector Guerra

ICBL-CMC Director

INTRODUCTION

The ICBL-CMC actively engaged in and supported international mine action efforts in 2021 through advocacy efforts, comprehensive research, and support for national mine action activities. The COVID-19 pandemic and the global response continued to pose significant challenges to carrying out our work during the year, from the impact on participation in international fora, to the ability of national mine action partners to effectively provide support and outreach to mine and cluster munition-affected communities. However, one year into the crisis, we learned to navigate many of these barriers and to find new and effective means to conduct our mine action activities, taking care to protect affected communities from still another vulnerability.

Yet even as risk education, assistance to survivors, clearance, and advocacy efforts resumed at local level during the year – albeit haltingly and not in all countries or all at once – civil society engagement in international fora remained challenging. As the majority of Mine Ban Treaty and Convention on Cluster Munitions meetings continued in an online format, we were reminded of a very tangible digital divide that limits access to online fora for many survivors and other members of mine and cluster munition impacted countries. After nearly two years of virtual advocacy it is more clear than ever that human engagement is core to our work, and we welcome seeing more survivors, and hearing more voices from affected communities in the room in 2022.

In 2021, ICBL-CMC continued to pursue the following strategic goals:

- No more use of cluster munitions or antipersonnel landmines;
- Decrease in land contaminated by landmines and cluster munitions;
- Measurable progress in the quality of life for victims of mines and cluster munitions.

Specific objectives during the year

During the year ICBL-CMC undertook targeted advocacy campaigns and provided policy recommendations, enhanced national capacity development, launched new research initiatives, and continued to publish the most comprehensive and holistic research data on landmines and cluster munitions, providing concrete support for treaty promotion and implementation. Key campaign objectives included:

- Strengthening efforts to universalize the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), and the Mine Ban Treaty (MBT), and promote effective treaty implementation;
- Promoting meaningful and diverse civil society participation in treaty meetings, dialogue, and activities;
- Supporting capacity development among local humanitarian mine action partners;
- Providing comprehensive research on the problem of landmines and cluster munitions globally and their humanitarian impact.



We have much to celebrate. There is strong stigma on cluster munitions, 60% of the world has joined the ban; millions of cluster bombs in stockpiles have been destroyed, and large areas of land cleared, 10 countries have become completely free of cluster munitions. Steps to address the needs of cluster munitions victims and survivors are on the way, and more needs to be done.



- Branislav Kapetanovic, CMC Ambassador
Video statement before delegates to Part 2 of the 2nd Review Conference of the CCM.

ICBL-CMC GLOBAL NETWORK



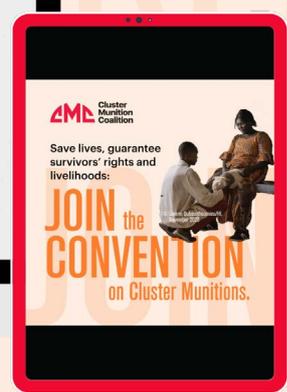
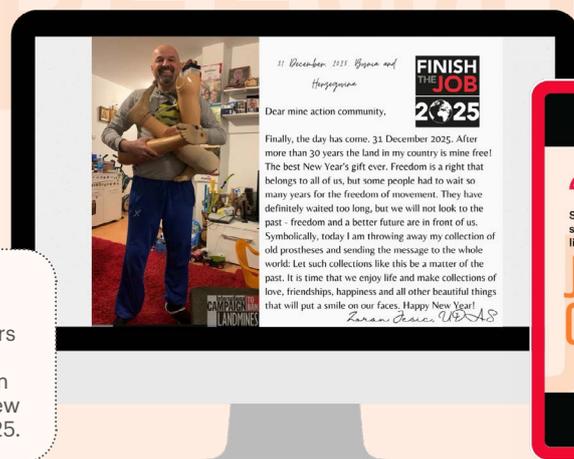
See a listing of the ICBL-CMC membership in some 100 countries on our website - <https://bit.ly/ICBL-CMCnetwork>



19MSP ICBL video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4fDWKjWskQ>

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Postcards from a Mine-Free 2025. We asked #ICBL members around the world to send a message from the future, on the view from a #minefree2025.





