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## MISSION

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

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's interventions as it enables a dynamic and practical policy framework for addressing widespread and crosscutting threats as well as supports the linkages between humanitarian mine action and surplus arms reduction/peace and development. It also supports the development of essential preconditions, capabilities and capacities that pave the way to comprehensive development, and full national ownership and accountability in conflict affected countries.



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## STRATEGIC PILLARS

Humanitarian mine action and reduction of other at-risk weapons and ammunition are about human security and restoring to human dignity. Both disciplines should not limit only to immediate relief, but should also address reconstruction and development as they pave the way for 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, thus the ITF identifies two main pillars of its work which will better support its efforts in building community resilience and addressing immediate and long-term impact of mine/ERW and at risk 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-EASTERN 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.



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## FUND - RAISING

Total amount of **\$384.648.643,29 US** 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, 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 administration costs;

**ITF's Donor Countries:** Austria; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Canada; Croatia; Cyprus; Denmark; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Hungary; Ireland; Japan; Korea; Kuwait; Liechtenstein; Luxembourg; Norway; Qatar; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Serbia; Turkey; the Netherlands; United Kingdom/DFID; United States of America.

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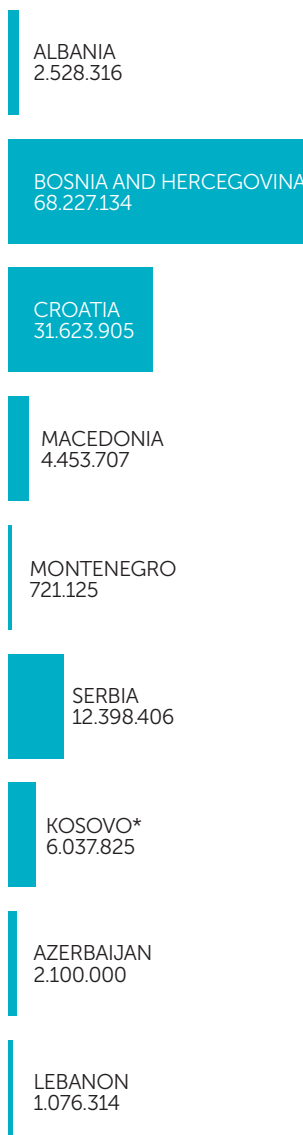
# OVERVIEW OF ITF ACTIVITIES BY STRATEGIC PILLARS

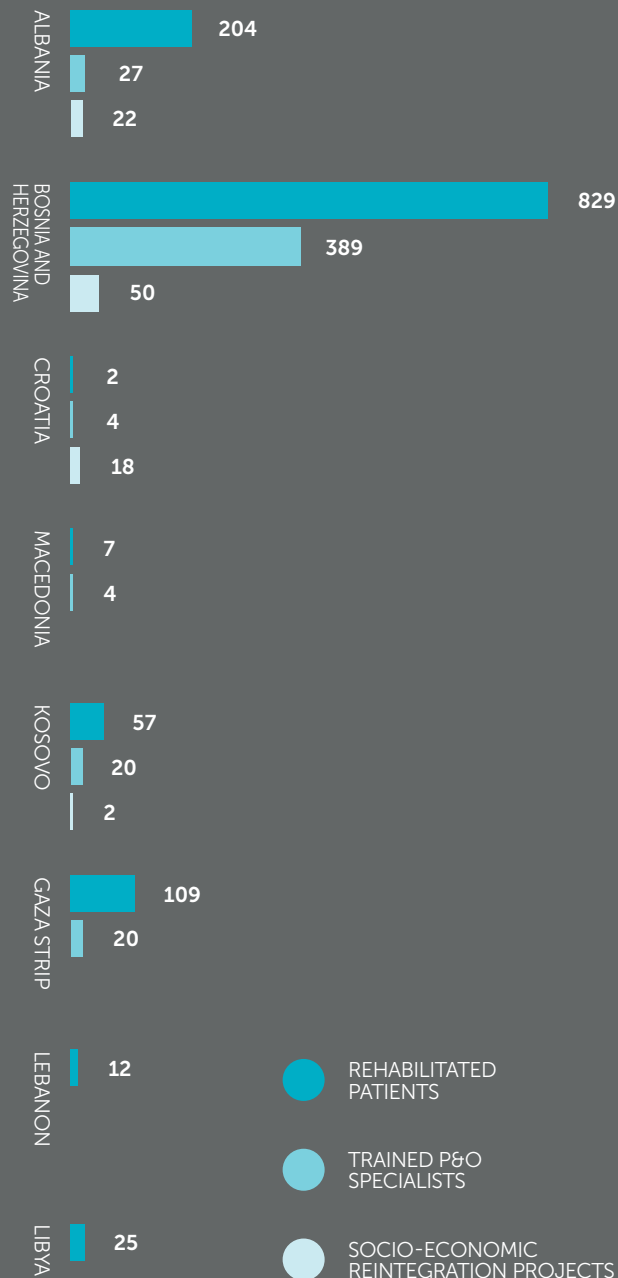
## STRATEGIC PILLAR I

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

### MINE AND UXO CLEARANCE

- Over **129 million** square meters of mine and UXO contaminated land has been cleared.
- **Three countries in the region of SEE have already achieved mine impact free status – Macedonia (2006), Montenegro (2007) and Albania (2009).**





## MINE/UXO VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND RISK EDUCATION

- **1.236** mine survivors received rehabilitation treatment at 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 SE Europe directly received mine disability awareness messages on annual basis.
- Over **14.500** 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 **800** mine survivors that were engaged in socio-economic programs received either economic assets or loans.
- Over **430.000** school children and adults in mine contaminated areas received MRE directly.
- Over **600.000** family members in these communities received MRE indirectly.
- 8 children educational films and 4 Mine Risk Education Public Education Campaigns have spread mine risk education and awareness messages throughout endangered communities.



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## CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING/REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Over **1000** experts received training in the field of humanitarian demining, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and/or mine action management.
- ITF supported work of Mine Action Centers in SE Europe - namely in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia – and in South Caucasus region – namely 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-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council**.
- OSCE/ITF support the facilitation of Technical Cooperation on Explosive Hazards Response and Reduction Issues among **Central Asia** states 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





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### CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION (CWD)

- Completed UXO clearance project after ammunition depot explosion in Gerdec, Albania.
- Over one million people within Albania received 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.
- On-going CWD projects in Croatia.
- On-going Physical Security and Stockpile Management Training in SEE Region.
- Completed/On-going stockpile destruction project in Kyrgyz Republic.

## STRATEGIC PILLAR II

### *Facilitating safe, long-term development and building resilience of conflict-affected com*

- **Telemedicine and e-Health Program** for Cabo Verde successfully integrated with establishment of 10 telemedicine and e-health centers throughout all 9 inhabited islands of Cabo Verde. The program is used for every possible clinical problem and enables medical teleconsultations/assistance to remote sites, continuous medical education, research and international cooperation virtually, through the usage of sophisticated equipment installed and knowledge gained through the implementation of several trainings in which majority of healthcare workers in Cabo Verde were included. The Telemedicine program has increased quality, accessibility and efficacy of healthcare services provided in Cabo Verde.
- 5 rehabilitation specialists from Egypt undergone **physical and medical rehabilitation (PMR) training** at URI Soca in Slovenia.
- ITF supports **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 Soca in Slovenia.





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