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SAM-7b MANPADS awaiting destruction in Burundi  
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## FOCUS

### Looking Beyond Mine Action

In issue 14.3, *The Journal of ERW and Mine Action* will look at the interrelation of mine action with issues presented by small arms/light weapons, ammunition stockpiles, cluster munitions, and the broader challenges posed by disarmament, demobilization and reintegration efforts. How are mine- and ERW-remediation activities intrinsically linked with these larger issues? How have practitioners grappled with these challenges? What strategies have been successful? What lessons learned and best practices can be shared? How are practitioners addressing the overlap of these fields that have often been treated separately in the past? Have new skill sets been integrated or developed in mine-action activities to address broader issues related to SA/LW, CMs, ammo dumps and DDR?

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## FEATURE

### Development and Funding

As international funding for mine-action activities dwindles, organizations and programs have increasingly hybridized their efforts to encompass broader development activities. Projects that include or highlight assistance to internally displaced persons, infrastructure improvement, and other development tasks are receiving more attention and emphasis. What impact is this having on more traditional mine-action efforts? Are there development activities with which mine action can be easily integrated? Have past MA efforts included development elements without explicitly saying so, and should these linkages be more widely touted? What are the ramifications of integrating mine action and development?

## SPECIAL REPORT

### Update on National Programs

This section will explore the evolving nature of national mine-action programs; articles about national program goals, objectives and results are encouraged. Some of the questions to answer: What determines a national program's endstate? Which mine-action national programs have reached their endstates? What milestones have been met? What is yet to be done, and what needs to happen to assure completion? What risks may still remain? What level of risk is acceptable and how is this determined? How have national programs adapted to meet new needs and goals? Of particular interest are capacity-building efforts and those programs that have recently been established nationally, where either no program previously existed at the national level or the national mine-action structure was managed primarily through regional or international entities.

## RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINE ACTION

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