POLICY AND ADVOCACY – PROMOTING TREATY ADHERENCE AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CCM AND MBT

ICBL-CMC worked to strengthen the global norm against use of cluster munitions and landmines in 2021 through research-based policy recommendations and advocacy, a pillar of mine action. Campaign representatives participated in-person, as well as via virtual and hybrid fora, in Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and Mine Ban Treaty formal meetings, as states and mine action partners continued to find creative solutions to Covid-19 meeting restrictions. The ICBL-CMC also participated in Coordination Committee meetings of the respective treaties and engaged bi-laterally with states and Permanent Missions in Geneva and New York (in the context of the UNGA First Committee). Engagement with decision makers at local level by national members during 2021, was critical to progressing efforts toward universalization (ratification or accession) of the CCM and full implementation of both treaties.

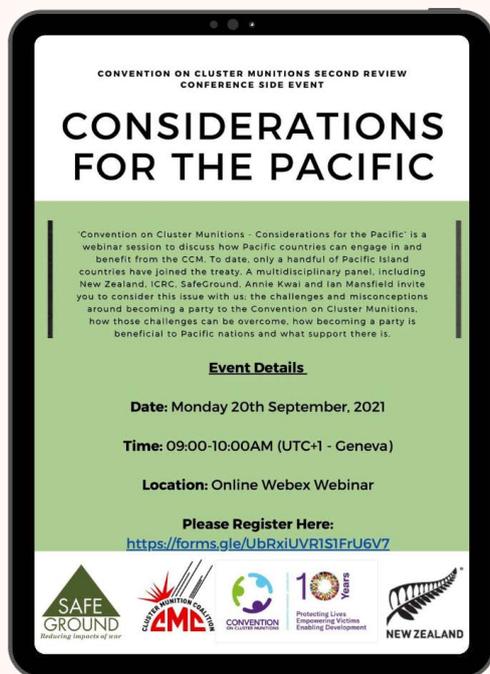
Supporting the Cluster Munition Ban Norm



In 2021 the ICBL-CMC worked closely with the CCM Presidency (Switzerland) and Convention leadership in preparation for Part II of the Second Review Conference (2RevCon), begun in 2020. The COVID-19 related postponement in finalizing the **Lausanne Political Declaration** and **Action Plan** was an opportunity to further advocate for strong language on condemnation of use of cluster munitions, the need for concerted efforts to bring more states onboard, as well as inclusive language on gender

CCM Second Review Conference President, H.E. Mr. Félix Baumann, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament.

and diversity. The documents provide a blueprint for treaty implementation through 2026. Additional CMC contributions to the Review Conference included an opening address from **CMC Ambassador, Branislav Kapetanović** urging “States to do more to put a final end to cluster munitions.”



Convention on Cluster Munitions side event hosted by CMC member Safe Ground.

The CMC also provided detailed feedback on States’ mine clearance extension requests, emphasizing the need for timely clearance implementation and reporting, while ensuring civilian protection measures including risk education activities are incorporated.

CMC efforts supporting treaty universalization efforts included a Review Conference side event held in conjunction with the Government of New Zealand, promoting treaty adoption among Pacific Nations.

