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A stockpile of small arms awaits destruction in Albania, 2008.

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Issue 14.1 of *The Journal of ERW and Mine Action* will focus on landmines and other explosive remnants of war in Asia and the Pacific. Countries of particular interest are Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Nepal, the Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. This issue will cover all aspects of munitions security, including small arms/light weapons control, stockpile management, mine clearance, survey, area reduction, victim and survivor assistance, risk education, Ottawa Convention requirements, organizations working in the region, and local and regional mine-action efforts. Stories of successful clearance operations in the region are also welcome, as well as other relevant ERW actions in these countries.

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FEATURE

Military Role in Mine Action and Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Some countries have always used the military as their primary explosive-ordnance/landmine-clearance operators. Others are seeking new ways to integrate military clearance operators into national mine-action plans (including the incorporation of military-sponsored or -provided survey activities, information management and mine-risk education). How has this integrative approach changed clearance operations? Is the military's role changing? If so, how? For instance, do they provide train-the-trainer programs, training centers, logistical support, or planning and support services to countries in need? How are priorities for training or clearance set? How do civil-military partnerships affect mine-action activities? Do these priorities impact local or community demining teams?

SPECIAL REPORT

Novel Approaches to Landmine/ERW Remediation

What new or innovative methods are being used to return land to its owners? How were these novel approaches developed? Have they been proven effective? Have innovative practices in land release/cancellation, risk management, integrating mine action into development projects, information management and others been successful? How have communities been affected by these approaches?

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