Supporting the Mine Ban Norm

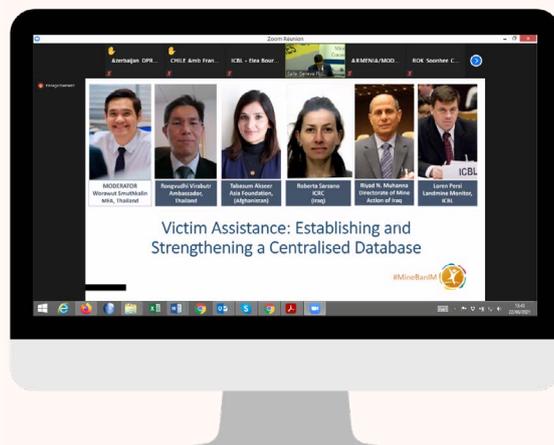
As the Mine Ban Treaty approaches the mine-free 2025 aspirational goal set by States at the Maputo Review Conference, measuring progress and assessing emerging challenges is more important than ever. ICBL-CMC worked in concert with a range of stakeholders in 2021 to ensure all effort is made towards meeting the milestones committed to in the Oslo Action Plan.

The ICBL-CMC discussion paper “Completion in 2025? In 2030? In Our Lifetime?” presented to Mine Ban Treaty States at the 2021 Intersessional Meeting, details the current state of mine clearance under the Treaty and points to the humanitarian consequences of delays by a large number of states. The paper also calls for action-oriented dialogue to ensure Article 5 obligations are met and affected communities protected.

In addition, ICBL-CMC presented thematic statements on the **international cooperation and assistance** critical to meeting this goal, and the ongoing importance of promoting **Treaty norms and adoption**, among states not party.

ICBL-CMC further contributed during the year to key thematic discussions on victim assistance, strengthening data gathering and improving treaty compliance measures, and actively participated in the following mine action working groups:

- Gender and Diversity Working Group
- Explosive Ordnance and Mine Risk Education Working Group
- Environment Working Group



Mine Ban Treaty Panel Discussion on Victim Assistance.

The ongoing and resurgent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mine action community was acutely visible as the **Mine Ban Treaty 19th Meeting of States Parties (19MSP)** prepared to open in November 2021. The long awaited in-person meeting scheduled for the Hague, Netherlands, was moved to an online format at the last minute due to a dramatic increase in infection rates in Western Europe. In spite of this challenge, ICBL-CMC delivered 18 policy



ICBL-CMC online engagement with campaign members ensured successful advocacy efforts in 2021.

statements and comments on key thematic areas including: increasing casualty trends; recent use of antipersonnel landmines; persistent delays in land clearance; the need for improved assistance to victims; need for enhanced risk education efforts, donor funding and international cooperation. ICBL-CMC interventions represented the diversity of our civil society mine action network, with statements from mine affected communities including survivors, women and **youth**, in **Arabic**, **French**, and **Spanish**.

In a **global advocacy video** launched during the 19MSP, ICBL-CMC members called on States to make all efforts towards meeting the aspirational goal of a mine-free 2025. The organization contributed as well to the photo exhibition, **Towards a Landmine Free World**, hosted by the Dutch Presidency. The exhibit, shown at the Hague City Hall, and displayed online during the meeting, illustrated the comprehensive nature of mine action activities undertaken by ICBL-CMC global members and partners. (see a selection of the photos [here](#)).

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With the support of the ICBL-CMC Investing in Action small grants programme, campaign member DONAKATI carries out Explosive Ordnance Risk Education in Mozambique. Mozambique declared mine clearance completion in 2015 however there is residual mine contamination according to the latest Landmine Monitor report.



BUILDING MINE ACTION CAPACITY IN AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Investing in Action Programme

In 2021, a total of twenty projects were funded through the “Investing in Action Capacity Building Programme” (liA), nine¹ of which were undertaken in Asia, six in Sub-Saharan Africa, two in Eastern Europe, two in Latin America and the Caribbean, and one in Oceania. With an average grant amount of USD 4,500, the projects successfully carried out activities towards universalization and promoting implementation of both treaties, while facing challenges lingering throughout a second year of the pandemic and in some cases, shrinking civic space.

The “Together in Action grant” under the liA Programme, brings crucial support to survivor network organizations in mine and cluster munition affected countries. Grant support was provided to eleven² national member organizations including five in Asia, five from Sub-Saharan Africa, one from Eastern Europe, and one from

Latin America and the Caribbean. The average amount awarded was USD 4,000 and assisted members to strengthen survivor network capacities to address pandemic and other challenges.

Many of these projects focused on the continuation of work carried out in 2020 providing peer support and responding to the humanitarian crisis. The projects also carried out mine risk education activities directed at children and youth, conducted field surveys and awareness-raising activities, conducted research and held capacity-building workshops with survivors to assist them in advocacy work.

Based on the Programme’s recognized good practice in capacity development for member organizations, ICBL-CMC was asked in 2021 to provide technical guidance for development of a similar programme for a humanitarian disarmament partner organization.

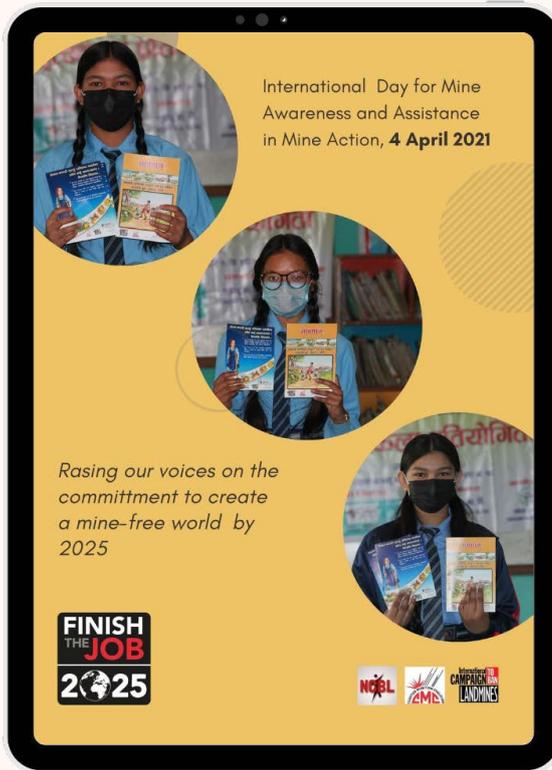
- 1 Asia: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, Nepal, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka; Sub-Saharan Africa: Democratic Republic of Congo [2], Ethiopia, Mozambique, Senegal, and South Sudan; Eastern Europe: Albania and Serbia; Latin America and the Caribbean: Argentina and El Salvador; Oceania: Australia
- 2 Asia: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Iraq, and Nepal; Sub-Saharan Africa: Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Senegal, and Uganda; Eastern Europe: Serbia; Latin America and the Caribbean: El Salvador



Fundación Red de Sobrevivientes, El Salvador.



Congolese Campaign to Ban Landmines.



Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal.

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Assistance Advocacy Access, Serbia.



Iraqi Alliance for Disability, Iraq.



Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal, Nepal.



OUR RESEARCH - MONITORING PROGRESS TOWARDS A CLUSTER MUNITION AND MINE FREE WORLD

In 2021, the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor continued to document use of landmines and cluster munitions, assess their humanitarian impacts, and track the international response to the problems caused by the weapons, notably through the implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

In addition to the production of the 34th and 35th annual reports, updates were

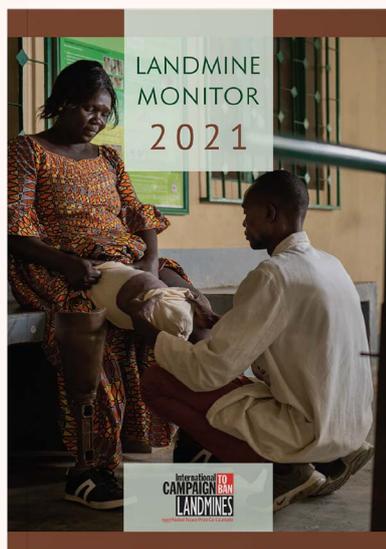
provided for more than 230 online profiles with specific country/area information looking at all aspects of mine action work, from ban policy to contamination and casualties, progress and challenges in clearance, risk education, victim assistance, and funding trends.

Throughout the year, Monitor findings were used extensively by government representatives and other mine action



Cluster Munition Monitor 2021 Report

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Landmine Monitor 2021 Report

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ICBL-CMC member, Sustainable Peace and Development Organization, national launch of Landmine Monitor 2021 findings.

stakeholders to inform treaty thematic discussions, as well as serving as a resource for national campaigns to raise awareness on specific country situations. National outreach events promoting the 2021 Monitor data were carried out in ten mine/cluster munition affected countries with materials translated into at least four local languages.

Diverse Monitor resources were produced during the year to promote data accessibility and take up by stakeholder audiences. These included, a series of gifs highlighting key research findings around International Mine Awareness Day, fact sheets and infographs covering all aspects of Monitor mine action research.

Monitor Global Reports Launch

Cluster Munition Monitor 2021 and Landmine Monitor 2021 were launched before an international media corps at events hosted and chaired by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). The **September** and **November** respective launches were broadcast on United Nations TV further ensuring widespread dissemination of the Monitor research.

Press releases and major findings for the global report launches were produced in at least 3 languages, accompanied by a **social media kit** including maps. Briefings detailing the 2021 research and trends, were also provided for ICBL-CMC global members and state delegates via side events at the meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Mine Ban Treaty.

Cluster Munition Monitor and **Landmine Monitor** research was widely cited by international media outlets in some ten languages.



Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor research was widely covered by a range of international media.



GENDER AND DIVERSITY IN MINE ACTION

The ICBL-CMC renewed its commitment to gender and diversity mainstreaming in all areas of mine action, in 2021. Survivors from the ICBL-CMC global network acted as spokespersons, as well as experts on plenary panels and in side events during the year, ensuring meaningful (virtual) participation in formal treaty discussions. Responding to the shift to almost exclusively online fora, ICBL-CMC ensured in situ interpretation and adequate internet connection were provided to facilitate participation by survivors and other members living in remote areas in affected countries. Our organization also participated actively in the Gender and Diversity Working Group, which contributes regular comment on strengthening treaty implementation. While our reporting and public statements traditionally have included data on gender and on marginalized groups, ICBL-CMC added a gender analysis in 2021 for all comments on treaty obligation extension requests.

ICBL-CMC programming in 2021 reflected the organization’s commitment to gender and diversity mainstreaming. Our flagship Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor report covers both featured women in 2021, highlighting the impact of landmines and cluster munitions remnants on women

“
We need to include all groups in the implementation of the Convention, not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because inclusion leads to better results.
 ”

- Gender and Diversity Working Group

and girls, as well as their specific role in mitigating the risks posed by these weapons and in promoting behaviour change within their communities. Women, survivors and members of impacted communities contribute significantly to the Monitor editorial and research teams. Under the ICBL-CMC Investing in Action Programme, 30% of the 2021 projects were led by women, while the capacity building programme provides targeted support for landmine and cluster munition survivor networks.

Mine Action Fellows: growing expertise

Since 2019, the ICBL-CMC Mine Action Fellows programme – an initiative of member Mines Action Canada – has empowered youth disarmament campaigners with knowledge and tools to address the impacts of inhumane and indiscriminate weapons.

In 2021, ICBL-CMC welcomed a new cohort of Youth Fellows recruited from Bosnia, Sweden, the United States, Angola, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing the total number of Fellows trained to 70 youth from 24 countries and other areas. Each month, the Fellows received training on: skills development, advocacy, and education on mine action. The Fellows contributed an important and diverse perspective to global mine action dialogue in 2021, addressing delegates at both the **CCM Second Review Conference**, and **Mine Ban Treaty 19 MSP**. Interventions emphasized innovative solutions to mine action work in the face of COVID-19 challenges, and called for ongoing commitment by states to ensure adequate mine action funding and particularly assistance to victims of cluster munitions and landmines.

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Azheen Hamdi, MAG Risk Education Officer, and Mine Action Fellow, Iraq. ©



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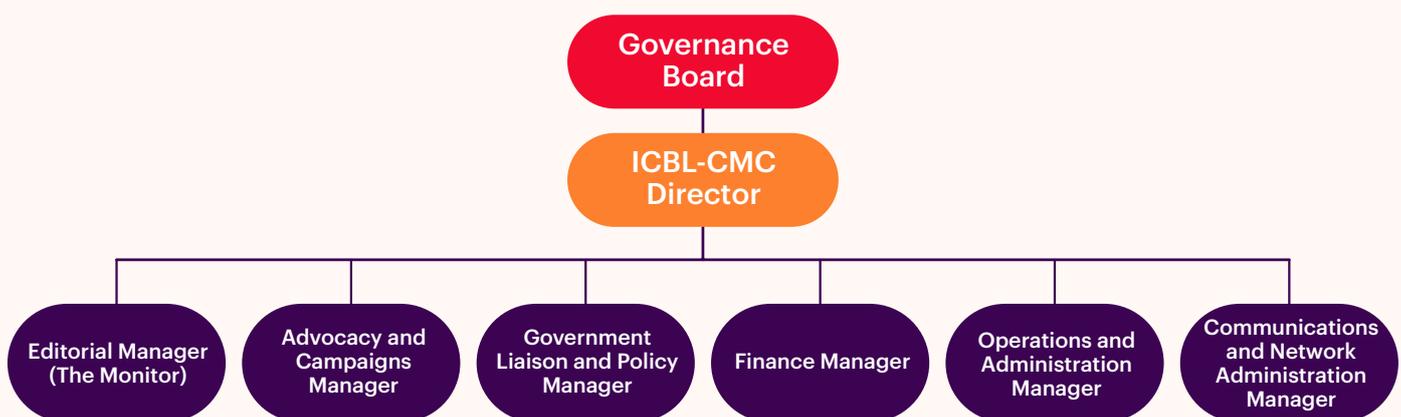
The International Campaign to Ban Landmines and the Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC) brings together non-governmental organizations from some 100 countries working to end the suffering caused by these weapons. The ICBL was founded in 1992 and received the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its role in the adoption of the Mine Ban Treaty. The CMC was established in 2003. In 2011, the two organizations merged to become the ICBL-CMC – one organization with two separate campaigns addressing the global problem of cluster munitions and on landmines.

A staff team is based in Geneva, Switzerland and serves as the secretariat for the global coalition, while the Governance Board

comprises 11 organizations with a wide range of expertise and representation from communities impacted by cluster munition and landmines.

ICBL-CMC's research arm, Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor, has published annual reports on landmines since 1999 and on cluster munitions since 2010.

The ICBL-CMC is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity and values a diverse workforce. The ICBL-CMC employs a gender and diversity analysis in carrying out all activities building on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.



ICBL-CMC Governance Board

The ICBL-CMC Governance Board was comprised of eleven organizations and one at-large member in 2020. Board members and respective organizations contributed expertise in the different areas of mineaction, including clearance, victim assistance, and rights of survivors and persons with disabilities.

- Asociación para Políticas Públicas (APP-Argentina)
- Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal (NCBL)
- Cambodia Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions (CCBL)
- Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM-Colombia)
- Dan Church Aid (DCA-Denmark)
- Humanity and Inclusion (HI)
- Human Rights Watch (HRW)
- Mines Action Canada (MAC)
- OTAVA (Georgia)
- Protection (Egypt)
- Survivors Recovery and Rehabilitation Organization (SRARO-Ethiopia)

The ICBL-CMC does not tolerate harassment, sexual abuse, or exploitation. We have a comprehensive Child Protection Policy in place, as well as a Code of Conduct for staff and network members participating in sponsored activities. Our Whistleblower policy aims to ensure ethical behaviour by staff at all times.

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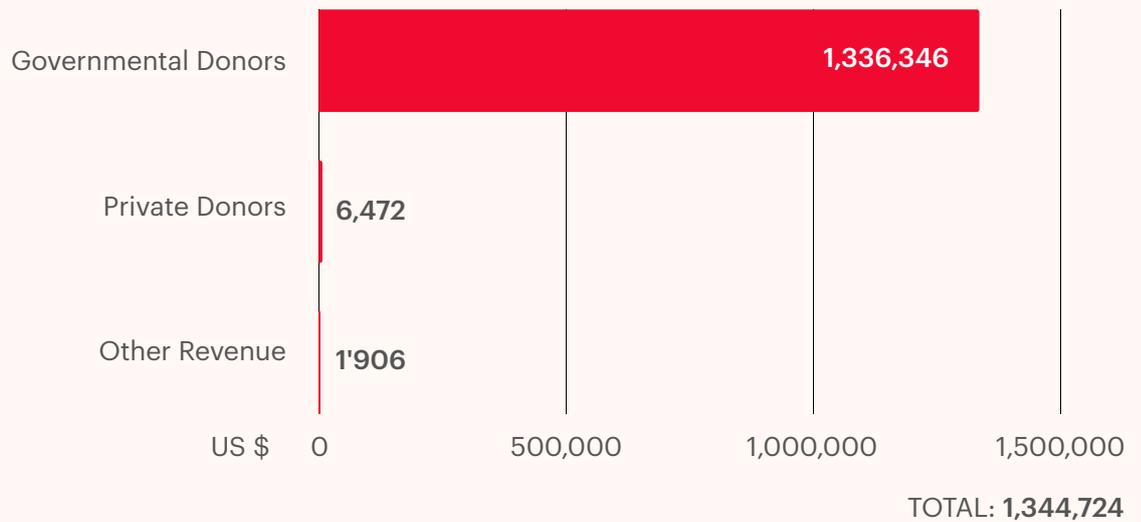
We lament the passing on of Fundación Red de Sobrevivientes colleague and champion of rights for mine survivors and all persons with disabilities, Amílcar Antonio Duran in 2021.

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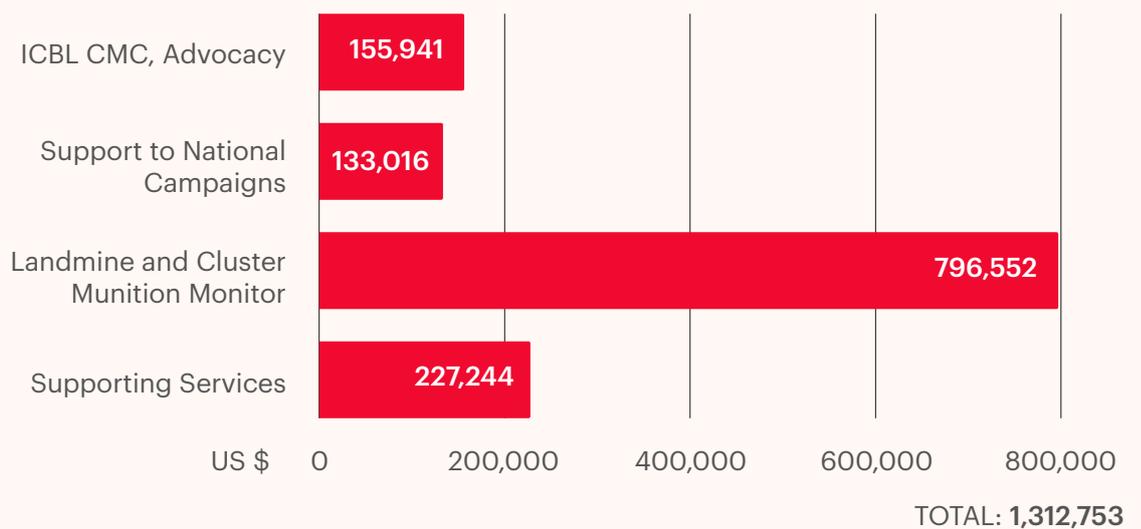
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